

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2020
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

President Mayor Erika Vickery opened the meeting at 10.02 and welcomed all members and Guests.

1.1 Present

Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Erika Vickery (LCLGA President)
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Lynnette Martin (Mayor)
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll Deputy Mayor Moira Neagle
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage (LCLGA Vice President)
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Nunan
Tatiara District Council	Deputy Mayor Robert Mock

1.2 In Attendance

District Council of Grant	Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Paul Duka (Acting CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr James Holyman (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Ms Nat Traeger (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Ms Anne Champness (CEO)
LCLGA	Mr Tony Wright (EO) Ms Mae Steele (Executive Assistant & Corporate Services Officer)

1.3 Guests and Observers

LGA SA	Ms Alicia Stewart (Policy Director)
Federal Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager – Limestone Coast)
Department of Environment	James Cameron and Shari Detmar

1.4 Apologies

Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gower (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell
City of Mount Gambier	Mr Andrew Meddle (CEO)
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP Mr Travis Fatchen (Office Manager)
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick Mc Bride MP

“That the apologies be accepted.”

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Wattle Range Council

CARRIED

2.0 DISCLOSURE 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

With the leave of the meeting President Erika Vickery paused proceedings to allow Mr Tony Pasin, Federal Member for Barker to address the group and for Guest Speakers Mr James Cameron and Ms Sharie Detmar to make a presentation.

Mr Tony Pasin MP

Mr Pasin provided an update on the federal government response to the COVID -19 Pandemic health and economic crisis. New Homebuilder program has been well received and the take up is being felt across the region with increased land sales. Councils may feel the impact with increased development applications. The job keeper program continues to be a focus for the Morrison Government as does the emphasis on jobs creation through stimulus funding programs. The next round of BBRF may open early in 2021 after Round 4 resulted in Tatiara District Council receiving \$700,000 to assist with the upgrade of facilities at Bordertown Caravan Park. President Mayor Erika Vickery thanked Mr Pasin for the recent funding announced to support local councils, local jobs and businesses. Further information and updates can be found at <https://www.tonypasin.com/>

Mr James Cameron & Ms Sharie Detmar – Department for Environment and Water (DEW)

In 2018 LiDAR mapping projects were undertaken across the Limestone Coast and Eyre Peninsular. The increased LiDAR project specifications due to improving technologies and partnerships resulted in more accurate outcomes, products and applications. The 2018 datasets have improved with technology advancements since 2007/2008 project. Datasets developed into an Inundation Web Mapping Application which will soon be live and accessible. Coastal Protection Board provides grants to Local Councils of up to 80% of project costs. DEW is able to assist with development of project scopes and selection and supervision of consultants undertaking adaptation planning projects. Further assistance is available from DEW for planning, research, complex assessments and strategy development.

3.0 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held via Zoom on 17th April 2020.

“That the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held on 17th April 2020 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

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

CARRIED

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - ACTION SHEET

Business arising from the Minutes of the June General Meeting.

Tony Wright made note of the progress on Item 7.8 from the April meeting regarding the Joint Planning Board (JPB). The work has continued with resolving the insurance risk position for the future Regional JPB.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 **Inwards and Outwards**
Key Correspondence to 15th June 2020

Many of these correspondence items will have been received directly by member councils. Should any delegate wish to access any correspondence items listed, but not included with this agenda, they can be made available by contacting the LC LGA Executive Officer.

“That correspondence be received and noted by LC LGA delegates.”

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

CARRIED

6.0 FINANCIAL

6.1 Financial Reports Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Receive and note the finance reports:
 - a. Report from the Executive Officer, noting the amended interest rate to Term Deposit 2 from 1.27% to 1.07%.
 - b. The Balance Sheet for the period ending 30th April 2020.
 - c. The Consolidated Profit and Loss Budget Analysis for the period 1st July 2019 to 30th April 2020.

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

CARRIED

It was noted that the Joint Planning Board costs will not impact the Council contributions until the 2021/2022 budget.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

7.1 LCLGA Strategic Plan - 2020-2025

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

Approve the LCLGA Strategic Plan- 2020-2025.

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

CARRIED

7.2 LCLGA Annual Business Plan 2020-2021

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

1. The draft plan is attached for consideration by LCLGA Councils.

2. Request that any comments and/or amendments to the Draft Business Plan be communicated back to the Executive Officer no later than the Friday 31st July 2020 prior to final adoption at the August 2020 Board meeting of the LCLGA.

Moved, District Council of Robe

Seconded, City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED

7.3 **SEGRA Conference**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

Advise SEGRA we will not be seeking to take up the opportunity to host the 2022 conference.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Kingston District Council

CARRIED

7.4 **Inundation Web Mapping Application Launch**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

Receives and notes the report.

Moved, District Council of Grant

Seconded, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

7.5 **LC Recovery and Rebuild Plan**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

Receives and notes the report.

Moved, District Council of Grant

Seconded, Kingston District Council

CARRIED

7.6 **Proactive Advocacy**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA;

Note the proposed process to develop a proactive advocacy agenda and provide some preliminary feedback on the key areas to be considered.

