



LEGATUS
GROUP

ORDINARY MEETING

Friday 17 August 2018

Hosted by the Northern Areas Council

Notice is given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Legatus Group will be held on Friday 17 August 2018 commencing at the conclusion of the AGM at the Sir Hubert Wilkins Building OD5 Road Jamestown (at airstrip).

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Simon Millcock

Chief Executive Officer

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I. MEETING PRELIMINARIES

MEETING ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Meeting Attendance

A meeting attendance sheet will be circulated.

Apologies: Mayor Bill O'Brien, Colin Davies, Anne Moroney, Ivan Venning, Dylan Strong, Trevor Naismith, Andrew Cameron, Colin Davies, Anne Moroney and Claire Wiseman.

Recommendation: For information.

2. WELCOME TO THE NORTHERN AREAS COUNCIL

Welcome by Host Council Mayor Denis Clark

The host Council is invited to provide a welcome and brief presentation to the meeting.

Recommendation: For information

3. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 25 May 2018 Kapunda Bowling Club

Recommendation: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 25 May 2018 be taken as read and confirmed.

Kapunda Bowling Club 19 Montefiore St, Kapunda.

1.0 Meeting Preliminaries

Present

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Bob Sloane (Barossa) Mayor Cynthia Axford (Barunga West), Mayor Allan Aughey OAM (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Colin Nottle (Mount Remarkable), Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Chairman Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton), Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM (Peterborough), Mayor John Rohde (Port Pirie), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield) and Mayor Ray Agnew OAM (Yorke Peninsula)

In Attendance

Deputy Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mr Andrew Cole (CEO Barunga West), Mr Peter Harder (CEO Copper Coast), Dr Helen Macdonald, (CEO Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Mr David Stevenson (CEO Goyder), Ms Sheree Schenk (GM Governance and Communication Adelaide Plains), Mr Richard Michael (General Manager Governance Light), Mr Wayne Hart (CEO Mount Remarkable), Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Kristin Clark (CEO Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Peter McGuinness (CEO Peterborough), Mr Jason Kuchel (CEO Wakefield), Ms Anne Moroney (CEO RDA Barossa), Mr Lea Bacon (Policy LGA), and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

State MP's: Minister's Hon Stephan Knoll Member for Schubert and Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan Member for Stuart, Mr Geoff Brock Member for Frome, Mr Fraser Ellis Member for Narrunga and Mr John Gee Member for Taylor.

Apologies

Mayor Paul Thomas AM (Copper Coast) and Mayor Tony Flaherty (Adelaide Plains).

CEO's Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges) and Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula).

MP Mr Tony Piccolo Member for Light.

1.1 Opening

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.00am

2 Presentation by Members of Parliament

Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey had invited all six South Australian Members of Parliament whose electorate is part of fully in the Legatus Group region to attend the meeting. Mayor Matthey then invited the five who attended the meeting an opportunity to present to the meeting and take questions.

MP Geoff Brock (Member for Frome): Acknowledged the close working relationship he had when he was Minister for Regional Development with all Legatus Group councils and that he will continue to work closely with all 4 Mayors and CEO's from his electorate. Discussion included the growth areas for his electorate and specifically renewable energy.

MP Fraser Ellis (Member for Narrunga): Outlined that this is his first term and focus areas of health and roads with interest areas including local hospitals, royalties for regions, tourism, waste, black sport funding and reform of NRM's. Discussed strengthening RDA's through longer tenure.

MP John Gee (Member for Taylor): Following the redistribution of boundaries he now takes in the Two Wells area. Outlined his background and involvement with union movement and now that he is in opposition the differences that will occur. He acknowledged the role by Geoff Brock when he was Minister for Regional Development and the high calibre of the MP's in the Legatus Group region.

Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP Minister Mineral, Resources and Energy (Member for Stuart): With 6 of the Legatus Group councils and the Upper Spencer Gulf he undertook to continue to work closely with Local Government. Areas of specific interest including revitalisation of NRM Boards. Two specific areas of interest for the southern section are Health and Roads and Communications and Roads for the northern section. He undertook to provide information on regional health boards. Noted concerns by local government around rate capping and rubble royalties and sought to gain break down council by council of the costs for rubble royalties. The Royalties for Regions will have a specific focus on transport and infrastructure that will have economic and social benefit and the role Infrastructure SA will have in assessing the value of each project to the State.

