



MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Date: 16th June 2023

Time: 9:30am

Location: Tatiara District Council Chambers
43 Woolshed Street, Bordertown, SA 5268
TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

1 OPENING MEETING

Meeting opened at 10:00am.

1.1 President's Welcome

LCLGA President Martin welcomed all to the LCLGA Board Meeting.

1.2 Host Mayor's Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Mayor Goossens updated the LCLGA Board on recent developments in the Tatiara District Council area. She made mention how the region was experiencing economic development which was positive for the region, which conversely brought housing and waste challenges. The Council is now running the Bordertown Caravan Park which is alleviating some of the housing issues and accommodation for tourists.

Mayor Goossens made an Acknowledgement of Country.

2 PRESENT

Mayors

City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Lynette Martin OAM
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll OAM
District Council of Grant	Cr Barry Kuhl (Proxy)
Kingston District Council	Mayor Jeff Pope
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Patrick Ross
District Council of Robe	Mayor Lisa Ruffell
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Liz Goossens

CEOs and LCLGA

City of Mount Gambier	Ms Sarah Philpott (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gowan (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr Gary Button (Director of Corporate Services)
Kingston District Council	Ms Nat Traeger (CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Ms Anne Champness (CEO)
LCLGA	Mr Tony Wright (EO) Mr Colin Byles (Interim EO) Tony Elletson (Sports Academy and Connected & Active Communities Officer) Mr Paul Manfrin (Corporate Services Officer)

Guests

SACCA	Mr Adam Gray (CEO)
LGASA	Mr Stephen Smith
PIRSA	Ms Jennifer Schilling (Regional Co-ordinator)
UniSA	Mr Ian McKay (Regional Manager)

3 APOLOGIES

Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick McBride MP
District Council of Grant	Mayor Kylie Boston Mr Darryl Whicker (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr Rob Moir (Acting CEO)
RDALC	Mr David Wheaton (CEO) Ms Lauren Oxlade (Manager, Investment & Infrastructure)

The LCLGA Board:

1. Noted and accepted the apologies.

Moved: Wattle Range Council

Seconded: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

CARRIED

4 CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

NIL

5 GUEST AND SPEAKER

Mr. Gray, CEO of SACCA presented to the Board an update on SACCA's recent activities, including an strategic planning workshop run by LCLGA EO Mr Wright.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The LCLGA Board:

1. Accepted the Minutes of LCLGA General Meeting held at the District Council of Grant on Friday, 31st March 2023.

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

CARRIED

7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – ACTION SHEET

The LCLGA Board:

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

Moved: District Council of Robe

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

8 CORRESPONDENCE – INWARDS AND OUTWARDS

Mayor Noll asked if the LCLGA EO could include him in correspondence sent by Green Triangle Freight Action.

The LCLGA Board;

1. Note the correspondence tabled at the meeting and attached to the minutes.

Moved: District Council of Grant

Seconded: Kingston District Council

CARRIED

9 FINANCE REPORTS

The LCLGA Board:

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

Moved: Robe District Council

Seconded: Wattle Range Council

CARRIED

10 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Limestone Coast Wine Show 2023 Sponsorship Request

The LCLGA Board:

1. LCLGA provides a contribution to the Limestone Coast Wine Show 2023 for the sum of \$2,500.

Moved: Wattle Range Council

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

10.2 Limestone Coast Sporting Ecosystem

The LCLGA Board:

1. Note the report and attached study and authorize the LCLGA to share this report with key stakeholders to commence a discussion on the future of the Academy and support for the types of structures found in other high performing sporting regions.

Moved: Wattle Range Council

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

10.3 Business Plan

The LCLGA Board:

1. Note the member approvals received for the LCLGA Business Plan and defer the final approval until August.

Moved: Wattle Range Council

Seconded: Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

10.4 Executive Officer Recruitment and Interim Executive Officer

The LCLGA Board:

1. Note the Out of Session approval to appoint Mr Colin Byles to the role of Interim Executive Officer of the LCLGA.
2. Appoint a committee with delegations to engage a Recruitment Firm and undertake the recruitment process.
3. That the committee for the appointment of a new Executive Officer of the LCLGA be:
 - Mayor Lynette Martin – City of Mount Gambier
 - Mayor Des Noll – Wattle Range Council
 - Ms Sarah Philpott – City of Mount Gambier
 - Mr Trevor Smart – Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

CARRIED

10.5 SAROC Business Plan

The LCLGA Board:

1. That each individual council provides feedback on the SAROC Business Plan directly to SAROC.
2. That each council provides feedback to the LCLGA Executive Officer so as to provide a summary for nominated LCLGA SAROC Representatives.

