

**MINUTES OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD ON THE 3RD OF NOVEMBER 2022 AT THE CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER, MOUNT GAMBIER FROM 10am**

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

### **1.1 Welcome**

Meeting began at 9.54 am.

LCLGA President Vickery welcomed all to the LCLGA Board Meeting.

A welcome to the LCLGA and acknowledgement of Country was provided by City of Mount Gambier Mayor Martin.

Mayor Martin updated the LCLGA Board on the development of the Wulunda Recreation and Convention Centre, noting that despite delays from Covid-19, the project is about to be completed.

Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Wheaton and Deputy Chief Officer, Ms. Ashman from Regional Development Association Limestone Coast addressed the LCLGA Board on recent developments in the RDALC. Particular mention was made of the Leadership Program and further activities to support Small Business development in the Limestone Coast.

The Member for Barker, the Hon. Mr. Pasin MP provided an analysis of the recent Federal Budget. He spoke about advocating for a new Radiation Facility in the Limestone Coast Region to support local residents dealing with cancer.

Dr. Porter updated the LCLGA Board on future plans to host a Workshop in Naracoorte. The date was agreed by LCLGA Board to be too close to Council Elections and proposed to reschedule to February 2023.

### **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
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Newman
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed

## CEOs and LCLGA

City of Mount Gambier	Ms. Sarah Philpott (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr. Darryl Whicker (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr. James Holyman (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Ms. Nat Traeger (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Ms. Anne Champness (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr. Paul Duka
LCLGA	Mr. Tony Wright (EO) Mr. Paul Manfrin (Corporate Service)

## Guests

Member for Barker	Mr. Tony Pasin MP
LGA	Mr. Stephen Smith Dr. Andrew Johnson
Planning SA	Dr. Jessica Porter
UNISA	Mr. Ian McKay
RDALC	Mr. David Wheaton Ms. Rachael Ashman

### 1.3 Apologies

Member for Mount Gambier	Mr. Troy Bell MP
Member for MacKillop	Mr. Nick McBride MP
Wattle Range Council	Mr. Ben Gower (CEO)
Naracoorte-Lucindale Council	Mr. Trevor Smart (CEO)
Coorong District Council	Cr. Jeff Arthur
PIRSA	Ms. Peta Crewe

The LCLGA Board:

1. Noted and accepted the apologies.

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

**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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The LCLGA Board:

1. Accepted the Minutes of LCLGA General Meeting held at the Kingston District Council on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

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

**CARRIED**

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

Mayor Martin enquired about the progress of item 7.1 regarding Regional Housing Resources. The Executive Officer advised the LCLGA Board that a proposal was made to the Minister but did not proceed further.

The LCLGA Board:

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

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

**CARRIED**

#### 5 CORRESPONDENCE – INWARDS AND OUTWARDS

Mayor Noll enquired about inward correspondence received by Roadside Vegetation. The Executive Officer advised that the correspondence was a request for the LCLGA to support a proposal put forward by the Landscape Board in the February 2022 Meeting.

The LCLGA Board:

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

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

**CARRIED**

#### 6 LCLGA FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Executive Officer provided a verbal update on the LCLGA finances. Funding of \$300,000 for the Sports Academy for the next 3 years. The LCLGA will be seeking clarification on insurance costs, particularly when our premiums are comparable to other councils, yet our overall assets are much smaller.

Mr. Duka enquired about subscriptions and why it was higher. The Executive Officer advised that this was due to timing differences from budgeted YTD to actual.

The LCLGA Board:

1. Received and noted the Report from the Executive Officer.

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

**CARRIED**

## 7 RECOMMENDATIONS

### 7.1 End of Year Financials

The LCLGA Board:

1. Note the End of Financial Year Statements for Signing by CEOs and circulation to our members.

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

**CARRIED**

### 7.2 Annual Report

The LCLGA Board:

1. Approve the 2021-22 Annual Report for provision to each Constituent Council or or before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 as the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.
2. Note some minor adjustments required in the Annual Report in relation to SMLC

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

**CARRIED**

### 7.3 Change in banking and investment arrangements

The LCLGA Board:

1. The LCLGA to open an at-call account with the LGFA and to have up to a maximum of three-term deposits.
2. Close the current BankSA term deposits as they mature and transfer to the LGFA.
3. Maintain current transaction and card accounts with BankSA.
4. That the transaction and approval delegations for BankSA also apply to LGFA accounts.

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

**CARRIED**

### 7.4 Cross Border CEO Forum

The Executive Officer provided a verbal summary of the Forum. A set of possible priorities was agreed at the Forum, identifying workforce and training, health, waste, and transport.

Mayor Noll enquired whether Green Triangle Freight Action Plan was discussed at the Forum. The Executive Officer confirmed that it was but not in any great detail.

