

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, HELD AT THE ROBE GOLF COURSE, ROBE ON FRIDAY 7TH April 2017

10.05am President's Welcome

Welcome by Wattle Range Council Mayor Peter Riseley

- Mayor Peter Riseley welcomed all members to the District Council of Robe and thanked them for their attendance.
- Spoke about his concerns around climate change and the State and Federal Government approach to. Urged LCLGA Member councils to pursue climate change goals and urged the state and federal government to do the same. He signed a "Climate Emergency Declaration" in front of members stating his commitment to a society-wide mobilisation to fully address the climate crisis.
- Mayor Riseley introduced Mr Jamie Aitken who has been integral in organized the upcoming Robe Chinese Festival to be held on the 6th & 7th May 2017
 - Series of events designed to bring Chinese business interests in contact with the Limestone Coast to develop better trade and cultural exchanges.
 - Re-enactment of the Great walk taken by Chinese migrants from Robe to the central Victorian goldfields of Ararat, Bendigo and Ballarat. 2017 marks the 160th Anniversary of the first of these treks undertaken by the Chinese migrants.
 - Creation of a permanent memorial to the early Chinese migrants: The Welcome Gate (Pai Fang). The permanent structure will lay the foundation for future collaboration in business, culture and friendship.
 - Dragon Boat Racing, local chefs creating chinse food, with local produce and with Limestone coast wines.
 - Extensive media distribution.

Guest Speakers:

Adam Wilson, CEO, Essential Services Commission of SA (ESCOSA)

- The Essential Services Commission of South Australia is an independent statutory authority with regulatory functions in a range of essential services including water, sewerage, electricity, gas, rail and maritime services, and a general advisory function on regulatory and economic matters.
- Board of 5, Employs 24 FTE's
- Copy of Strategic Plan 2017-2020 located [here](#).
- Residual Roles in energy regulation, Water regulation is currently a main focus area.
- ESCOSA is the economic regulator for six commercial ports in South Australia. ESCOSA is the Regulator for South Australia's Intra-State Rail Access regime as set out in the Railways (Operations and Access) Act 1997 and South Australia's Rail access regime as set out in the Australasia Railway (Third Party Access) Act 1999.
- ESCOSA is the administrator of the REES scheme. The Retailer Energy Efficiency Scheme (REES) is a South Australian Government energy efficiency scheme that provides incentives for South Australian households and businesses to save energy.
- Economic Regulator
 - established consumer protection frameworks to promote the delivery of service levels valued by consumers at an efficient cost.
 - keep regulated businesses accountable by monitoring and publicly reporting on service standards and regulatory requirements.
 - Setting the Rules of the game - deliver impartial, credible and robust regulatory and economic advice
- Formal public inquiries Examples: Eyre Peninsular Electricity Supply (Reliability and Quality of Supply) and SA Bulk Grain Supply Chain Costs.
- New report due out soon on the burden of Regulatory reporting, considering if single point reporting is possible. More targeted reporting, customer focused, calibrated approach.
- Committed to engaging genuinely with stakeholders to achieve the best possible decisions and build understanding of economic and regulatory issues.

- Committed to engaging with Local Government, offer to come to the region and meet with councils individually or together.
- ESCOSA issues Electricity Generation Licenses see further information [here](#) – Can assist with planning for Future Energy Needs for economic development/ Off grid energy generation– can assist with advice on what would be required to develop localised energy generation, what does it take to do each of the different options.
- Questions and discussion on:
 - small township supply and the burden of regulatory reporting
 - Increased Electricity prices
 - Recent catastrophic events
 - Electricity infrastructure security risk

Mr Tony Pasin MP

- Pocket NEM provides a quick way for a trader to see what is happening in the Australian National Energy Market. Information at their website [here](#).
- Building Better Regions Fund has now closed.
- Smarter Cities Programs - Urged LC LGA and Councils to consider innovative projects with use of technology, all projects need to be unique and not have been done in region before.
- Princes Highway \$1billion funding, road controlled by SA Govt.
- Successful LC Drug Action Team Funding of \$40,000, LCLGA is looking to be a funding partner.
- Northern SE Flows Project \$60million project funded by Federal Govt.

MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

1.1 Present

LC LGA President	Mayor Erika Vickery
City of Mount Gambier	Cr Penny Richardson (Proxy)
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Peter Gandolfi Cr Robert Dycer
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Cr Scott McLachlan
Kingston District Council	Mayor Reg Lyon Cr Kay Rasheed
District Council of Robe	Mayor Peter Riseley
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell Cr Robert Mock

1.2 In Attendance

LC LGA	Mr Dominic Testoni (EO)
City of Mount Gambier	Ms Barbara Cernovskis (Acting CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gower (CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Ms Fiona Stringer (Director Corporate Services)
District Council of Robe	Mr Roger Sweetman (CEO)
Tatiara District Council	Mr Robert Harkness (CEO)

1.3 Guests and Observers

Local Government Association SA	Mr Stephen Smith (Director – Policy)
Federal Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
District Council of Robe	Cr Harvey Nolan



LC LGA	Mrs Biddie Shearing (Tourism Industry Development Manager) Mr Rob Forgan (Regional Community Road Safety Officer) Mrs June Saruwaka (Regional Waste Management Coordinator) Ms Mae Steele (Executive Support Officer)
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr David Wheaton (CEO) Mr Alan Richardson (Deputy Chair)
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager – Limestone Coast)
Essential services Commission SA	Mr Adam Wilson (CEO)

1.4 Apologies

Local Government Association SA	Ms Lisa Teburea (Director Planning and Development)
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP Mr Travis Fatchen (Office Manager)
Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure	Alex Hart (Manager - Office of Local Government)
Coorong District Council	Cr Peter Wright Mayor Neville Jaensch Mr Ben Jarvis
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Dr Helen Macdonald (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Mr Andrew MacDonald
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Andrew Lee Cr Hanna Persello Mr Mark McShane (CEO)
LC LGA	Mrs Michaela Bell (Project Manager) Mr Tony Elletson (STARCLUB Field Officer)

“That the apologies be accepted.”

Moved, District Council of Robe

Seconded, Kingston District 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

3.0 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

3.1 Confirmation of the Minutes of the December LC LGA General Meeting held in the City of Mount Gambier on Friday 10th February 2017.

“That the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held on 10th February 2017 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”

Moved, Kingston District Council

Seconded, Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Business arising from the Minutes of the General Meeting, 10th February 2017.



5.0 ACTION SHEET

As tabled.

6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Inwards and Outwards

Correspondence register to 31st March 2017

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 Grant **Seconded**, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

7.0 REPORTS

7.1 LC LGA President's Report

Mayor Erika Vickery

- Building Better Regions Peer Review process 21st February, 13th & 21st March
- RDALC Meetings 13th, 16th & 20th February and 2nd March
- Limestone Coast Community Services Round Table 14th February
- Senator Anne Rustin Sunday 19th February with EO and Mayor Gandolfi
- Limestone Coast Wellness Project – Letter from Premier – Re: Unsuccessful Funding. Discussions continuing with Dept of Premier and Cabinet about project.
- SA Regional Organisation of Councils meeting – 16th March 2017 at LGA House
 - Guest speaker, Ms Karyn Kent, CEO, [Study Adelaide](#) – regarding Temporary Graduate Visas and the Employer Portal.
 - Recommendations to LGA Board which were supported included
 - Council's contribution to E-Planning Portal
 - Advocate for Federal Mobile Black Spot Program
 - Council DPTI Jetty Agreements
- ABC Radio Interview on Rate Capping
- Attended the NCCARF National Climate Change Research Facility Adaption Briefing Session at the Lakes Resort on 5th April. Briefing on practical resources on the science of climate change.

7.1.1 LGA Board

- (i) Key Outcomes of LGA Board Meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2017

7.1.2 SAROC

- (ii) Minutes of SAROC Meeting held on Thursday 16th March 2017.

7.2 Local Government Association of SA

Stephen Smith – Director Policy

- Regional Planning
- Rate Capping
- LGA SA AGM & Showcase. More Information [here](#)
- Future Towns and Cities Funding Programs, LGA willing to come out to regions to work with councils on projects
- Public Housing – effect on rates revenue
- Presentation on LG Awareness Campaign 20700
- Jetty Leasing



7.3 Report from LC LGA Starclub Field Officer

- Executive Officer spoke about the potential to develop a Regional Sporting Academy

7.4 Report from LC LGA Tourism Industry Development Manager

Biddie Shearing (verbal report, refer to Recommendation reports 8.6 & 8.7)

- Famils Program as a result of Trade event attendance at ATE, several in region including SATC hosting AOT (large Wholesalers) today and tonight, German Wholesalers in the region. Linked to Melbourne to Adelaide Touring Route, Kangaroo Island, Flinders Ranges.
- Hong Kong Journalist in region Thursday 13th April 2017.

7.5 Report from LC LGA Regional Community Road Safety Officer

Rob Forgan

- Rotary Safe Drivers Campaign
- Party – Preventing Alcohol Related Road Trauma in Youth Program
- Car Pooling Phone App – looking at further use, talking with Country Arts

7.6 Report from LC LGA Regional Waste Management Coordinator

June Saruwaka

- Schools Waste Reduction and Recycling Program. 6 participating from 9 registrations. Problems with waste collection from some locations. 25% reduction.
- KESAB Container Recycling Grant. 16 Clubs engaged.
- Waste Strategic Plan and Infrastructure Plan being developed.

