

**MINUTES OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD ON THE 12TH OF AUGUST 2022 AT THE KINGSTON DISTRICT COUNCIL, KINGSTON SE FROM 10am**

## **1 WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

### **1.1 Welcome**

Meeting began at 10.04 am.

LCLGA President Vickery welcomed all to the LCLGA Board Meeting.

A welcome to the LCLGA and acknowledgement of Country was provided by Kingston District Council Cr. Tim Harding.

Kingston District Council CEO, Ms. Traeger, presented to the LCLGA Board on the challenges and opportunities facing the Kingston region. Challenges include the continuing displacement of sand along the beach, in particular, the erosion of Wyomi Beach and the build-up around the Kingston jetty and boat ramp.

It was also noted that there was funding for the construction of a childcare facility and an potential for an offshore windfarm.

The Member for Barker, the Hon. Mr. Pasin MP was invited to update the LCLGA Board on events occurring in Federal Government. He spoke about the recent election and his new role in opposition, working on Transport and Infrastructure.

He also commented favorably on the LCLGA Board's Advocacy Agenda and his interest to support many of the identified priority areas.

The South Australian Coastal Care Alliance CEO, Mr. Gray provided an update on the work and priorities of SACCA.

Planning SA conducted a workshop following the Board Meeting on the next steps to deliver a new Regional Plan for the Limestone Coast.

### **1.2 Present**

#### **Mayors**

Naracoorte-Lucindale Council	Mayor Erika Vickery OAM
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Linette Martin OAM
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell
Kingston District Council	Cr. Tim Harding
District Council of Robe	Cr. David Laurie

#### **CEOs and LCLGA**

Naracoorte-Lucindale Council	Mr. Trevor Smart (CEO)
City of Mount Gambier	Ms. Sarah Philpott (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr. Darryl Whicker (CEO)

Wattle Range Council	Mr. Ben Gower (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr. James Holyman (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Ms. Nat Traeger (CEO)
LCLGA	Mr. Tony Wright (EO) Mr. Paul Manfrin (Corporate Service)

### Guests

Member for Barker	Mr. Tony Pasi MP
LGA	Mr. Stephen Smith
SACCA	Mr. Adam Gray
Coorong District Council	Cr. Jeff Arthur

### 1.3 Apologies

Member for Mount Gambier	Mr. Troy Bell MP
Member for MacKillop	Mr. Nick McBride MP
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Newman
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed
Tatiara District Council	Ms. Anne Champness (CEO)
PIRSA	Ms. Peta Crewe
UNISA	Mr. Ian McKay
RDALC	Mr. David Wheaton

The LCLGA Board:

1. Noted and accepted the apologies.

**Moved:** Grant District Council, **Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## 2 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

*Any delegate or staff member with a potential conflict of interest is asked to declare the interest on the supplied **Conflict of Interests Declaration Form** detailing what the conflict is and why they will not be participating in any item relating to that issue.*

**NIL**

## 3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The LCLGA Board:

1. Accepted the Minutes of LCLGA General Meeting held at the Naracoorte-Lucindale Council on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council, **Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

#### **4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – ACTION SHEET**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Received and noted the business arising from the June General Meeting.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council, **Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

#### **5 CORRESPONDENCE – INWARDS AND OUTWARDS**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Received and noted correspondence register to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**Moved:** City of Mount Gambier, **Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

#### **6 LCLGA FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Received and noted the Report from the Executive Officer.
2. Received and noted the Balance Sheet as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
3. Receive and noted the Consolidated Profit and Loss Budget for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
4. Receive and note the Draft Financial Statement for 2021/22.

**Moved:** Grant District Council, **Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

#### **7 RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **7.1 Regional Housing**

The LCLGA Board discussed the proposal of a Regional Housing project proposed by Member for Mount Gambier, the Hon. Mr. Bell MP.

The LCLGA Board:

1. Approved the Executive Officer, Mr. Wright to seek further information about the Regional Housing Project proposal.

**Moved:** Tatiara District Council, **Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 LCLGA Authorised Officers Bank SA**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Confirmed that President Vickery, Deputy President Martin, and Executive Officer Mr. Wright are authorised officers for the purposes of online banking for the LCLGA.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe, **Seconded:** Tatiara District Council

**CARRIED**

## **7.3 Credit Cards**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Noted and approved the changes to LCLGA Credit Cards as detailed in the report in the August 2022 Agenda.