Moved: Wattle Range Council

Seconded: Robe District Council

CARRIED

10.6 City of Mount Gambier Request for advocacy for unfair requirements to access the Youth Allowance

The LCLGA Board:

1. Note the request from the City of Mount Gambier..
2. Approve the LCLGA to write to the relevant Ministers and Local Members to raise awareness of the issues as outline by the City of Mount Gambier.
3. Include the issue of regional student disadvantage in access the Youth Allowance as a matter for consideration when the LCLGA Advocacy Agenda is reviewed.

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: District Council of Grant

CARRIED

10.7 SLRP Report

The LCLGA Board:

1. Note the submissions made by Councils and supported by the LCLGA for SLRP Funding.

Moved: Naracoorte Lucindale Council

Seconded: Kingston District Council

CARRIED

10.8 Approved Officers and Delegations – Late Paper

Report tabled at the meeting and attached to the minutes.

Recommendation tabled at meeting and attached to the minutes.

The LCLGA Board:

1. Approve the delegations and banking signatories as detailed in the report.

Moved: Tatiara District Council

Seconded: District Council of Robe

CARRIED

11 LCLGA REPORTS

11.1 LCLGA President

President Martin's Report tabled at the meeting and attached to the minutes.

The LCLGA Board:

1. Accept the LCLGA President's Report.

Moved: City of Mount Gambier

Seconded: Wattle Range Council

11.2 Executive Officer's Report

The LCLGA Board:

1. Accept the LCLGA Executive Officer's Report.

Moved: Wattle Range Council

Seconded: Robe District Council

CARRIED

12 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

NIL

13 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

13.1 Local Government Association of South Australia

Verbal report from Mr Smith from the LGASA.

13.2 Regional Development Association Limestone Coast

Report from RDALC tabled at the meeting and attached to the minutes.

13.3 PIRSA

Verbal report from Ms Schilling from PIRSA. Summary notes tabled at the meeting and attached to the minutes.

13.4 University of SA

Verbal report from Mr McKay from UniSA.

14 OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Telstra CO Investment Proposal

Mr Patterson from Telstra requested the LCLGA Board to write to Ms Scriven, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development to seek confirmation of the State Government's commitment of \$5.6million investment to the project.

14.2 Outgoing Executive Officer Mr Wright receiving gift from LCLGA Board

Mr Wright was presented with a gift and a presentation from President Martin for the work he has done for the LCLGA for the last four years.

15 KEY DATES AND NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Date	Meeting	Location
20 th Jul 2023	SAROC and LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
11 th Aug 2023	LCLGA GM	Naracoorte-Lucindale Council
21 st Sep 2023	SAROC and LGA Board of Directors Meeting	LGA House, Adelaide
13 th Oct 2023	LCLGA GM	Kingston District Council
08 th Dec 2023	LCLGA GM	City of Mount Gambier
09 th Feb 2024	LCLGA AGM & GM	Wattle Range Council

16 NEXT MEETING

The next LCLGA General Meeting will be held at the Naracoorte Lucindale Council on Friday, 11th of August 2023. All apologies, please email to admin@lclga.sa.gov.au.