7.7 Report from LC LGA Project Manager

- As tabled

“That the reports from the LC LGA President, Local Government Association SA, Office of Local Government, Starclub Field Officer, Community Road Safety Officer, Regional Waste Management Coordinator and Project Manager be received and noted.”

Moved, District Council of Robe

Seconded, Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

8.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS

8.1 Regional Planning Expression of Interest

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Authorise the Executive Officer to prepare and submit an Expression of Interest to take part in the Pilot Program by the due date

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

CARRIED

8.2 Motor Accident Commission Pilot Extension

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Authorise the President of the LCLGA to sign the Contract Extension.



Moved, District Council of Robe

Seconded, City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED

8.3 RDA Limestone Coast Funding Contract and Service Agreement

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Authorise the Executive Officer of the LCLGA to forward a copy of the Draft Agreement to the RDA Limestone Coast with the view to presenting a final agreement to the LCLGA Board at the June 2017 meeting.
2. Appoint a three-person working party to assist the Executive Officer in discussions with the RDA Limestone Coast.

Moved, District Council of Robe

Seconded, District Council of Grant

CARRIED

Dr Helen Macdonald, Mr Trevor Smart and Mr Ben Gower confirmed their appointment to the working party.

8.4 LCLGA 2017-18 Work Plan and Budget

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Refer the Draft Work Plan and Budget to member Councils for comment prior to final adoption at the 16 June 2017 meeting of the LCLGA.
2. Request that any comments and/or amendments to the Draft Work Plan and Budget be communicated back to the Executive Officer no later than the 22nd May 2017.

Moved, Kingston District Council

Seconded, District Council of Robe

CARRIED

8.5 Beach Energy

Executive Officer

"It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Note the report.

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

CARRIED

8.6 Co-Operative Marketing Agreement with South Australian Tourism Commission

Tourism Industry Development Manager

"It is recommended that LC LGA:



1. The Board receives and notes the Co-operative Marketing Agreement Authorize the LCLGA President and Executive Officer to sign the Letter of Offer and the Co-operative Agreement with South Australian Tourism Commission
2. Issue an invoice to South Australian Tourism Commission for \$20,000 + GST
3. Thank the South Australian Tourism Commission for the ongoing strategic partnership with the LCLGA.

Moved, Kingston District Council

Seconded, City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED

8.7 Implementation Plan for the LCLGA Priorities to Grow the Visitor Economy by 2020

Tourism Industry Development Manager

"It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. The Board receives and endorses the 'Implementation Plan for the LCLGA Priorities to Grow the Visitor Economy by 2020'.

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

CARRIED

8.8 Developing a Sustainable Limestone Coast Leadership Program

Executive Officer

"It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Note the Auspice Agreement between the Stand Like Stone Foundation and the Limestone Coast Local Government Association.
2. Request that prior to the signing of any future agreements that are a condition of the Auspice Agreement that a detailed project plan is prepared and presented to the LCLGA Board for approval.

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

CARRIED

Break for lunch 1.15pm

Meeting resumed at 1.45pm

Mayor Erika Vickery moved that the rules be suspended to consider items 9, 10, 11 and 12 prior to considering in confidence items 8.9 and 8.10. Seconded by Mayor Graham Excell and carried by the meeting.

9.0 FINANCIAL

9.1 Profit and Loss Statement

1. The Profit and Loss Statement for the period 1 July 2016 to 28 February 2017 be received and noted.



2. That the Balance Sheet for the period ending 28 February 2017 be received and noted.”
3. That the Jobs Profit and Loss Statements to the 28 February 2017.

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

CARRIED

10.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES

10.1 Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast

- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) may result in 700-800 jobs.
- Glenelg Shire Meeting – Green Triangle Freight Action Plan. Meeting with RDALC soon with Mayors & CEO, invitation will be extended to LCLGA Member Councils.

10.2 South East NRM Board

“That LC LGA receives and note the Reports.”

