

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE LIMESTONE COAST LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2019 ROBE GOLF CLUB, 72 MORPHETT STREET, DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROBE**

Meeting opened at 10.03am

LCLGA President Erika Vickery welcomed Nat Traeger - New CEO Kingston District Council

Welcome to District Council of Robe - Mayor Alison Nunan, District Council of Robe

- Major Project Presentation video
  1. Upgrade Community Wastewater Management System Infrastructure – Treatment Lagoon & Pump Stations
  2. Re-Sheeting Rural Roads
  3. Road Construction Resealing Township Streets
  4. Plant Replacement
  5. Robe Cemetery – Construction of Niche Wall
  6. Dredging of Channel and Marina
- Robe 150 years celebration to be held late in 2019
- Development of an Aged Care Strategy
- Council is now operating the Robe Sport & Recreation Facility
- Robe Naturally, “no waste to leave Robe” long term strategy
- Council out and About – Engaging with nonresidential rate payers based in Adelaide and Victoria. Meetings to be held in Adelaide and Horsham. Council regional bus tour to engage with rural ratepayers.
- Engagement with Young people at Kangaroo Inn Area School

Green Triangle Forestry Hub

Ian McDonnell (N.F.McDonnell & Sons) &  
Laurie Hein (Green Triangle Forestry Products)

- Initial pilot hubs, with \$1 million allocated to each pilot hub over four years including the Green Triangle Forestry Hub as part of the National Forest Industries Plan.
- Hubs aim to remove the barriers to growth in the industry and focusing on maximising the competitive advantages of traditional forestry regions. Securing the future of Regional Forestry Hubs will help secure the future of forest industry through research and development. The LC hub brings together 9 Growers and Processors. New Masterplan to be developed for the region.
- Collaboration with Councils, Farmers, community and forestry industry.
- National Forestry Hubs Information [here](#)

Member for MacKillop - Nick Mc Bride MP

- Roads: State Budget record spend on regional roads includes \$143M in the Limestone Coast.
- Mining Bill: Voted against the Bill. Call for an Independent review of the Mining Act has been proposed.
- Land Tax: Changes to Land Tax identified in State 2019-20 Budget.
- Forestry: Encouraged councils to take an active interest in the SA Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry into the Economic impact from Exports of Wood Fibre. Submission close 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- Housing – Work underway to address short and long term housing availability in Naracoorte and Bordertown.
- Recreational Fishing ban on Snapper: Consultation underway to examine 2 options put forward by Minister Wheatstone.

- Parliamentary Committees: Environment, Resources and Development Committee (ERDC) completed the Heritage Inquiry Further Information [here](#) and Natural Resources Committee (NRC) completed into over abundant species further information [here](#).
- Working with Councils: Offered assistance connecting councils with relevant Ministers and to lend his support to open up communication where appropriate.

## 1.0 MEMBERS/DEPUTY MEMBERS

### 1.1 Present

Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mayor Erika Vickery (President)
City of Mount Gambier	Mayor Lynnette Martin
Wattle Range Council	Mayor Des Noll Cr. Moira Neagle (Deputy Mayor)
District Council of Grant	Mayor Richard Sage (Vice President)
Kingston District Council	Cr. Rick Wingard (Deputy Mayor) Cr Jody Gulyas
District Council of Robe	Mayor Alison Nunan
Tatiara District Council	Mayor Graham Excell Cr Robert Mock

### 1.2 In Attendance

City of Mount Gambier	Mr Andrew Meddle (CEO)
District Council of Grant	Mrs Jane Fetherstonhugh (Acting CEO)
Wattle Range Council	Mr Ben Gower (CEO)
Naracoorte Lucindale Council	Mr Trevor Smart (CEO)
District Council of Robe	Mr James Holyman (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Ms Nat Traeger (CEO)
LCLGA	Mr Tony Wright (EO)
LC LGA	Ms Mae Steele (Executive Support Officer and minute taker)