17 MEETING CLOSED

Meeting closed at 12.32pm

President's Signature

Date

8. LCLGA CORRESPONDENCE – to 12th June 2023

In/Out	Date	Subject	Name	Organisation
In	10/02/2023	INVITE: Limestone Coast Food and Beverage Plan Launch		LC Food & Agribusiness Cluster
In	20/02/2023	Coast Protection Board Engagement with Regions	Susan Taite	DEW
In	22/02/2023	Stand Like Stone Newsletter February 2023		Stand Like Stone Foundation
In	08/03/2023	South East Field Days Invitation		Landscape SA
In	09/03/2023	Funding opportunity: Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought		LC Food & Agribusiness Cluster
In	09/03/2023	LCLB: South East Field Days Invitation	Brad Perry	Grain Producers SA
In	14/03/2023	DFV Prevention Month Indigenous SAY NO to Domestic Violence, First Nations Women's & Men's Conferences in Cairns QLD		FRN
In	16/03/2023	Regional LGA attendance at the State/Local Government Economic Partnership Forum	David Whiterod	Office of Local Government
In	06/04/2023	You're Invited to the launch of the MJN Centre for Women's Sport	Mallory Peterson	ORSR
In	12/04/2023	Exporter update: changes to regulatory fees and charges	Various	Tech3
In	12/04/2023	GTFIH Managers Report March 2023	Scott Whicker	Green Triangle Forestry Industries Hub
In	12/04/2023	Launch of the Chambers' first Ask me Anything event		Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce
In	13/04/2023	Introduction and work being done in our regions around being resilient	Loraine Pitman	Resilient Ready
In	13/04/2023	JLT Public Sector Risk Report		LGRS Comms
In	13/04/2023	SATC: Monthly Insights Summary - March 2023	Mirandah Lang	SATC
In	14/04/2023	RDALC Funding Request for 2023/24	David Wheaton	RDALC
In	14/04/2023	South East Regional Connectivity Program Application - MOU	Michael Patterson	Telstra
In	24/04/2023	Limestone Coast Regional Plan - Visioning Workshop What We Heard and Next Steps	Jessica Porter	
In	24/04/2023	Local Government Emergency Management e-News - April 2023		Emergency Management
In	01/05/2023	SARTCF Meeting Agenda		Fleurieu Peninsula
In	03/05/2023	EM News - May 2023		SES:Emergency Management
In	03/05/2023	Proposed Presentation - Ombudsman SA - Cancellation and Proposed Rescheduling	John Simpson-Smith	OMB
In	11/05/2023	FW: Regional Newsletter: Activities for your mid-semester break and beyond	Ian McKay	University of South Australia
In	11/05/2023	Invitation - Health and Aged Care Symposium		Health Office for Ageing Well
In	11/05/2023	Vulnerable Children Media release	Paul Moore	ORSR
In	12/05/2023	2023 Business Awards presented by WiBRD & The Chamber at The Barn		Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce
In	17/05/2023	SACCA Subs for 2023-24	Adam Gray	SACCA
In	18/05/2023	Friends of Stand Like Stone Champion Grant Round Open		Stand Like Stone Foundation
In	22/05/2023	9th Rural and Remote Health Symposium: Hear from health research and policy leaders!		The National Rural Health Alliance
In	30/05/2023	Grant opportunity - Local Government Research and Development Scheme	Mathilda Thorsen	LGASA
In	01/06/2023	Initial Program release for the Regional SA Urban Sustainability Forum Friday 23 June 2023	Simon Millcock	
In	01/06/2023	SA Snippets June 2023		SATC
In	01/06/2023	Submission: SPG00019 - Acquittal form due		Smarty Grants
In	02/06/2023	Cultural Awareness Training	Mirandah Lang	SATC
In	02/06/2023	Kingston to the Cape - Annual Business Plan consultation & more		Kingston District Council
In	02/06/2023	National Summit Program		SEGRA Foundation
In	02/06/2023	SATC Marketing presentation	Mirandah Lang	SATC
In/Out	05/06/2023	Green Triangle Region Freight Action Plan Implementation Monitoring Group Meeting #32	Russell Troup	DIT
In/Out	05/06/2023	LGA / RLGA - Ways of working discussion	Clinton Jury	LGASA
In	05/06/2023	Limestone Coast Sport Careers Expo and Events	Michele Van Nierkerk	Flinders University
In	06/06/2023	Women in Sport Taskforce meeting minutes - 22 May 2023	Malloney Patterson	Women in Sport
In	07/06/2023	Nominations Are Open 2023 Business Awards		Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce
In	08/06/2023	Flinders NVI Newsletter June 2023		Flinders University
In	13/06/2023	Regional Digital Divide	Pas Forgione	SACOSS

10.7 Approved Officers and Delegations

BACKGROUND

To ensure a smooth continuity of business operations, we are seeking approval for the following:

- That the interim Executive Officer have the same delegations as the Executive Officer to progress projects and make decisions under the approved business plan and authorize expenditure in accordance with that plan.
- That the Destination Development Manager is an authorized signatory and Administrator within the BankSA Electronic Banking System, provided the expenditure has been approved first by the interim Executive Officer and the Destination Development Manager is satisfied that approval is within the Business Plan.
- Once the new Executive Officer is appointed or the interim Executive Officer has access to the banking systems, the senior officer will assume Administrator status in the system. Please note, the banking system Administrator cannot make any changes to users' access or any other approvals without a second approver for any changes, in the case the President, with the exception of suspending a user's access.
- Note that the current Banking approvers for the purposes of enabling EFTs is the President and the Destination Development Manager.
- That the interim Executive Officer is approved to become an authorized signatory within our banking system should it be considered by the President to be operationally expedient to do so.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the LCLGA Board:

1. Approve the delegations and banking signatories as detailed in this report.

Moved:

Seconded:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO LCLGA MEETING TO BE HELD ON 16 June 2023

Since the last LCLGA Board Meeting I have attended several Radiation Treatment Working Party meetings in the lead up to the tabling of the petition signed by some 16,000 Limestone Coast Residents plus 4,000 on line signatures.