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

11.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

11.1 Tourism Management Group

Biddie Shearing

“That the Regional Response to the South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy – Regional Response Plan Limestone Coast be re-presented at the Next General Meeting 16th June and the Minutes of the Tourism Management Group held on 8th March 2017 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

Moved, Kingston District Council

Seconded, Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

11.2 LCLGA Regional Waste Steering Committee

“That the Minutes of the Regional Waste Steering Committee held on 22nd March 2017 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

11.3 Roads and Transport Working Group Minutes 2nd March 2017

“That the Minutes of the **Roads and Transport Working Group** held on 2nd March 2017 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

Moved, District Council of Robe

Seconded, City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED



11.4 Roads and Transport Working Group Minutes 3rd April 2017

“That the Minutes of the **Roads and Transport Working Group** held on 3rd April 2017 having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

Moved, City of Mount Gambier

Seconded, Tatiara District Council

CARRIED

12.0 OTHER BUSINESS

1. PIRSA – Peta Crewe

- Improving Road Transport for Primary Production project which is a follow on from the initial 90-day project aiming to improve freight productivity for the Agricultural sector.
- Green Triangle Freight Action Plan

2. TAFE SA

The Executive Officer tabled an email received from TAFE SA regarding delivery of services across the Limestone Coast.

From the discussion held, there appeared to be concern about an emerging trend across regional South Australia in a decline in traditional course delivery. Other comments included TAFE SA appear to be shifting their service delivery model that sees them delivering courses outside of their campuses and into community owned/operating facilities.

Motion:

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Table a motion with SAROC seeking their support in asking the LGA SA to investigate the status of government funded training programs across regional South Australia with the view to ascertain what changes have occurred; and
2. Seek information on the amount of government funding that is available for regional South Australia for continued further and technical education to meet industry needs.

Moved: District Council of Grant

Seconded: Wattle Range Council

CARRIED

There being no other business the meeting now moved to consider items 8.9 and 8.10.

8.9 LCLGA Executive Officer Performance Review & 8.10 Staff Contracts Review

LCLGA President

To be circulated under separate cover

1. 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 Barbara Cernovskis (City of Mount Gambier)

Mr Trevor Smart (District Council of Grant)

Mr Ben Gower (Wattle Range Council)

Mr Roger Sweetman (District Council of Robe)

Mr Rob Harkness (Tatiara District Council)



be excluded from attendance at the meeting in order to consider and discuss in confidence Item No 8.9 LCLGA Executive Officer Performance Review and 8.10 Staff Contracts Review; and

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: District Council of Kingston **Seconded:** City of Mount Gambier

CARRIED

8.9 LCLGA Executive Officer Annual Performance Review

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Executive Officer Annual Performance Review Summary Report December 2016 is received and noted that the EO has delivered successfully on the majority of the priorities for the LCLGA and his performance is strongly positive, particularly in the Administration and Finance Management category.
2. Endorse the recommendations proposed by the Review Committee as circulated in the Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th February 2017 and that the recommendations be implemented from the 9th November 2016.

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

CARRIED

8.10 LCLGA Staff Contracts

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Upon adoption of the 2017-18 Work Plan and Budget endorse the extension of the Employment Agreement for June Saruwaka in the position of Regional Waste Management Coordinator to 30 June 2019, subject to available funding.
2. Upon adoption of the 2017-18 Work Plan and Budget endorse the extension of the Employment Agreement for Michaela Bell in the position of Project Manager to 30 June 2019, subject to available funding.
3. Upon adoption of the 2017-18 Work Plan and Budget endorse the extension of the Employment Agreement for Biddie Shearing in the position of Tourism Development Manager to 30 June 2019, subject to available funding.
4. Upon adoption of the 2017-18 Work Plan and Budget endorse the extension of an Employment Agreement for an Admin Support Officer to 30 June 2019, subject to available funding.

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

CARRIED



Motion to move out of In Confidence and return to the open meeting.

Moved: District Council of Robe

Seconded: Wattle Range Council

CARRIED

13.0 MEETING CLOSED – 2.50 p.m.

The next LC LGA General Meeting is to be held in the:

location to be confirmed

Friday 16th June 2017.

Acceptances and apologies to LC LGA Executive Support Officer

Phone 87231057 or Email admin@lclga.sa.gov.au

LC LGA CALENDAR

Date	Meeting	Location
20 th & 21 st April 2017	Council Best practice Showcase LGA Ordinary GM	Adelaide Convention Centre
17 th May 2017	SAROC	Regional Location, TBC
16 th June 2017	LC LGA GM	To Be confirmed
19 th July 2017	SAROC	LGA, Adelaide
11 th August 2017	LC LGA GM	Grant District Council
TBC August 2017	LGA Roads & Works Conference	TBC
27 st September 2017	SAROC	LGA, Adelaide
13 th October 2017	LC LGA	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
TBC October 2017	LGA Conference & AGM	TBC
15 th November 2017	SAROC	Regional Location, TBC
8 th December 2017	LC LGA	Kingston District Council
9 th February 2018	LG LGA AGM & GM	City of Mount Gambier

Please contact LC LGA Executive Officer for information on any of the above meetings