### 1.3 Guests and Observers

LGA SA	Mr Stephen Smith (Director – Policy) Mr Andrew Lamb (Local Government Reform Partner)
Member for MacKillop	Mr Nick McBride MP
UniSA	Mr Ian McKay
PIRSA	Ms Peta Crewe (Regional Manager – Limestone Coast)
AusIndustry	Miss Elise Gordon (Regional Manager Southern SA)

### 1.4 Apologies

Federal Member for Barker	Mr Tony Pasin MP
Member for Mount Gambier	Mr Troy Bell MP Mr Travis Fatchen (Office Manager)
Tatiara District Council	Ms Anne Champness (CEO)
Kingston District Council	Mayor Kay Rasheed Cr Chris England
City of Mount Gambier	Cr. Sonya Meziniec
RDA Limestone Coast	Mr David Wheaton (CEO)

**“That the apologies be accepted.”**

**Moved, District Council of Grant**

**Seconded, Tatiara 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 June LC LGA General Meeting held in the Wattle Range Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**“That the Minutes of the LC LGA General Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings at that meeting.”**

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

**CARRIED**

## **4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Business arising from the Minutes of the June 2019 General Meeting.

**NIL**

## **5.0 ACTION SHEET**

14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 – Outstanding Items

8.2.2 – Joint Planning Board – A draft Limestone Coast Planning Agreement to be developed through a CEO workshop.

8.5.3 – EOI in progress for the LCRSA Advisory Committee appointments.

## **6.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

### **6.1 Inwards and Outwards**

Key Correspondence to 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

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

**CARRIED**

## 7.0 INFORMATION REPORTS

### 7.1 **LC LGA President's Report**

Activity report;

- Late June attended VET/TafeSA Consultation for review of existing structure.
- Country Arts SA, RDALC, LGA SA Board Meetings
- Regional Development Strategy Consultation
- LC Leadership Program Graduation – Congratulated Peta Crewe & Ali Auld
- SAROC – Thanked Mayor Sage for his support while on Annual Leave.

#### 7.1.1 LGA Board

- (i) Draft Minutes of the LGA Board of Directors Meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

#### 7.1.2 SAROC

- (ii) Draft Minutes of the SAROC Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, SAROC Strategic Plan 2019-23 and the SAROC Annual Business Plan 2019-20

### 7.2 **Local Government Association of SA**

Stephen Smith – Director Policy

- Local Government Reform Paper Released from DPTI (OLG)& LGA SA in response– Submission to DPTI (OLG) close 1<sup>st</sup> November [here](#)
- Productivity Commission – LGA SA Submission [here](#) & SAPC [here](#)
- Rate Capping Bill – Voted down in Parliament
- Recent Submissions – PIRSA Regional Development Strategy, productivity Commission, Recycling Inquiry, Heritage, ESCOSA Charter of Consultation and Regulatory Practice Review. Available at LGA SA Website.
- SAROC – Strategic Plan, Annual Business Plan, Project budget \$100K
- Planning Development Act Implementation – information [here](#)
- Roads and Works Conference 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> August, Renmark.
- Road Safety Strategy and action plan being finalized by September [here](#)
- Jetties Working Group – Meet 12<sup>th</sup> August. LGA SA to meet with DPTI regarding announcement of Jetties Strategic Plan.
- Little Corellas Strategy – LGA Advocated on behalf of councils. DEW has appointed a project officer, strategy to be released for consultation in mid august. Information [here](#)
- Libraries Campaign
- Heatwave Grant - NDRP funding to develop emergency management document for councils, available in 2020 information [here](#)
- Heritage Tourism Strategy – LGA SA Heritage Alliance member, DEW Project officer pointed to develop Heritage Tourism Strategy [here](#)
- LG Emergency Management Framework Updated [here](#)
- Council Ready program Implementation Phase commenced [here](#)

### 7.3 **Report from Executive Officer**

Tony Wright

Mayor Richard Sage congratulated Tony on his first few months in the EO role, noting he was not from a Local Government background but seemed to be adjusting to the environment quickly.