A petition with more than 10,000 signatures presented to Parliament will trigger a Legislative Review Committee inquiry that will report on the matters contained in the petition for the attention of the relevant Minister.

That report will be presented to both Houses.

The responsible Minister in each House is then required to table a response and make a statement outlining what, if any, action is to be taken in relation to the petition.

After the media opportunity on the steps of Parliament House Members of the Working Party met with Minister Picton who re-affirmed his position that the \$4.3 million allocated for a facility will be spent on an upgrade to general Cancer facilities at the Mount Gambier Hospital.

In the meantime he has undertaken to have a study undertaken in relation to the feasibility of a Radiation Treatment Facility being located in Mount Gambier.

A Community Forum is being planned for Tuesday 25 July at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre to give the community the opportunity to hear from the working party, interested stakeholders, community leaders and to allow the community to have their say.

Most Members of the LCLGA travelled to Adelaide for the Ordinary General Meeting of the LGA, so we are all aware of the outcomes of Agenda items.

I travelled to Kimba for the SAROC Meeting held on Thursday 11 May. Mayor Noll attended the meeting virtually.

The Minutes of the meeting can be found on the LGA Website.

I think one of the major issues we are still looking to resolve is CEOs attendance at SAROC meetings, which used to happen but at the moment there is a question mark over this. The latest suggestion being that CEOs are invited to attend the meeting via zoom for the presentation of CEO reports only. The LCLGA is not in favour of this as we believe it is similar to CEOs attending Council Meetings with Mayors and we wish to have them in attendance.

LGA are reviewing the constitution and the Terms of Reference of SAROC - we really need to resolve these matters so that SAROC can continue to operate efficiently.

I sat in on the LGA Board Meeting until items in confidence.

There was discussion about the OGM and concern from some regional councils that the OGM was city centric. The meeting in April was affected by the Gather Round and the cost of accommodation.

LGA looking at how they can improve OGMs to be more engaging.

Climate Change was discussed and the Secretariat understand the urgency to get something together in relation to our areas of focus. You will see where this is addressed in the SAROC Business Plan.

Kimba District Council looked after us very well and Kimba was most interesting.

Visited the Australian Radiation Waste Agency, saw the amazing silos, their water catchment project which supplies water to their sporting grounds.

Their RV Park which had at least 100 vehicles staying when we were there.

For a population of just over 1000, I think Kimba punches above its weight.

CEO Sarah and I had a meeting with Premier Malinauskas last week in Adelaide and although this was in relation to the City of Mount Gambier, it provides an opportunity to promote the Limestone Coast Region because as we have said before, what is good for any one Council, provides benefit to us all.

Mayor Noll, CEOs Sarah Philpott, Trevor Smart and myself have been recruiting for our Acting CEO to replace Tony Wright when he leaves the organization today.

As you are all aware, we have employed Colin Byles for a period of four months from 12 June to fill this position and we offer Colin a warm welcome.

RDALC REPORT TO LCLGA

MARCH - APRIL 2023

ABOUT US

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast (RDALC) has evolved into the area's key regional development agency, focusing on the success and growth of businesses in the Limestone Coast. We do this by supporting and mentoring businesses in a way that maximises opportunities, reduces costs, and builds economic resilience.

RDALC provides a free one-on-one business support service for business owners. We help with starting and operating a business, including business plan development and review, licensing and registration, recruitment (including connection to job seekers and accessing the skilled migration program), and information on (and referral to) State and Australian Government programs and grants. We also assist with developing marketing and communications strategies, and help operators further their online presence.

