

The Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) is a regional subsidiary established by the seven Constituent Councils in the Limestone Coast region of South Australia; City of Mount Gambier, District Council of Grant, Kingston District Council, Naracoorte Lucindale Council, District Council of Robe, Tatiara District Council & Wattle Range Council.

MEETING SUMMARY
LCLGA General Meeting, 31st of March 2023
hosted by the District Council of Grant

GENERAL MEETING

1. The Board received presentations and representation from:
 - a. Mr Matthew Hunt, Director, Office of Regional Housing, Renewal SA
 - (i) Mr Hunt provided an overview of the development of the new office, their objectives and strategies to help alleviate the shortage for housing for workers in regional centres.
 - (ii) The Government recognises the hand brake that the lack of housing to support employment in regions is having on the economy.
 - (iii) The model is based on the defence housing investment model with some undertaking to manage investor risk. The Department will be seeking, on a region by region basis, support from the private sector and/or local government to access land, fast track approvals processes and to share the allocation of risks with the state government.
 - (iv) It was acknowledged that each Council will be in a different position with regard to the scope and nature in the way they engage with these opportunities.
 - (v) Still in its formative stages, the strategy is developing through engagement with key stakeholders. A copy of the presentation will be attached to the minutes of the meeting.
 - b. Mr David Wheaton, CEO, RDALC
 - (i) Mr Wheaton gave an update on RDALC programs and the need to ensure we align our language with the drivers of Federal Government with the development of the Economic Growth Strategy.
 - c. Mr Ian McKay, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Association of SA\
 - (i) Mr McKay provided an overview of the UniSA's activities, including the kick-off to the Secondary Teaching Degree, noting the work being done to explore the viability of a merger with Adelaide University and seeking further information on a proposed post grad study into understanding and preventing youth suicide in the Limestone Coast.
2. The LCLGA Board considered and discussed the following at the meeting:
 - a. **A report on the financial performance of the LCLGA to the end of February (details available in the agenda on our website).**
 - b. **SATC Regions Structure Review**
 - (i) Noting the current review to investigate the optimal structure of regions and metro funding via the SATC.
 - (ii) The report also considered the history of the current regional structures which emerged organically since the withdrawal of funding to regional tourism organisations in 2012. Funding was reinstated to support SATC regional activities but the underlying structures remained unique to each region.

- (iii) It is noted that the Limestone Coast occupies a unique position with regard to the massive population growth occurring in western Melbourne and Geelong as a drive destination and channel into SA. We are concerned that if a new model simply focuses on bringing people into Adelaide, then funnelling them out to the regions, this would be a disadvantage for the Limestone Coast and missed opportunity for SA.

c. Connected and Active Communities

- (i) The report provided an update on the development of the Connected and Active Communities Project, noting we have had an increase in funding to undertake this trial with some further funding to help expand the scope for supporting disadvantaged youth to access sports and recreation.

ci. Advocacy Agenda

- (i) The current advocacy agenda was formed in 2021 and has been an excellent catalyst to progress priority matters for our region.
- (ii) With a new Board and council elected members we are seeking to test our priorities. There are some new priorities that are not currently on the agenda, such as Regionalisation, Radiation Treatment, Circular Economy and Airport Security Funding.
- (iii) We are seeking feedback from our members on what priorities should be included or removed, following this process we will engage with the draft matters with local members before finalising them.

cii. Strategic Plan Reset and Business Plan 2023/24

- (i) This paper included two items, the first discussed the need for a new strategic plan for the LCLGA following the local government elections and significant changes to our operating environment, and the Business Plan for 2023/24.
- (ii) Following the strategic planning workshop there were two key issues that emerged,
 1. the first was not all members were able to attend the workshop and this meant the directions may not be fully supported by all members, and
 2. a process that allows all Council elected members to participate would be a powerful way to reset the plan.
- (iii) To reset the plan, it is proposed to run a whole of elected council members strategic planning workshop in September.
- (iv) The feedback from the workshop was also to complete a number of projects as a focus and it was noted that there are number of reviews being done in the first half of 2023/24 which will impact the future directions of several projects.
- (v) The Business Plan can therefore for considered a plan that will be reviewed following the strategic plan workshop in September. The Board approved the release of the Draft Business Plan for consultation with our members.

ciii. LCLGA Committees

- (i) The Board approved the Committees as listed in the Board papers with the following changes:
 1. The Risk and Audit Committee included the Vice President, Mayor Des Noll.
 2. The Executive Remuneration Committee confirmed the addition of the City of Mount Gambier CEO, Sarah Philpott and Vice President, Mayor Des Noll.
 3. Green Triangle Freight Action Plan committee to be confirmed with more information from the SA Government who have taken responsibility for the facilitation of the plan.

civ. The President provided a report on the work undertaken since the last Board meeting. This report will be available on the meeting minutes.

cv. The Executive Officer provided a report on the activities of the LCLGA.