



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, Tatiara District Council, District Council of Grant, Kingston District Council, Naracoorte Lucindale Council, District Council of Robe, & Wattle Range Council.

**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**LCLGA AGM & General Meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2024**  
**hosted by the Wattle Range District Council**

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**AGM SUMMARY**

1. Thank you to Mayor Martin OAM and Mayor Des Noll for fulfilling the roles of President and Vice President respectfully for the from February 2023 to February 2024.
2. Congratulations to Mayor Lynette Martin (City of Mount Gambier) who has been successfully nominated unopposed to the President's role for the LCLGA from the 2024 AGM to the 2025 AGM.
3. Congratulations to Mayor Liz Goossens (Tatiara District Council) who has been successfully in winning the Vice President's Role from the 2024 AGM to the 2025 AGM.
4. The LCLGA will undertake tender process for new Auditors as of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. This will be for a 5 year tender ending 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2029.
5. Mayor Martin and Mayor Goossens are the Limestone Coast representatives to SAROC as of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**GENERAL MEETING SUMMARY**

1. Meeting opened by LCLGA Board President Mayor Lynette Martin OAM and welcomed by Mayor Des Noll OAM of Wattle Range Council.
2. Mayor Des Noll OAM updated us on a number of events in Wattle Range Council including:
  - Capital Expenditure of \$10.4 Million.
  - Millicent Swimming Lake re-development.
  - Stormwater construction in Penola.
  - Cancer Service Centre
  - Unsealed \ Sealed Road Works
  - Way finder Infrastructure
3. The Board received presentations/information from:
  - a. **Mr Michael Patterson, Team Telstra**

A written report was provided outside of the meeting from Michael.

    - (i) Telstra is working with the Commonwealth on the Regional Connectivity Program Round 3 contract and will then work with the State and Local Governments.

- (ii) Michael will circulate a template agreement for local governments to review and for feedback.
- (iii) Councils budgeting funds for phone towers will be required around June 2026.
- (iv) Telstra is currently building 4 mobile sites in the Limestone Coast: Greenways expected April 2024, Colebatch expected May 2024, Furner expected July 2024 and Cape Jaffa shortly into the new financial year. Still going through planning.
- (v) A Universal Services Obligation Discussion Paper was shared.

**b) Sarah Wozniak – LGA Senior Policy Officer (Native Vegetation)**

Sarah spoke to a Power Point that she presented at the meeting, the Power Point has been distributed.

- (i) Sarah is working on reviewing legislation around roadside and native vegetation.
- (ii) She is seeking parties to work with around Case Studies and Actions for policy including Roadside Vegetation, Bushfire Mitigation, Legislative Interaction & Models of practice.

**c) Mr Andrew Lamb Director of Advocacy, Local Government Association of SA (LGASA)**

Mr Lamb updated the LCLGA Board on developments at LGASA.

- i) Spoke about the reports provided in 'Members Services Report'.
- ii) Lead discussion on cost shifting and gathering data on its impact to Councils.

**d) Outside Organisations**

**Ms Jennifer Schilling, Department of Primary Industries & Regions, SA (PIRSA)**

- i) Ms Schilling updated the LCLGA Board on events happening at PIRSA. This included \$15million investment over 10 years for the Forestry Centre of Excellence.
- ii) Regional Precinct Partnership Fund (assessment in December 2023).
- iii) We are Waiting on the Enabling Infrastructure Program being run by PIRSA.

**Hon Nick McBride MP – Member for MacKillop**

Hon Nick McBride MP provided updates on:

- i) Housing Shortage in Limestone Coast and Road Signage.
- ii) Invited LCLGA Board Members to call him directly to inform him of important matters they would like him to discuss with the Premier Peter Malinauskas.

## **Mr David Wheaton CEO - Regional Development Association Limestone Coast**

Mr David Wheaton provided a written report:

- i) To date this financial year the RDALC has provided support to 297 business/organisations across the Limestone Coast.
- ii) There have been 239 Projects in the Investment Pipeline Summary Report up until 31/12/2023 with a 3.31 Billion investment.

### **4. The LCLGA Board considered and discussed the following at the meeting:**

- a. The Finance Report included:
  - i) Changes to the income being higher for interest earned from \$10000.00 to \$30000.00
  - ii) Variation to the LCRDA funding to align with 2023/24 Actual costs.
  - iii) Short term increase to the lease vehicles budget to end a Vehicle Lease (leading to savings of around \$3000), on a vehicle that is no longer required.
- b. LCLGA Meeting Dates for 2024 were updated and endorsed.
- c. LCLGA Executive Officer provided a discussion paper on subscription format, including alternative models and presented these to the Board.
- d. Eyes on Eyre Project was discussed to gauge interest for a Limestone Coast approach to a similar model. The Executive Officer will provide more information on resourcing and costing to the next meeting.
- e. Project update reports were provided on Tourism/Destination Development, Connected & Active Communities & The Limestone Coast Regional Sporting Academy to the LCLGA Board.
- f. The Board have requested that consultants Marsden and Jacobs provide return brief scoping document to support the next steps around the Materials and Waste project.
- g. The LCLGA Mayors are concerned around the Country Health Connect Services and Health services in general across the Limestone Coast and will be forming a united delegation to meet the Health Minister.

Further information is available by contacting Mr Adrian Maywald, Executive Officer Ph: 0400 829 348

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