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

CARRIED

The President, with consent of the members, moved the 7.7 & 7.8 to the end of the meeting for the purpose of dealing with them In confidence after all other Guests and Observers have left the video conference.

8.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

8.1 LC LGA President's Report

Since the last LCLGA meeting there have been many webinars, briefings and meetings relating to COVID-19 pandemic with nearly all meetings conducted on-line. There has been a shift from information relating to restrictions to a focus on recovery of our communities as restrictions begin to be lifted.

Through the LCLGA, the seven councils have been working on plans and actions that will assist businesses, particularly those in the tourism industry, recover as the restrictions are lifted. South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC), Tourism Industry Council of SA (TiCSA), RDA LC, SAROC and LGASA are all contributing to the discussions.

With South Australians being encouraged to travel throughout the state, visitor numbers to this region have been increasing and businesses that opened during the June long weekend reporting good numbers.

A big thank you to **all** our staff who have continued to work hard throughout the last two months under the challenges that have arisen due to the restrictions in place. With the tourism industry being so impacted I acknowledge our Tourism Industry Development Manager, Biddie Shearing, for the extra work in working with the tourism industry and the development of the Limestone Coast Recovery and Rebuilding Action Plan.

I would also like to thank all the Mayors for their support. The weekly meeting via zoom have been very informative and supportive through times that have challenged us all. Congratulations to Mayor Alison Noonan on winning the Stand Like Stone Streaming with the Stars Dance Competition.

29th April SA Regional LGA EO's meeting

*30th April SATC Regional Roundtable – Limestone Coast
LGA Mayors and CEOs zoom meeting The LGA hosted a COVID-19 briefing at 3.30pm on Business Support and Economic Recovery*

*1st May LGA Research & Development Committee meeting
LCLGA Budget workshop with LCLGA Mayors and CEOs for 2020/21 financial year
RDA LC and LCLGA Presidents and EOs meeting*

*5th May LGA Annual Business Plan and Strategic Planning Information session
The Advertiser interview re travelling into regional areas*

11th May Limestone Coast Sports Academy Steering Committee meeting – zoom

12th May Facebook videos for National Volunteers Week

13th May SATC webinar in collaboration with Deloitte.

Over 430 tourism representatives on the line, showed there was high level engagement and the enthusiasm for kickstarting our state's incredible tourism industry.

LGA Mayors and CEO a COVID-19 briefing at 7pm with Premier Steven Marshall to discuss the next steps for South Australia as some COVID-19 restrictions are eased

15th May *LCEDG subcommittee meeting*
LCLGA Mayors zoom meeting

21st May *South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) zoom meeting*
LGA Board of Directors meeting

22nd May *Limestone Coast Mayors meeting*

27th May RAI Regions Rising Webinar - over 800 participants
Guest speaker - Mark Coulton – Federal Minister
Connectivity and Health are important to people moving to the regions.

28th May *Dry Conditions Working Group – SAROC delegate - zoom*

10th June *TiCSA Nature Based Tourism funding webinar*

12th June *LC Mayors meeting*

Limestone Coast Recovery committee meeting

18th June *LGA Board of Directors meeting*

8.1.1 LGA Board

- (i) Draft Minutes and key outcomes of the LGA Board of Directors Meetings held on 23rd April 2020 and 21st May 2020. *Refer to pages 192-216*

8.1.2 SAROC

- (ii) Draft Minutes and key outcomes of the of the SAROC Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2020. *Refer to pages 217-225*

8.2 Local Government Association of SA

Alicia Stewart – Policy Director joined the meeting and discussed the following items:

- Value of Councils strengthened through COVID -19
- Advocacy, leadership and support in various areas including COVID hotline and online tool, functional support group, REX air service, Childcare funds, discounted borrowing rates through LGFA, LG Act amendments, public lighting savings.
- Recovery Awareness Campaign – Real stories about councils making a difference in communities. Leigh McClusky, councils encouraged to contact LGA SA.
- 2020-21 Awareness campaign will have a focus on council Tourism investment.
- Online Training adapted technology
- New legal agreement Norman Water House
- Economic Impact of COVID on councils and community groups
- Rating Capping 2.0 Amendment Bill
- LG Financial Assistance Grants
- Planning Design Code
- LG Reform Amendment Bill – LGA SA Discussion Paper released on Monday 22nd June. Andrew lamb attending LCLGA Board meeting 14th August
- LGA SA - Latest information available from e-newsletters, webinars, AGM, call or email feedback.

8.3 Executive Officer

Tony Wright

8.4 Starclub Field Officer

Tony Elletson

- 8.5 **Tourism Industry Development Manager**
Biddie Shearing
- 8.6 **Regional Community Road Safety Officer**
Ali Auld
- 8.7 **Limestone Coast Leadership Program**
Ali Auld
- 8.8 **LC Substance Misuse Project Officer**
Sophie Bouchier
- 8.9 **Program Coordinator (Withdrawn)**
Michaela Bell

It is recommended that LC LGA:

“the reports for LC LGA President, Local Government Association SA, Executive Officer, Starclub Field Officer, Tourism Industry Development Manager, Regional Community Road Safety Officer, Limestone Coast Leadership Program and Substance Misuse Project Officer be received and noted excluding Item 8.9.”