Mayor Sage proposed that the principles be supported if the Executive Officer presented and reported to each Council, the motion lapsed,

The LCLGA Board:

1. Support, in principle, the identified priorities.

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

**CARRIED**

## **7.5 Regional Growth Strategy Reset**

The Executive Officer submitted a discussion paper to the working party. He explained to the LCLGA Board that the Regional Growth Strategy would be reframed to fit in with the Federal Government's definition of Economic and Regional Development. The idea is also to re-examine the plan and make it more competitive with other regional plans. There is also the possibility to include scenario structures to predict future possibilities in the Limestone Coast Region.

The LCLGA Board:

1. Note the progress and provide feedback on the direction of the Regional Growth Strategy.

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

**CARRIED**

## **8 REPORTS**

### **8.1 LCLGA President**

Report from President Vickery – as attached.

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

Verbal report from Mr. Smith and Dr. Johnson.

Notable points raised by LGASA:

- LGA meeting with caminet soon and will be focusing on housing
- Expert panel discussions
- Loss of University Graduates in Local Government Courses
- Coastal Adaptation Project

### **8.3 Executive Officer**

Report from Mr. Wright.

- Discussions with Telstra on how to resolve "Black Spots" in the Limestone Coast Region.
- Executive Officer been appointed to the Women in Sport Task Force

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

**CARRIED**

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

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

Minutes from the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

#### **9.2 Draft Regional Transport Plan Workshop Amendments**

The LCLGA Board:

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

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

**CARRIED**

### **10 OUTSIDE COMMITTEES ORGANISATIONS**

University of South Australia Mr. McKay provided a verbal update to the LCLGA Board.

Notable points raised:

- Visit from Vice Chancellor
- Urban Planning students from Adelaide Campus' interested in working in Limestone Coast
- Annual Alumni Event held at Mount Gambier Campus
- Public Forum successful
- 2 Social Science Degree and Bachelor of Secondary Education

Executive Officer asked about Youth Suicide Prevention Studies which was discussed when the Vice Chancellor visited the region.

## 11 OTHER BUSINESS

### 11.1 National Farmer's Federation Regionalization Agenda

Mayor Nunan asked about the Regionalization Agenda. Ms. Philpot updated the LCLGA Board on the progress of the Agenda.

### 11.2 Mayor Vickery's election as President of LGA

Mayor Martin congratulated Mayor Vickery on behalf of the LCLGA Board on her appointment as President of LGA. Mayor Vickery thanked Mayors, CEOs, the Executive Officer and LCLGA staff.

## 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 12.40pm

**The next LCLGA General Meeting is to be held at Wattle Range Council on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Acceptances and apologies to [admin@lclga.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@lclga.sa.gov.au) or Phone 8723 7310.**

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Acting President's Signature

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Date

## LCLGA President's Report

On behalf of local government SA, I was part of the ALGA roundtable discussion with Minister Kristy McBain ahead of the Government's Job and Skills Summit which will be held next week. This was an opportunity to discuss the skills and workforce pressures that are being experienced in the regions.

Naracoorte Lucindale Council was successful in receiving \$1M for the Boddingtons West Road Project. Twenty-three councils across South Australia have shared in more than \$16.2 million of grant funding through the Special Local Roads Program. The program is built on councils pooling together a portion of their federal road funding, which is then distributed across the local government sector to deliver more strategic outcomes.

The Special Local Roads Program is unique to South Australia and essential for providing our state's councils with vital funding for projects that they otherwise may not have the capacity to finance on their own. The LGA advocates annually on behalf of its member councils to ensure the allocation of program's funds are directed towards projects where this financial assistance will have the greatest impact.

Monday 15th August

RDALC Board meeting

Wednesday 16th August

SA LG Boundaries Commission meeting

ALGA roundtable discussion with Minister Kristy McBain ahead of the Government's Job and Skills Summit. Opportunity to discuss the skills and workforce pressures of the regions.

SA LG Grants Commission meeting.

Thursday 17th August

2022 UDIA Major Luncheon with guest speaker Premier Peter Malinauskas at Adelaide Convention Centre. Theme of the speech was Housing Challenge in SA (Affordable and social housing, investment in Housing Trust stock for new and backlog of maintenance, Tenancy Act review, Home Start SA – 2% for deposit, land supply and rezoning, Regional Plans, investment program to attract younger investors, collaboration with Federal, State

Monday 22nd August

LG Research and Development Advisory Committee pre-meeting

Tuesday 23rd August

LGA Board of Directors Special Meeting

Wednesday 24th August

Regional Executive Officers meeting  
Country Arts SA Board meeting  
LGA Roads and Works Conference welcome reception