**Moved:** Grant District Council, **Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## **7.4 SAROC Committee Nomination**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Accepted the nominations of President Vickery and Deputy President Martin to the SAROC Committee.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council, **Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 Regional Growth Strategy**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Approved the formation of a working group (which includes CEO's) with the RDALC to develop a scope and budget to tender the development of a Regional Growth Strategy for the Limestone Coast.
2. Accepted President Vickery to be nominated as a member of the committee.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe, **Seconded:** Wattle Range

**CARRIED**

### **RDALC Funding Proposal**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Approved the payment funds to the RDALC as detailed in the LCLGA Business Plan.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council, **Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

**CARRIED**

## **7.6 Water Allocation Plan**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Approved the nomination of the Executive Officer Mr. Wright to the Landscape Board to be considered as a representative to the Stakeholder Advisory Group for the review of the Water Allocation Plan for the Lower Limestone Coast.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council, **Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## **7.7 LCLGA Staff**

The LCLGA Board:

1. Approved the creation of a full-time graduate level role to replace the part-time Program Co-ordination position.
2. Authorised the Executive Officer, Mr. Wright the flexibility to make his own judgement on the appropriate salary level for the new position.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe, **Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

# **8 REPORTS**

## **8.1 LCLGA President**

Report from President Vickery – Report attached to minutes.

## **8.2 Local Government Association of South Australia (LGASA)**

Verbal report from Mr. Smith.

*Any recent Minutes from the Local Government Association of South Australia can be viewed on their website at:*

<https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/about-lga/lga-meetings/committees>

## **8.3 Executive Officer**

Report from Mr. Wright.

## **8.4 Destination Development**

Report from Mr. Wright.

## **8.5 StarClub and Regional Sports Academy**

Report from Mr. Elletson.

The LCLGA Board:

1. Received and noted the reports from LCLCA President, LGASA, Executive Officer, Destination Development, StarClub and Regional Sports Academy.

**Moved:** Wattle Range Council, **Seconded:** District Council of Robe

**CARRIED**

## **9 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **Regional Waste Management Steering Committee**

Minutes from meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The LCLGA Board:

1. Received and noted the minutes from LCLGA Sub-Committees.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe, **Seconded:** Kingston District Council

**CARRIED**

## **10 OUTSIDE COMMITTEES ORGANISATIONS**

### **10.1 RDALC**

Report from CEO, Mr. Wheaton

### **10.2 Heritage Advisory Service**

Report from Arcuate Architecture Director, Mr. Hamilton

The LCLGA Board:

1. Received and noted the reports from RDALC and Heritage Advisory Service.

**Moved:** District Council of Robe, **Seconded:** Wattle Range Council

**CARRIED**

## **11 OTHER BUSINESS**

**NIL**

## 12 KEY DATES AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Location
10th February 2022	LCLGA Strategic Plan Meeting & Dinner	District Council of Grant
11th February 2022	LCLGA AGM & GM	District Council of Grant
28th February 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
17th March 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
1st April 2022	LCLGA GM	Tatiara District Council
8th April 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
19th May 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
17th June 2022	LCLGA GM	Naracoorte-Lucindale Council
21st July 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
12th August 2022	LCLGA GM	Kingston District Council
15th September 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
14th October 2022	LCLGA GM	City of Mount Gambier
28th October 2022	LGA AGM	LGA House, Adelaide
17th November 2022	SAROC & LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
9th December 2022	LCLGA GM & Christmas Lunch	Wattle Range Council
9th February 2023	LCLGA Strategic Plan Meeting & Dinner	District Council of Robe
10th February 2023	LCLGA AGM & GM	District Council of Robe

## 13 MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 2.15pm

**The next LCLGA General Meeting is to be held at City of Mount Gambier on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Acceptances and apologies to [admin@lclga.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@lclga.sa.gov.au) or Phone 8723 7310.**

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President's Signature

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Date

## **LCLGA President's Report August 2022**

### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

ALGA Board meeting in Canberra

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Regional Forum. The theme for this forum was Regions Rediscovered and included sessions: Regional Tourism Post Pandemic (which I chaired), Regional Leadership, Increasing Resilience to fires and floods, Regional Housing and population Challenges, the Outback Way – road sealing project.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June NGA22 – Canberra. Theme of the national General Assembly** was Partners in Progress and I have attached the overview of the NGA22 which includes a link to photos and videos. The programme included sessions on building stronger communities and population, housing and workforce skills.

Around 1,000 delegates attended and appreciated the attendance and input from Minister King, Minister McBain, Minister Watt, Minister Burney, Minister Rowland, Leader of the National Party David Littleproud, and Zali Steggall OAM.

All reaffirmed the importance of local government, and councils look forward to seeing action through better partnerships.

Local governments asked for a Minister in Cabinet and we welcome the appointment of Cabinet Minister King supported by former Bega Valley Shire Mayor Minister McBain.