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

CARRIED

9.0 EXTERNAL SUBMISSIONS FOR NOTING

- 9.1 No new submissions since 17th April 2020

10.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

- 10.1 **LC LGA Tourism Management Group Minutes – 27 April & 9 June 2020**
- 10.2 **LC LGA Regional Waste Management Committee Minutes– 25 May 2020**
- 10.3 **LC LGA Economic Development Group Minutes – 28 April 2020**

It is recommended that LC LGA;

“The Minutes and reports from the LCLGA Sub-Committees having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

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

CARRIED

11.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

The following reports were provided.

- 11.1 **Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast**
David Wheaton - Chief Executive Officer
- 11.2 **LC Heritage Advisory Services Reports – April 2020**
Richard Woods

11.3 PIRSA

Peta Crewe

An overview of current support services and activities was provided including:

- 2020-21 round of the Regional Growth Fund Link [here](#)
- Seasonal Jobs Website <https://www.seasonaljobs.sa.gov.au/>,
- Seafood Advisory Forum Link [here](#)

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

1.0 Late Item

Letter sent to LCLGA from Mayor Graham Excell, Tatiara District Council (TDC) was circulated on Thursday 18th June 2020 to members regarding Vegetation Management on State and National Roadsides.

The following actions were sought

1. LCLGA write to the Premier of South Australia describing the difficulties in managing roadside vegetation across the Limestone Coast, particularly on state and national roads and highways, seeking a solution from the Premier and Cabinet.
2. LCLGA appeal to the Minister for transport to hasten the process of prescribing the corridors of the Dukes Highway, Riddoch Highway and Princes Highway as "Controlled Access".

Following a discussion members agreed to consider the matter further as a whole of Limestone Coast issue before adopting the actions as formal motions. Executive Officer to work with the individual councils through the CEO group and collate/coordinate the LCLGA collective position on the matter.

12.00pm Mr Peter Gandolfi (Chair) and Mr David Wheaton (CEO) from RDA Limestone Coast joined the Meeting.

David Wheaton provided an overview of his report tabled in Item 11.1

12.09pm Alicia Stewart, Peta Crewe, Ian McKay Left the meeting and did not return.

12.11pm President Erika Vickery declared a conflict of interest due to being a board member of RDA Limestone Coast and left the meeting.

Vice President Mayor Richard Sage and Executive Officer Tony Wright co-chaired the meeting.

Items 7.8 - In-Confidence (circulated under a separate cover)

Pursuant to Section 3.6.18 of the LCLGA Charter, and Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Association orders that the public with the exception of:

Ms Nat Traeger (CEO) Kingston District Council
Ms Anne Champness (CEO) Tatiara District Council
Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO) District Council of Grant
Mr Paul Duka (Acting CEO) Wattle Range Council
Mr Trevor Smart (CEO) Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Mr James Holyman (CEO) District Council of Robe
Mr Tony Wright (EO - LCLGA)
Ms Mae Steele (Executive Support Officer) – LCLGA
and

Mr Peter Gandolfi (Chair)
Mr David Wheaton (CEO)

be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider and discuss Confidential Item 7.8 RDALC Funding Model and Activities.

1. Is satisfied that the principle that meetings of LCLGA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because it relates to information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

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

CARRIED

7.8 RDALC Funding Model and Activities

Executive Officer

Report was tabled and a discussion pursued about the annual funding model and activities.

12.43pm Mr Peter Gandolfi (Chair) and Mr David Wheaton (CEO) from RDA Limestone Coast left the meeting and did not return.

12.45pm President Mayor Erika Vickery returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

Items 7.7 - In-Confidence (circulated under a separate cover)

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Mr Tony Wright (EO - LCLGA)
Ms Mae Steele (Executive Support Officer) – LCLGA

be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider and discuss Confidential Item 7.7 Appointment of Auditor and Activities.

2. Is satisfied that the principle that meetings of LCLGA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in relation to this matter because it relates to information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person.

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

CARRIED

7.7 Auditor Appointment

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LCLGA;

That the Board approves the appointment of Dean Newbery & Partners as external auditors to the LCLGA for a period of 5 years with an annual review.

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

CARRIED

13.0 MEETING CLOSED – 1pm

The next LC LGA General Meeting is to be held in Wattle Range Council **Friday 14th August 2020**. Acceptances and apologies to Mae Steele, Executive Assistant & Corporate Services Officer Phone 8723 7310 or Email admin@lclga.sa.gov.au

LC LGA CALENDAR

Date	Meeting	Location
23 rd July 2020	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
14 th August 2020	LC LGA GM	Wattle Range Council
TBC August 2020	LGA Roads & Works Conference	TBC
17 th September 2020	SAROC	Kadina
9 th October 2020	LC LGA	District Council of Robe
29 th October 2020	LGA Conference & AGM	Adelaide Town Hall
19 th November 2020	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
11 th December 2020	LC LGA GM & Christmas Lunch	Grant District Council
TBA February 2021	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
12 th February 2021	LG LGA AGM & GM	Tatiara District Council