

MINUTES FROM THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOUTH EAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE CIVIC AND ARTS CENTRE SUPPER ROOM, MILLICENT ON FRIDAY 14TH AUGUST 2015.



MEETING OPEN: 10.04am

Wattle Range Council Mayor Peter Gandolfi welcomed SELGA to Millicent, and highlighted the diversity and value of the Wattle Range Council area.

1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

1.1 Present

SELGA Vice President	Mayor Richard Sage
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Andrew Lee Cr Penny Richardson Cr Ian Von Stanke
District Council of Grant	Cr Brian Collins
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Peter Gandolfi
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Cr Scott McLachlan
Kingston District Council	Mayor Reg Lyon
District Council of Robe	Cr Harvey Nolan
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell Cr Robert Mock

1.2 In Attendance

SELGA	Ms Ann Aldersey (Executive Officer)
City of Mount Gambier	Mr Mark McShane (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Peter Harriott (CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mr Steve Bourne (Acting CEO)
Kingston District Council	Mr Andrew MacDonald (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr Roger Sweetman (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Mr Rob Harkness (CEO)

1.3 Guests and Observers

Local Government Association SA	Ms Lisa Teburea (Director Planning and Development)
Natural Resources South East	Mr Nick McIntyre (Manager Public Lands and Sustainable Landscapes) Dr Raelene Mibus (Senior Coast and Marine Officer)
SELGA	Mr Tony Elletson (Starclub Field Officer) Mrs Michaela Bell (SELGA Project Administrator) Mr Rob Forgan (Regional Community Road Safety Officer)
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (Office of Local Government)	Ms Alex Hart (Acting Manager, Office of Local Government)
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr Richard Vickery (Chair) Ms Alice Macleod (Administration Officer)
SELGA Media	Mr Alan Richardson
City of Mount Gambier	Cr Des Mutton

1.4 Apologies

SELGA President	Mayor Erika Vickery
Minister for Local Government and Regional Development	Hon Geoff Brock MP
Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP Mr Travis Fatchen (Electorate Officer)
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager – Limestone Coast)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Dr Helen Macdonald (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Cr Kay Rasheed
District Council of Robe	Mayor Peter Riseley
Wattle Range Council	Cr Rob Dycer
SELGA	Mrs Biddie Shearing (Tourism Industry Development Manager)
Coorong District Council	Mayor Neville Jaensch Vincent Cammell (CEO)
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr Mike Ryan (CEO)

Moved, City of Mount Gambier;

Seconded, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That the apologies be accepted.”

CARRIED

2.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil.

3.0 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- 3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the June SELGA General Meeting held at Mount Gambier on Friday 12th June 2015

Moved, City of Mount Gambier; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That the Minutes of the SELGA General Meeting held on 12 June 2015 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

CARRIED

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5.0 ACTION SHEET

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Inwards and Outwards

Correspondence register to 3 August 2015.

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, Tatiara District Council

“That correspondence be received and noted by SELGA delegates.”

CARRIED

Dr Raelene Mibus provided an update to the Board regarding the two coastal projects being delivered through partnership with SELGA and Natural Resources South East.

Moved, Wattle Range Council; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA receive the update on the coastal projects, and thank Dr Raelene Mibus and Mr Nick McIntyre of Natural Resources South East for their presentation.”

CARRIED

7.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

7.1 SELGA Annual Report 2014-2015

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, District Council of Robe

“That SELGA endorse the Annual Report 2014-2015.”

CARRIED

7.2 SELGA Project Work Plans

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA endorse the SELGA Work Plans 2015 – 2016 for the following programs: Tourism Industry Development Officer, Regional Waste Management Coordinator, Regional Community Road Safety Officer, STARCLUB Field Officer, Limestone Coast Regional Trails & Regional Planning Alliance Project.”