Thursday 25th August

LGA Roads and Works Conference – Keynote speaker Dan Aubin, Daring Humans spoke on Thriving with Challenges and Change; How to assess and build a comprehensive renewal program based on the condition and remaining life of the assets; infrastructure showcase (Kingston District Council, Light Regional Council and City of Holdfast Bay); the rise of electric vehicles in the regions and the role of councils in the roll out of public charging infrastructure; Infrastructure management for small councils; future proofing our workforce – panel included Helen Macdonald (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Sam Johnson



(Mt Remarkable), Nat Traeger (Kingston), Rebecca Hayes (Tumby Bay)

Magnet State Executive Launch of 'SA State of Mind' promotion campaign by Premier Peter Malinauskas at Illuminate Thebarton

Friday 26th August

Local Government Research and Development Scheme Advisory Committee meeting to assess external grant applications

Monday 29th August

RDALC HR Committee meeting in Mt Gambier

Wednesday 31st August

ALGA Special meeting (via Teams) re Budget advocacy to the Federal Government to retain and increase Federal Government Assistance Grants for Local Government, No net reduction in funding to local government, First and last mile funding, Local government's role in productivity.

Recent research commissioned by ALGA demonstrates how important Financial Assistance Grants are to Australian councils and communities.

These grants make up more than 20% of total annual operating revenue for almost one in four councils, and without this support these councils and their communities would not be financially sustainable. In the lead up to this year's federal election, Labor committed to "fair increases" to Financial Assistance Grants, as well as – at the very least – the continued annual indexation of these grants.

Councils collect less than 4 percent of Australia's total taxation and are reliant on sustainable funding from other levels of government to deliver the local infrastructure and services that Australians rely upon.

ABC Drive radio interview as SAROC Chair re Illegal dumping in Council areas which is costing Councils \$8M every year. Through the LGA, councils have put forward a call for the State Government to run a public awareness campaign with the local government sector, raising better awareness on littering and illegal dumping

Friday 2nd September

LGA R&DA Group meeting via zoom re finalising recommendations for external applications

Friday 9th September

Limestone Coast Mayors zoom meeting

Monday 12th/Tuesday 13th  
September

Ag Town judging in regional SA

Wednesday 14th September

SAROC meeting at Clare Gilbert Valleys Council

Thursday 15th September

LGA Board meeting at Clare.

The LGA Board of Directors ventured to the regions on Thursday 15 September, gathering in Clare for our bi-monthly meeting. Several significant motions were carried including the approval of funding to support CWMS projects in Kingston, Peterborough, Mid Murray and Yorke Peninsula Councils. The Board also received an update on the research and advocacy the LGA has recently progressed regarding regional housing, affordability, and homelessness.

Six projects that will benefit the local government sector will share in nearly \$395,000 of funding through the LGA's Research and Development (R&D) Scheme.

The R&D Scheme is unique to South Australia and administered annually by the LGA – eligible organisations were invited in July to submit applications, with successful recipients notified on Friday following approval from the LGA Board of Directors.

This year's Scheme was extremely competitive, with 32 applicants putting in for \$2.8 million of grant support.

The successful projects will tackle a range of important issues including housing affordability, youth training in local government, regional workforce retention and developing quality public spaces.

Tatiara District Council (in collaboration with Coorong and Naracoorte Lucindale District Council) was granted \$112,000 for project "Understanding and addressing the housing shortage in the Tatiara, Southern Mallee, Naracoorte Lucindale, and Coorong Local Government Areas"

The topic of the state-wide housing crisis in SA, along with our push for the state government to establish a Regional Housing Crisis Taskforce, will be raised further via an item of business at the upcoming LGA Annual General Meeting in October.

Friday 16th September

SA Local Government Boundaries Commission online

Monday 19th/Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
September

Ag Town judging in regional SA

Friday 23rd September

Limestone Coast Regional Growth Plan Steering Committee meeting in Mt Gambier

Tuesday 26th September

Limestone Coast LGA Risk and Audit Committee meeting

Wednesday 28th September

LC Leadership Steering Committee meeting  
AG Town Judging Panel meeting

Thursday 29th September

Police Remembrance Day Ceremony in Mt Gambier

Friday 20th September	ABC Radio interview ALGA Board meeting Thursday 6th October RDALC Housing committee meeting
Friday 7th October	SA Boundaries Commission meeting Leadership Program launch event in Mt Gambier
Monday 10th October	RDA LC Board meeting
Wednesday 12th October Tuesday 18th October	AMRC Board meeting SA Grants Commission visit to Adelaide Hills Council
Wednesday 19th October	SA Grants Commission Meeting SA Boundaries Commission Meeting
Thursday 20th October	Limestone Coast Wine Show at Robe – LCLGA sponsor the show
Friday 21st October	LGA Special Board meeting online RDALC HR committee meeting online
Wednesday 26th October	Country Arts SA Governance and Finance meeting
Thursday 27th October	LGA Welcome Reception
Friday 28th October	LGA Conference and AGM SAROC meeting
Tuesday 1st November	ALGA AGM and General Meeting - online