RDALC also provides tailored support for businesses and organisations across our region that are seeking private investment as well as funding through grants. We provide economic impact analysis reports for applications, assist with the development of Information Memorandums and Investment Prospectus and assist with framing grant applications.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

From 1 March to 30 April 2023, **44** businesses/ organisations accessed RDALC's small business support services. A further **49** businesses/ organisations were supported in their applications for investment (grants and funding). This includes **7** not-for-profit organisations, **4** local councils, and **2** State Government agencies/bodies.

THE BIG PICTURE

To date this financial year, RDALC has provided support to a total of **341 businesses/organisations.**



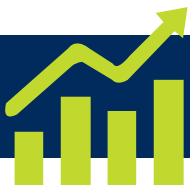
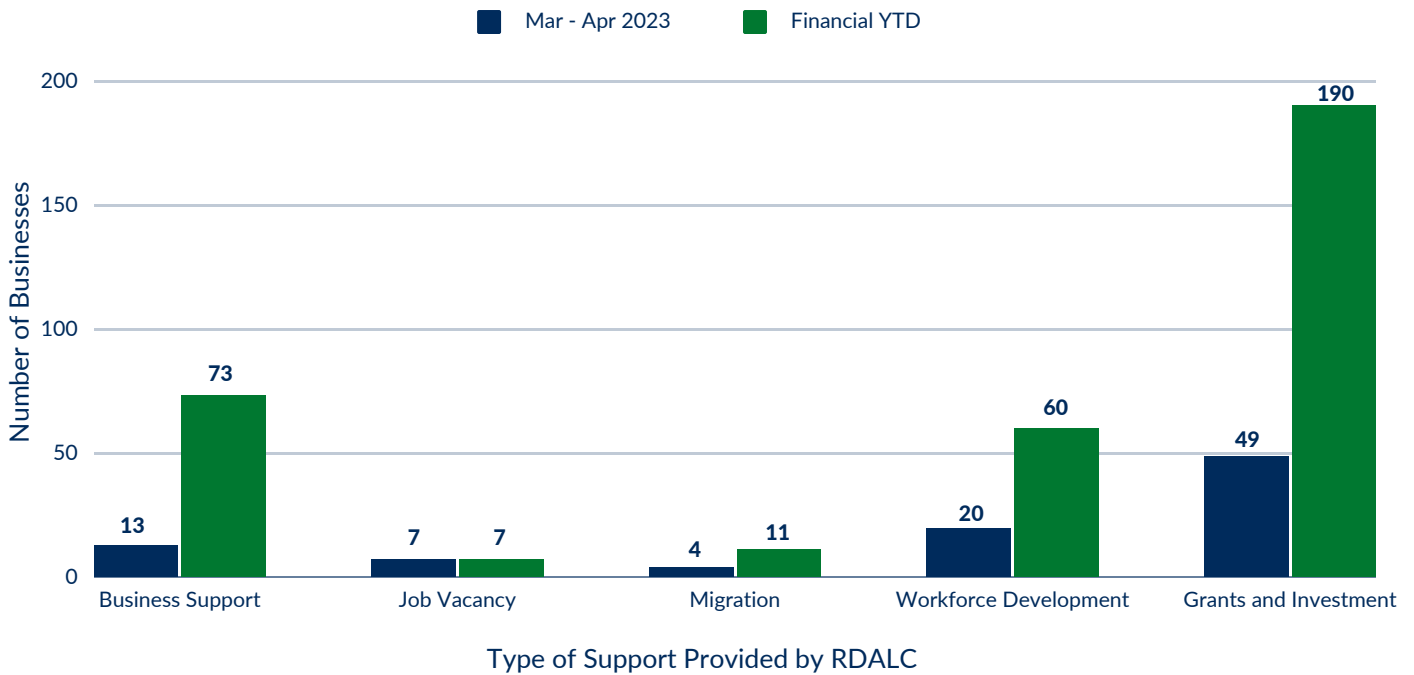
EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

On 30 March, RDALC delivered our Employer of Choice Workshop to 28 business owners, operators, and employees in leadership roles. At the full-day workshop, RDALC launched our Employer of Choice Toolkit and framework. The framework centres on the 5 Pillars that we believe are the hallmarks of an employer of choice: leadership and culture; modern operations; care and inclusion; recruitment and retention; and support, reward, and develop.