Hon Stephan Knoll MP Minister Transport Infrastructure, Housing and Urban Development, City of Adelaide and Local Government (Member for Schubert): Rate capping will see the 1st draft legislation within the next couple of weeks and will be seeking feedback from councils. Focus will be looking at the opportunities to incentives growth and then will move into discussions about strong reform after rate capping. This is being done to assist councils. Heavy Vehicle Permits System need to look at ways to stream line. Speed limit changes the Govt. are working to reverse the 8 roads that had speed limits reduced and greater discussion needed on speed limits. He spoke about the Port Wakefield overpass and

also the DPA processes to help streamline and consultation will be taking place between now and February 2019 on the draft code.

Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey thanked all of the MP's for their attendance and that Legatus Group is looking forward to working with them during their term in parliament. There was a short break and the MP's remained for individual discussions and the meeting resumed at 11.45am

3 Welcome to Light Regional Council

Mayor Bill O'Brien welcomed everyone to the Light Regional Council and specifically to the Kapunda Bowling Club which had its official opening in 2017. This is a great example of community and council partnership. The venue included over 80,000 volunteer hours and councils purchase of the previous bowling club land and facilities resulting in the development of a lifetime village. The Light Regional Council area provides a significant role in value adding to its industries and the export market through viticulture, wine making, tourism, horticulture, agriculture, education and research with Adelaide University and the equine centre. Council has been able to generate income to assist the growth through the Gawler River re-use project and has a focus on improvements to 74km of township roads. The next significant project is the town square project in Kapunda.

4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 18 February 2018 at the Council Chambers Adelaide Plains Council Redbanks Road were tabled.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on the 18 February 2018 at the Council Chambers Adelaide Plains Council Redbanks Road be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Cynthia Axford

CARRIED

5 Business arising no otherwise on the agenda

The Legatus Group CEO provided information on:

1. Publishing of changes to the Legatus Group Charter.
2. Stamp duty and land titles fees.
3. Remote airstrips – Legatus Group CEO to follow up with CEO's Northern Areas and Orroroo Carrieton regarding RFDS and HAC meetings.

6 Presentations

CEO Anne Maroney RDA Barossa, Light, Gawler and Adelaide Plains provided an update including:

- Differences between the peri-urban and regional areas.
- Interest by RDA's in the policy areas of today's MP's presentation and key focus areas of RDA's for investment, competition and industry development.
- Regional Investment map.
- Site selection assistance – including a planning officer as part of their team.
- Export focus with food and S-E Asia expanding on the work already occurring with China.

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report for information and advised that 3-4 subregional workshops will be held in August for the Legatus Group region supporting Michael Arman LGA Project Manager Emergency Management Planning Project.

9.3 Community Wastewater Management Schemes

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report on the progress of the current two-year regional program including draft terms of reference for the formation of an advisory committee.

Motion: That the Legatus Group approves the terms of reference for the formation of a Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee for two years.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

9.4 Climate Change

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report on the progress of the work on climate change and the approaches to the Yorke Mid North Alliance partners for funding of the regional climate change coordination beyond June 2018. This report included a recommendation of forming a Legatus Group Climate Change Advisory Committee. This matter to be held over pending the outcome of responses from alliance partners.

9.5 Yorke Mid North Regional Alliance

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report on the alliance including: (1) Regional Roadmap, (2) Yorke Mid North Regional Forum and (3) Northern and Yorke NRM.

Motions:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the value and active partnership of the Yorke Mid North Regional Alliance and seek to progress discussions on a formal alliance with RDA Barossa, Light, Gawler and Adelaide Plains.
2. That the Legatus Group provide in principal support to the Northern and Yorke 2018-2028 NRM Strategic Plan

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Ray Agnew

CARRIED

9.6 Emerging Leaders Program

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report and he outlined discussions with one the groups from the Mid North program looking at volunteering and offered assistance through Legatus Group. Mayor Rodney Reid and Mayor Denise Clark spoke on the benefits of the program and both agreed on the value of continuing to run these programs.

9.7 Rating Equity (Major Projects)

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report on the progress of the rating equity report.

Motions:

1. The Legatus Group notes that the Legatus Group CEO upon receiving confirmation from the steering and reference groups on the final report will publish the report on the Legatus Group Website.
2. The Legatus Group notes that the Legatus Group CEO will provide a report to the July 2018 South Australian Regional Organisation of Council meeting on the findings of the report for their consideration.