- 7.4 **Report from Coastal Alliance Project Coordinator**  
Anita Crisp
- 7.5 **Report LC LGA Climate Adaptation Project Officer**  
Prae Wongthong
- 7.6 **Report from LC LGA Starclub Field Officer**  
Tony Elletson
- 7.7 **Report from LC LGA Tourism Industry Development Manager**  
Biddie Shearing
- 7.8 **Report LC LGA Regional Waste Management Coordinator**  
Prae Wongthong
- 7.9 **Report from LC LGA Regional Community Road Safety Officer**  
Ali Auld
- 7.10 **Report from Special Projects Officer**  
Ali Auld
- 7.11 **Report from LC Substance Misuse Project Officer**  
Sophie Bouchier
- 7.12 **Report from LC LGA Project Manager**  
Michaela Bell

It is recommended that LC LGA:

“That the reports from the LC LGA President, Local Government Association SA, Executive Officer, Coastal Alliance Project Coordinator, Climate Adaptation Project Officer, Starclub Field Officer, Tourism Industry Development Manager, Regional Waste Management Coordinator, Regional Community Road Safety Officer, Special Projects Officer, Substance Misuse Project Officer and Project Manager be received and noted.”

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

**CARRIED**

## **8.0 RECOMMENDATION REPORTS**

### **8.1 LCLGA Final Business Plan & Budget 2019-2020**

#### Executive Officer

- Noting the LCLGA 5 year strategy review was underway to be completed by December 2019.

It is recommended that LCLGA;

1. Receives and notes the report.
2. Adopt the final LCLGA 2019-20 Business Plan & Budget and issue invoices to councils for annual subscriptions.

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

**CARRIED**

8.2 **SA Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry into the Economic impact from Exports of Wood Fibre – LCLGA Submission**

Mayor Des Noll

It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Note and receive the report
2. Submit a written submission to the Select Committee, outlining the issues of concern regarding the economic impact export wood fibre is having on processors of the South East, including what solutions to this issue can be identified.

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

**CARRIED**

8.3 **Waste Management Steering Committee – Terms of Reference**

Item withdrawn from the agenda.

8.4 **Waste Management – Implementation Plan**

Executive Officer

It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Receives & notes the report
2. Endorses the Implementation Plan as outlined.

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

**CARRIED**

8.5 **Appointments to LCLGA Working Parties & Outside Organisations – Additional Nominations (from LCLGA Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019)**

Executive Officer

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019 a call for nominations was requested from constituent councils for the vacancies on one LCLGA committee and two outside organisations including Group Training Employment (GTE);

We were advised prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> June LCLGA Board Meeting that this would be one position due to a review of GTE's Constitution. On the 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019 two nominations were received and tabled. Cr. Julie Reis - District Council of Grant was appointed.

LCLGA have since been advised they will review the GTE's Constitution is still to be completed and will be 2019/20 and until the outcome is known there will be two positions available and therefore the following motion is tabled;

### **Group Training Employment (GTE) – 2 Positions**

As of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019, nominations were received from:

Cr Paul Jenner – City of Mount Gambier  
Cr. Julie Reis - District Council of Grant

Noting the previous appointment to GTE Board was Cr. Julie Reis, District Council of Grant.

It is recommended;

“That Cr Paul Jenner – City of Mount Gambier and Cr. Julie Reis - District Council of Grant be the delegates.”

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

**CARRIED**

### **8.6 Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy Action Plan**

There was discussion around the nature of this action plan and the Waste Management – Implementation Plan which provide a framework for the work that is intended to be done at a point in time (often by external agencies). Wattle Range was concerned that in “endorsing” the plan this may lead to perceptions that listed projects are fully committed when the LCLGA Board has no power to compel external parties to undertake projects. In endorsing these plans it does not constitute an obligation on identified parties and the plan and commitments can vary over its life. The main benefit is to have a document that can be used with stakeholders to show the type of work being planned or done in the region.

#### Executive Officer

It is recommended that the LCLGA;

1. Receive and note the Report
2. Endorse the Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy Action Plan, Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy Complete Project List & Limestone Coast Regional Growth Strategy Project Briefs.
3. Endorses the Implementation Plan as outlined.