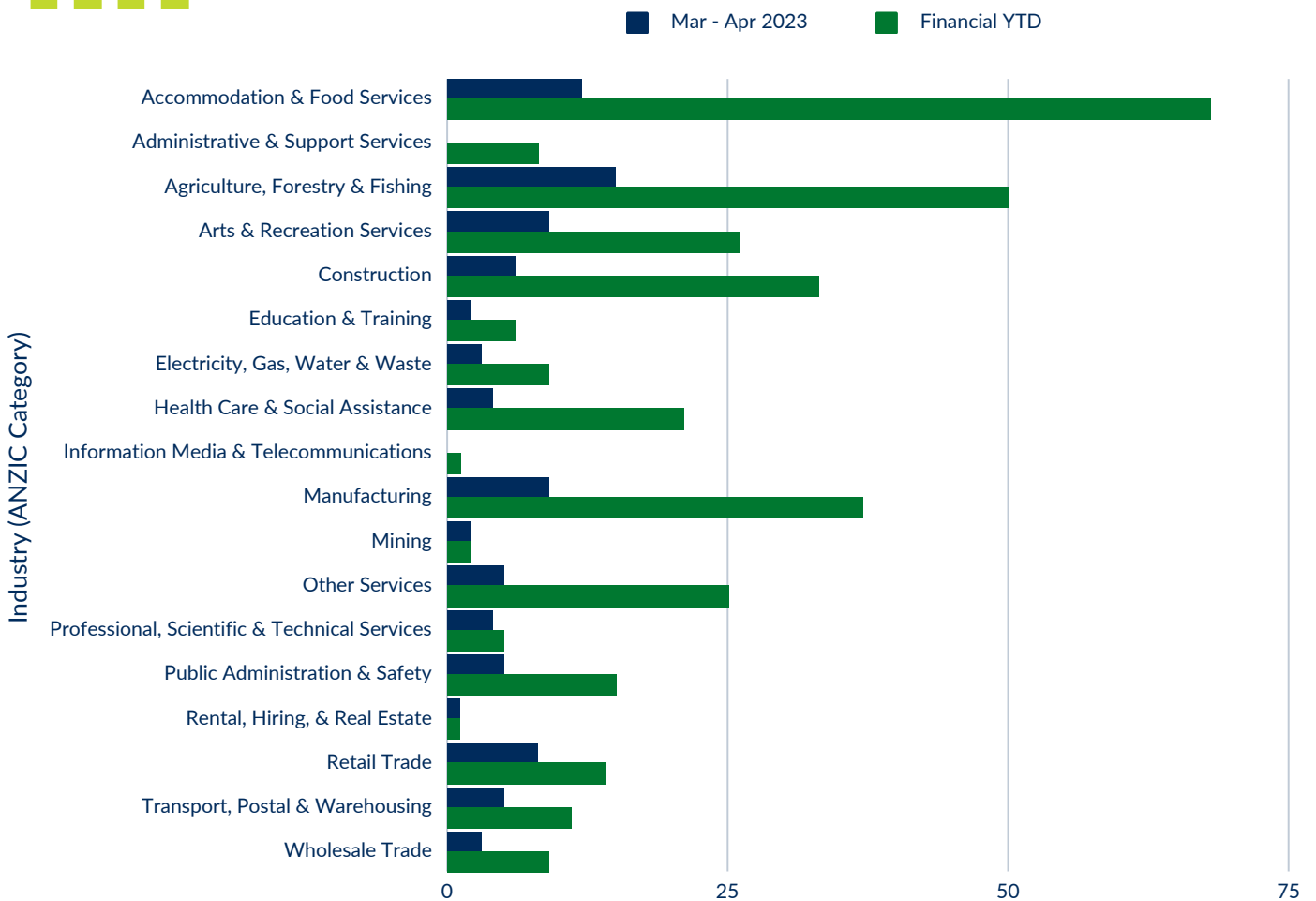
Di Ind and Karen Bryant assisted Rachael Ashman (RDALC) deliver the workshop, held at the newly opened Wulanda facility. The Employer of Choice Toolkit, along with other supporting documents, will soon be available on RDALC's website.