Moved: Mayor Bob Sloane Seconded: Mayor John Rohde

CARRIED

9.8 Socio-economic impacts from the NDIS

The Legatus Group CEO tabled the final report which had been approved by the steering and reference groups.

Motions:

1. The Legatus Group notes that the Legatus Group CEO has received confirmation from the steering group of approval of the final report which will be published on the Legatus Group Website.
2. The Legatus Group notes that the Legatus Group CEO will provide a report to the July 2018 South Australian Regional Organisation of Council meeting on the findings of the report for their consideration.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery

CARRIED

10 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Yorke Peninsula Council CEO Andrew Cameron was Acting Chair and his report from the Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting Friday 5 May 2018 was tabled.

11 Legatus Road and Transport Advisory Group

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report which included the minutes of the Legatus Group Transport Advisory Group.

Motions:

1. The Legatus Group supports the progress by the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee in their efforts to develop sub-regional workshops on heavy vehicle access to local roads which will include LGA, Mutual Liability and DPTI presentations.
2. The Legatus Group notes the appointment of Tom Jones the Assets Management Officer from Adelaide Plains Council to the committee.
3. The Legatus Group adopt the recommendations by HDS from Phase I of the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan 2030.
4. The Legatus Group progress with Phase 2 of the Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan 2030 by contracting HDS from the 1 July 2018.
5. That the assessment and prioritising for Legatus Group region SLRP roads for 2018/2019 is noted.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery

CARRIED

12. Audit and Risk Committee

12.1 Audit and Risk Committee Chairman Kathy Bowman as Acting Chair of the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Committee tabled the unconfirmed minutes from their meeting held 20 April 2018.

12.2 2018/2019 Business Plan and Budget / Strategic Plan (3 Year Action Plan) and Long-term Financial Plan.

The Legatus Group CEO provided an update on the responses from Constituent Councils noting that the plans have been endorsed by nine councils and the remaining six councils have these as agenda items for their June meetings.

Motions:

1. That the Legatus Group endorses the Legatus Group Strategic Plan 2018-2028 and 3-year Action Plan July 2018 - June 2021 subject to the endorsement of the 2018/2019 budget and business plan.
2. That the Legatus Group adopts the draft business plan and budget for 2018/2019 subject to endorsement by all Constituent Councils.
3. That all Constituent Councils who have not responded regarding the draft 2018/2019 Business Plan and Budget and Strategic Plan and three-year Action Plan provide their response by 30 June 2018.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Cynthia Axford **CARRIED**

12.3 Membership of the Audit and Risk Committee

Motion: That subject to confirmation of interest from Port Pirie Regional Council CEO Peter Ackland the Legatus Group appoints Peter Ackland to the vacant position on the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Committee.

Moved: Chairman Kathy Bowman Seconded: Mayor John Rohde **CARRIED**

12.4 Financial Service Legatus Group

Motion: That the Flinders Ranges Council be appointed for 3 years starting from 1 July 2018 to provide the financial services to the Legatus Group at the amount of \$4,000 per annum.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark **CARRIED**

12.5 Legatus Group Audit and Risk Committee report for 2017/2018

Motion: That the Legatus Group receive the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Committees report for 2017/2018 and adopts the work plan for 2018 and 2019.

Moved: Mayor Colin Nottle Seconded: Mayor John Rohde **CARRIED**

13. Financials

13.1 July / March Financial Report

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report prepared by Mr Griff Campbell Finance Manager which included the Legatus Group Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2018 and Profit and Loss Statement for July 2017 – March 2018.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report on the Legatus Group Balance Sheet as of 31 March 2018 and Profit and Loss Statement for July 2017 – March 2018.

Moved: Mayor Allan Aughey Seconded: Mayor Ray Agnew **CARRIED**

13.2 Reimbursement Mayor Clark

Mayor Denis Clark left the meeting.

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report relating to a request from Mayor Clark for reimbursement for attending the Murray Darling Association board meeting and strategic planning session.

Motion: That the Legatus Group approve the reimbursement costs of \$2,091.04 for Mayor Denis Clark attendance at the Murray Darling Association Board Meeting and Strategic Planning Session in January 2018.