The Assembly welcomed the announcement from Minister King that she would work with Minister McBain to re-establish the Australian Council of Local Governments and was encouraged by the Government's willingness to engage and partner with local councils.

In keeping with the theme of the Assembly 'Partners in Progress', councillors committed to partnering with the Australian Government to progress critical reforms, including national productivity, climate change transition, Closing the Gap, housing affordability including increased social housing, appropriate road safety reforms, restoring integrity of federal funding to local government, and improved local delivery of community services.

The Assembly committed to progressing the next step of Closing the Gap and passed a motion supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The Assembly heard from leading economists that local government is the most productive level of government yet collects just 4% of national taxation revenue. The Assembly agreed that councils need more sustainable and transparent formula-based funding to restore integrity to federal funding of local government. Further, they noted the essential federal funding support to local communities and called on the Government to review Financial Assistance Grants and restore them to at least 1 percent of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

Delegates and speakers recognised the protracted challenges of the COVID pandemic, unprecedented droughts, bushfires, and recent floods, and



commended the work of local councils, local communities and government agencies on their work on emergency response and recovery.

The Assembly warmly received Governor-General David Hurley and his comments on the vital role councils are playing supporting disaster impacted communities and will need to play in the future. The Assembly noted however that more needs to be done on mitigation and the prevention of climate induced natural disasters.

After a stirring address from the Ukraine Ambassador, the Assembly passed a unanimous motion supporting the Ukraine people and their legitimate and democratically elected governments.

Other critical issues addressed at the Assembly included migration between cities and regions, housing affordability and the role councils can play in social housing in particular, critical workforce challenges and road safety.

Delegates agreed to continue to meet with their local federal members to highlight the importance of sustainable and transparent funding for local governments, and better partnerships that will help support progress in every community.

#### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

Country Arts SA Board meeting at Mt Gambier UniSA, attendance at 'Lola and Papa' dance performance

#### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

LGA Housing Workshop. Attended by 9 regional councils and representatives from Renewal SA, SA Housing Authority, Department of Treasury and Finance and PIRSA.

Workshop outcomes are to develop a roadmap for increasing regional housing supply that includes better incentives for private development in regional areas and alternative funding models for affordable housing projects and associated infrastructure, including a process to secure government funds; and identify and access funding sources available (State and Federal) to enable the construction of affordable and social housing in the regions.

#### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

StudyAdelaide – Bordertown, Naracoorte and Mt Gambier visit- The students are from 12 different countries and are either finishing their studies this year or next year.

They were predominately Electrical, Mechanical, Civil, and Mechatronic Engineers, Project Managers, or were studying Bio Tech. Most of the students are completing post-graduate qualifications.

All of the students have indicated that they are interested in living and working in the Limestone Coast. At Naracoorte there was a welcome presentation and information about the Naracoorte area Speaker: Mayor Erika, Working and Living in a Regional Town: speaker Darren Turner Teys – Rebecca Elsworth Naracoorte Lucindale Council – Paul McRostie and Mayor Vickery MiniJumbuk – Darren Turner AMRC - Frances Kirby

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

*Growing Gender Equity Through Governance* program, which has been established with support from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Office for Women to provide governance training and support to build the confidence and leadership capacity of women involved in the community sector.

The program has a specific emphasis on engaging women from regional and rural areas and women from backgrounds traditionally under-represented in governance and leadership. The six-hour session took place at the Southgate Motel, Mt Gambier

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July**

LCLGA Mayor's zoom meeting

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

LCLGA and RDALC joint workshop to update Limestone Coast Regional Growth Plan, hosted in Naracoorte

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

SA Local Government Grants and Boundaries Commission meetings

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

SAROC meeting at Jamestown hosted by Northern Areas Council  
Agenda items included regional planning update, regional housing advocacy, regional health workforce project and the annual report

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

LGASA Board meeting at Jamestown. Agenda included LGA Advocacy plan and update, Special Local Roads Program 2022 recommendations, draft LGA Annual Business Plan and Budget 2022/2023 for consultation

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

Leadership in times of Crisis forum online with NSW Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

AIGA post NGA Board meeting to determine progress of motions. Mt Gambier City motions re housing and circular waste were both supported

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

SAROC representative discussion with SA Government Stormwater Expert Panel

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August**

Regional Leadership Development Program steering committee meeting

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August**

SA visit/dinner - myself, Mayor Lynette Martin and Tony Wright (LCLGA President and Vice-president, CEO) with Glenelg Shire Mayor Anita Rank and CEO Greg Burgoyne

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> August**

SAROC Regional Health Workforce Toolkit consultation webinar with consultant KPPM Dr Kristine Peter

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

ARMC Board meeting and Strategic Planning workshop