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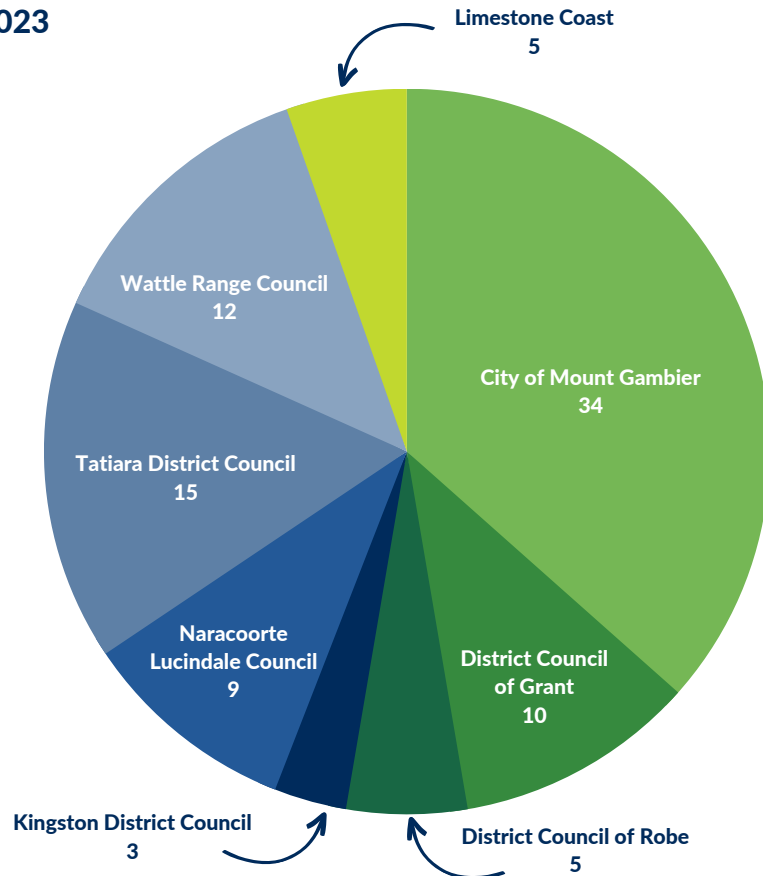
INDUSTRY RECEIVING RDALC SUPPORT



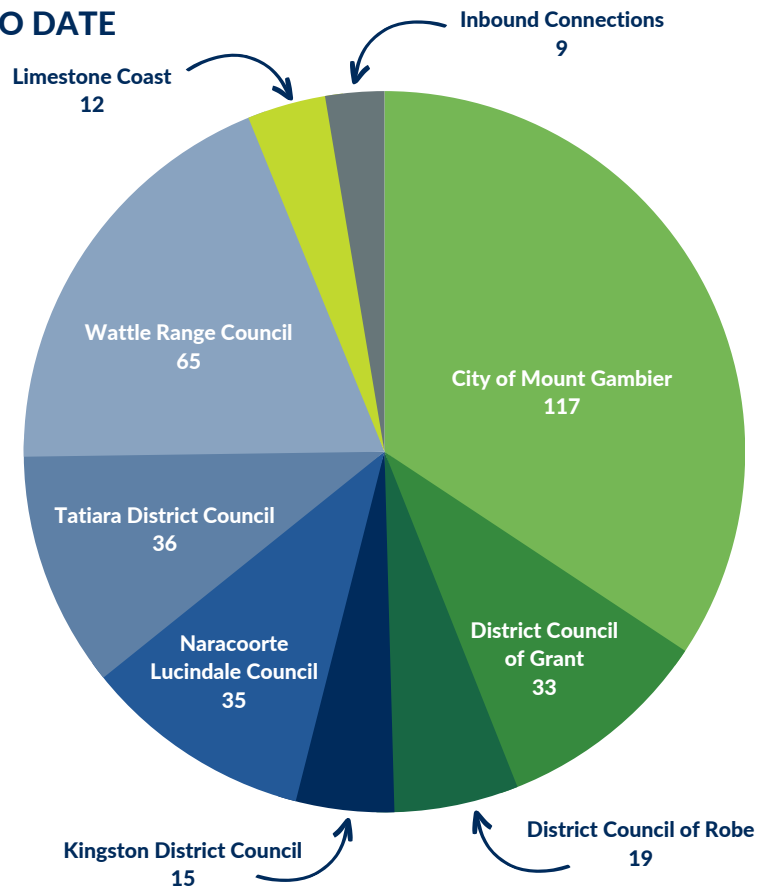


LOCATION OF BUSINESS RECEIVING SUPPORT

MARCH - APRIL 2023



FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE



Report from Jennifer Schillings - PIRSA

LC LGA meeting Friday 16th June 2023

Regional Coordinator Limestone Coast

- Commenced in the Regional Coordinator Limestone Coast PIRSA on 17 April 2023
- One of 7 regional coordinators across the State-