CARRIED

7.3 Local Nuisance and Litter Control Bill 2015

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA:

- 1. Note the consultation on the draft *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Bill 2015*; and**
- 2. Endorse the submission of a regional response to the draft *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Bill 2015* by SELGA by 21st August 2015.”**

CARRIED

7.4 RDA Limestone Coast Annual Business Plan 2015-16

Moved, District Council of Robe; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA:

- 1. Note and receive the draft Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast Annual Business Plan 2015-16;**

2. Endorse the combined Constituent Council feedback for presentation to Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast.”

CARRIED

7.5 SELGA Nominees to the RDA Limestone Coast Board

Moved, City of Mount Gambier; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA nominate Mayor Andrew Lee to the Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast Board.”

CARRIED

8.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

8.1 Recruitment of SELGA Executive Officer

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, District Council of Robe

“That SELGA:

1. Pursuant to Section 3.6.16 of the SELGA Charter, and Sections 90(2) and 90(3) (a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Association orders that the public, with the exception of

Mr Mark McShane (City of Mount Gambier)
Mr Trevor Smart (District Council of Grant)
Mr Peter Harriott (Wattle Range Council)
Mr Steve Bourne (Naracoorte Lucindale Council)
Mr Andrew MacDonald (Kingston District Council)
Mr Roger Sweetman (District Council of Robe)
Mr Rob Harkness (Tatiara District Council)
Ms Ann Aldersey (SELGA)

be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider and discuss in confidence Item 8.1 SELGA Acting Executive Officer; and

2. Is satisfied that the principle that meetings of SELGA 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.”

CARRIED

Moved, Naracoorte Lucindale Council; **Seconded**, District Council of Grant

“That SELGA:

1. Engage Tracy Tzioutziouklaris of the City of Mount Gambier as Acting Executive Officer for the period 20 August to 30 September 2015;
2. Enter into a Secondment Agreement with the City of Mount Gambier to formalise the arrangements for the secondment period; and
3. Delegate finalisation of the agreement to SELGA Vice President Mayor Richard Sage.”

CARRIED

The Position Description is to be amended to clarify reporting arrangements to SELGA via the SELGA President.

Moved, City of Mount Gambier; **Seconded**, Wattle Range Council

“That the meeting move out of confidence.”

CARRIED

8.2 Trails Master Plan Implementation Project Update

8.3 Website and Branding Project – Update

8.4 Bin Tagging Project – Completion Report

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

“That SELGA receive and note the Reports.”

CARRIED

9.0 NOTICE OF MOTIONS

9.1 Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Regional Manager Positions – District Council of Grant

Moved, District Council of Grant; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA raise the issue of the importance of Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Regional Manager Positions with the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils, and seek further action by all regional local government areas.”

CARRIED

9.2 Regional Health Services – City of Mount Gambier

Moved, City of Mount Gambier; **Seconded**, Wattle Range Council

“That SELGA note the concerns regarding the cuts to health services in the Limestone Coast, particularly palliative care and obstetrics, and on behalf of the region advocate for the retention of health funding and services.”

CARRIED

9.3 Closure of Limestone Coast Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre– City of Mount Gambier

Moved, City of Mount Gambier; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA:

- 1. Review the closure of Karobran New Life Centre drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility, seeking opportunities whereby the centre or a similar facility can be retained to provide services to the Limestone Coast community;**
- 2. Engage with relevant stakeholders on this matter, including but not limited to South Australian Health Services, Non Government Organisations and other Service Providers;**
- 3. Convene a small working party, incorporating available expertise to assist SELGA on this matter.**

4. **Prepare a report to be submitted to all constituent Councils for consideration as an extremely urgent matter.”**

CARRIED

The City of Mount Gambier, District Council of Grant and Naracoorte Lucindale Council will nominate staff to join the working party.

- 9.4 Candidates' Disclosure of Political Affiliation – Proposal to Amend Legislation – Wattle Range Council

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

“That SELGA provide feedback to the LGA SA that the Region is not in support of an amendment to the *Local Government (Elections) Act 1999* that requires all candidates for election to Local Government to disclose their memberships of political parties.”

CARRIED

10.0 REPORTS

10.1 SELGA President's Report

Mayor Sage highlighted the importance of ensuring the region has close connection with the LGA SA and the range of meetings and initiatives that engage councils at a State level. It is important that councils are aware of the initiative regarding growing capacity in regions through employment, and can direct how this is achieved, particularly through the investment in infrastructure and use of local contractors.