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

**CARRIED**

### **9.0 REPORTS FOR NOTING** (Documentation available on request)

- 9.1 Submission into the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Recycling Industry
- 9.2 Submission to the Productivity Commission
- 9.3 Submission to the Regional Development Strategy

- 9.4 LGA SA Research and Development Scheme – LCLGA Regional Waste Management Steering Committee Submission
- 9.5 LGA SA Research and Development Scheme – submission to support the formation of the South Australian Coastal Councils Alliance.

## **10.0 FINANCIAL**

### **10.1 Financial Authorisations and Reports**

- Changes to accounting standards in January 2019 to impact on 2018/19 EOFY Reporting and Balance Sheet. A new approach to assess external income was proposed and endorsed by the Board.
- New term deposit structure proposed and adopted to optimise cashflow and investments.
- The report discussed the possibility of establishing a risk and audit committee, a paper to be presented on this matter at a future Board meeting.

It is recommended that LC LGA:

1. Note the approach proposed to assess external income.
2. Approve the Executive Officer, President, Vice President and Executive Support Officer to be signatories for up to three term deposits with BankSA to maximise returns and cashflow, all investments to be reported to the Board in the Finance Report.
3. Approve a temporary increase in the Petty Cash to \$500 until the October 2019 Board meeting.
4. Receive and note the reports:
  - a. The Consolidated Draft Profit and Loss Budget Analysis for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be received and noted.
  - b. The Draft Balance Sheet for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be received and noted.

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

**CARRIED**

## **11.0 LCLGA SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

### **11.1 LCLGA Tourism Management Group 29<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

### **11.2 LCLGA Economic Development Reference Group 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

It is recommended that LC LGA:

“The Minutes and reports from the LCLGA Tourism Management Group & LCLGA Economic Development Reference Groups Minutes having first been circulated amongst members, be adopted.”

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

**CARRIED**

## **12.0 OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AND COMMITTEES**

12.1 **Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast**

*David Wheaton - Chief Executive Officer*

12.2 **LC Heritage Advisory Services - May & June 2019 reports**

Richard Woods

It is recommended that LC LGA;

“Receives and note the Reports.”

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

**CARRIED**

**13.0 OTHER BUSINESS**

13.1 Foodbank Mount Gambier – Mayor Richard Sage

- Foodbank based in Mount Gambier servicing the Limestone Coast region.
- City of Mount Gambier and District Council of Grant contributed funds towards the purchase of the building.
- Wattle Range Council have previously provided assistance with transport costs that related to the provision of serviced in their area
- Foodbank should be advised to provide a submission to the next LCLGA General Meeting with a request for funding..

13.2 PIRSA – Peter Crewe, Regional Coordinator, Limestone Coast

- The latest round of the Regional Growth Fund 2019-20 closed 9<sup>th</sup> August. Applicants were able to seek grants from \$50,000 up to \$2 million. Councils encouraged to prepare for the next competitive round in 2020. More information on the criteria [here](#).
- Regional Youth Leadership Forum 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August seeking applicants aged 17-26 years. For more information and to register for this rare and significant opportunity within the Limestone Coast click [here](#).

13.3 Uni SA – Ian McKay, Regional Manager - Mount Gambier

- Mayor Des Noll, Wattle Range Council enquired about UniSA’s Leadership Programs. Ian to provide information at a future General Meeting.

**14.0 MEETING CLOSED – 11.50am**

The next LC LGA General Meeting is to be held in the **District Council of Grant Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019**. Acceptances and apologies to Mae Steele, LC LGA Executive Support Officer Phone 8723 7310 or Email [admin@lclga.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@lclga.sa.gov.au)

**LC LGA CALENDAR**

Date	Meeting	Location
14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	LGA Roads & Works Conference	Renmark.
19 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	LC LGA	Grant District Council
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	LGA Conference & AGM	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide.
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	SAROC	LGA House, Adelaide
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	LC LGA GM & Christmas Lunch	Tatiara District Council
TBA January 2020	SAROC	TBA
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	LG LGA AGM & GM	Naracoorte Lucindale Council