Key Roles of the regional coordinator position include: Linking to support Regional Economic Development; Policy advice and input; Regional intelligence and linkages to PIRSA and other agencies; Identification and facilitation of opportunities for collaboration and delivery of projects to support regional Development objectives

PIRSA Update

SA Ag Town of the year voting open

- The Ag town of the Year award highlights the importance of developing and maintaining a strong and vibrant Agricultural sector in SA.
- 49 towns nominated– towns nominated in the Limestone Coast include Bordertown, Kalangadoo, Kingston, Lucindale, Naracoorte, Penola and Robe
- Voting open now- the Top ten towns will be announced on **Monday 3 July** – an independent panel will select 3 finalists towns. These towns will move forward to the town visits stage of the competition.
- [South Australian Agricultural Town of the Year Award | Vote \(solsticemedia.com.au\)](https://solsticemedia.com.au)

Sheep and Goat eID

- The National start date for eID implementation is 1 January 2025.
- The eID system for sheep and goats is focussed on improved traceability, supporting a quick and efficient biosecurity response if a disease such as foot and mouth occurs in Australia.
- A state Federal funding package has been announced that will support critical infrastructure across the supply chain and provide eID tag subsidies for livestock producers.
- Stage one of the investment by the State and Federal Governments involves a 50% per tag subsidy in 2023–24 and 2024–25 for newborn lambs and kids, to encourage early adoption that aligns with the national start date.
- Essential infrastructure required for implementation of eID across the supply chain will be subsidised by 75%.
- There is a requirement for all sheep and goats leaving property to be tagged with eID by 1 January 2027.

Cross Border Commissioner

- Liz McKinnon appointed earlier this year as SA's first Cross Border Commissioner – a key outcome for the role is to make it easier to do business and improve liveability across State Borders.
- The role includes providing advice to Government on cross border intersections as well as brokering solutions between other parties where appropriate.

Cropping outlook

- The Bureau of Meteorology has issued an El Nino watch for the coming season.

- no substantial change predicted to the crop mix for 2023–24 season,
- continues to be a gradual reduction in barley area sown, which is mainly being replaced by wheat. There is also a slight increase expected in plantings of lentils across the state
- Hay production areas are expected to increase slightly compared to last season.
- Grain production for 2023–24 is estimated to be 8.8 million tonnes, based on the assumption of yield being close to the 10-year average.

Thriving Communities Fund

- \$600,000 fund aimed at facilitating small projects (Social resilience, Community participation and access) – including initiatives such as improved infrastructure, plant and equipment, access to services and programs or events with wellbeing outcomes
- grants ranging from \$20,000 to \$50,000 under the Thriving Communities Program are available until 30 June 2023, unless the full funding amount has been allocated beforehand
- 3 projects funded in the Limestone Coast
 1. The Glencoe Woolshed Branch, National Trust towards construction of upgraded toilets including disabled toilet facilities (\$36,000)
 2. Naracoorte District Men's Shed for stage two of its new engine shed (\$21,000)
 3. Millicent Golf Club for wheelchair and disabled access works (\$28,802)
- No information available as yet if the fund will be open in 2023/2024
- Many applications received to date - no guarantee that funds won't be expended by 30 June 2023

Fox Bounty

- program established in 2021 includes a \$10 payment for each fox destroyed
- Since the inception of the program, 30 fox bounty collection events have been held across the state, including four in May at Keith, Kingston, Tantanoola and Naracoorte.
- 70% of scalps (of the 16,000 collected to date) are from the Limestone Coast
- Program evaluation will be undertaken at the completion of the program to guide possible future options

New SA Seafood Industry Peak body

- In May the State Government announced that it is providing \$300,000 to establish **Seafood Industry South Australia Incorporated**. Key figures within the seafood industry have been advocating for a voice that represents the common interests of all seafood sectors, including wild catch, aquaculture, fish processors and retailers.
- The new peak body will be industry-led and independent and will work with the State Government and stakeholders to represent the needs and interests of the SA seafood industry.

Opera House Yabby nets banned from June 30 across SA- Announcement made in Mid April

- The ban follows research and consultation with the key recreational fishing stakeholder groups- the ban is to protect platypus, tortoise and native water rats.
- The ban in SA will bring consistency with policies in Western Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, the ACT and Tasmania — who have already banned the nets. Queensland allows use of the nets only in limited areas, where platypus or at-risk animals are not located.
- The ban impacts all fishers – both recreational and commercial.