10.2 SELGA Executive Officer's Report

Ann Aldersey highlighted three further items in addition to the written report:

1. Primary Industries and Regions is coordinating regional efforts to prepare and respond to potential dry climatic conditions during spring 2015 and beyond. Local Government has an important role to play in supporting community and government initiatives.
2. The region is hosting a Meet the Buyer event, in partnership with the Office of the Industry Advocate. The event is to bring together State and Local Government procurers with local suppliers and contractors, to encourage local competitiveness with government tenders.
3. Following the meeting to coordinate preparation to host incoming trade delegations, a Working Party has been formed. The Working Party will provide an update to the Limestone Coast Economic Diversification Group on Friday 21st August, and will meet on Wednesday 26th August. The region will work with the LGA SA in the preparation of protocols to assist intra and inter regional communication and preparation.

10.3 Local Government Association of SA

Lisa Teburea, Director Planning and Development, highlighted a number of items:

1. The LGA SA has appointed a new CEO, Mr Matt Pinnegar, who will commence on 7th September 2015.
2. The LGA will be coordinating regional consultation on the planning reform legislation, in partnership with Wallmans Lawyers.
3. The LGA SA is preparing for the incoming trade delegation from China in September, and a China Engagement Strategy.

10.4 **Office of Local Government**

Ms Alex Hart, Acting Manager Office of Local Government with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure provided an update:

1. Minister Brock has introduced the Local Government (Accountability and Governance) Amendment Bill 2015 into parliament for debate in September.
2. There is a review of the legislation and regulation governing Local Government elections, which includes release of information regarding political affiliations and Elected Member Code of Conduct.
3. The Office of Local Government is currently considering boundary reform issues and delivery of regional services through legislative reform. The OLG is working with the LGA SA, with a view to introducing new legislation next year.

10.5 **Report from SELGA Tourism Industry Development Manager**

Biddie Shearing

10.6 **Report from SELGA Starclub Field Officer**

Tony Elletson

10.7 **Report from SELGA Regional Community Road Safety Officer**

Rob Forgan

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

“That the reports from the SELGA President, SELGA Executive Officer, Local Government Association SA, Office of Local Government, Tourism Industry Development Manager, Starclub Field Officer and Community Road Safety Officer be received and noted.”

CARRIED

11.0 **FINANCIAL**

11.1 **Accounts for Payment & Profit and Loss Statement**

Moved, Wattle Range Council; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

1. **“That Income from 1 June to 30 June 2015 totalling \$489,929.70, and Payments from 1 June to 30 June 2015 totalling \$412,486.99 and as listed in EFT/Eps to be authorised for payment.**
2. **That Income from 1 July to 31 July 2015 totalling \$33,272.10 and Payments from 1 July to 31 July 2015 totalling \$108,307.60 and as listed in EFT/Eps to be authorised for payment.**
3. **The Profit and Loss Statement for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 July 2015 be received and noted.”**

CARRIED

12.0 **OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

12.1 **Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast**

Mr Richard Vickery (Chair) provided an update on:

1. Regional meeting on dry time preparedness;
2. The Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund – the RDA has supported 4 applications, to be announced in September.

3. The TradeStart Advisor Bruce Rodda is now based at the Mt Gambier office.
4. The Regional Development Fund – Major Projects Stream is open and RDA is able to support applications.
5. The Ag-Insight Website is due to be launched, which provides comprehensive information and data relevant to agricultural industries.

Moved, District Council of Robe; **Seconded**, Naracoorte Lucindale Council

“That SELGA receives and note the Report.”

CARRIED

13.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Refer to Item 7.5

14.0 MEETING CLOSED 12.25 p.m.

<p>The next SELGA General Meeting is to be held in District Council of Grant on Friday 9 October 2015. Acceptances and apologies to SELGA Executive Officer Ann Aldersey Phone 87231057 or Email eo@selga.sa.gov.au</p>