Moved: Mayor Ray Agnew Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle **CARRIED**

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO provide a report for the next Legatus Group meeting on membership and representation by Legatus Group on the Murray Darling Association.

Moved: Mayor Allan Aughey Seconded: Mayor Colin Nottle **CARRIED**

Mayor Denis Clark returned to the meeting.

13.3 Legatus web-site upgrades

The Legatus Group CEO tabled a report relating the Legatus Groups current website and the need for updating.

Motion: That the Legatus Group approve funding from the 2017/2018 budget for the upgrade of the Legatus Group website in accordance with the quote received by Honeycomb Design.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Bob Sloane **CARRIED**

14 Local Government and SAROC

14.1 LGA Constitution and funding of Regional LGA's

The Legatus Group CEO provided report for information noting that this had been discussed during the Chairman's report.

14.2 Local Government Association

The LGA March and May Topical Reports were tabled by Lea Bacon who spoke to both reports.

14.3 South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils

The key outcome document of the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils meeting held on 16 May 2018 had been distributed with the agenda.

15 OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Regional Health

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the workshop held with SA Health and the LGA and the Constituent Councils of Legatus Group.

Motions:

- I. That the Legatus Group CEO is authorised to place an expression of interest to the LGA that one of the two regional Wellbeing Alliance positions to be based in the Legatus Group region and that Legatus Group's office space is offered as in-kind support.

2. That the Legatus Group supports the Legatus Group CEO to progress with a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Legatus Group, Mid North Knowledge Partnership and Yorke & North Country SA PHN.

Moved: Mayor Bob Sloane Seconded: Mayor Ray Agnew **CARRIED**

15.2 Digital

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the digital workshop held with FUTUREGOV and OurSay and the Constituent Councils of Legatus Group.

Motion: That the Legatus Group seeks funding from the LGA R&D program for a project to undertake a gap analysis that will provide recommendations on the digital opportunities of Constituent Councils.

Moved: Mayor John Rohde Seconded: Mayor Cynthia Axford **CARRIED**

15.3 Conferences

The Legatus Group CEO's report on the Regional South Australia Conference 7-8 June 2018 in Kadina and the LG Professionals Economic Development Forum 20 June 2018 in Adelaide was received for information.

15.4 CEO's leave and disclosed outside interest

The Legatus Group CEO's report was received for information.

15.5 Permits for removal of dead trees

Mayor Rodney Reid provided a verbal update on a proforma that will come into being by mid-June 2018 for the removal of dead trees after a disaster and the work that the Wakefield Regional Council had undertaken to ensure this occurs. The meeting acknowledged this as a positive outcome that has state wide significance.

15.6 Interest rates comparison between metropolitan and regional South Australia

Mayor Matthey advised this matter had not been raised at SAROC but he will endeavour to raise this at the next SAROC meeting.

15.7 November Legatus Group meeting for November 2018

General discussion held regarding the date of the next Legatus Group Ordinary meeting which is listed for 16 November 2018 being only a week after voting finishes for the local government elections.

Motion: That the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting listed for 16 November 2018 be moved to Friday 14 December 2018.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark Seconded: Mayor Bob Sloane **CARRIED**

16 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed by the Chair at 1.55pm and next meeting to be held Friday 17 August 2018 commencing at 10.30am which will be for the AGM to be followed by the Ordinary Meeting and to be hosted by the Northern Areas Council.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Mr Ian Nightingale the Industry Advocate (South Australian Industry Participation Policy)

4.2 Mr Eric Sommerville Chair Northern and Yorke NRM

5. BUSINESS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

5.1 Interest rate comparison between metropolitan and regional SA

Chair Mayor Peter Matthey.

5.2 Community Wellbeing Alliance Trials

The LGA has now called for expressions of interest for the Community Wellbeing Alliance Trail which closes on 7 September 2018. There will be 2 positions funded for 12 months with expected start date at the beginning of 2019 or earlier. The Legatus Group CEO is developing an EOI for one of these positions and will engage with Constituent Council CEOs.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

6.1 Chairman's Report

The Legatus Group Chairman may wish to provide a report to the meeting.

Recommendation: The Chairman's report be received.

7. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCILS

Nil

8. DECISION REPORTS

8.1 RUBBLE ROYALTIES

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For discussion

Discussion

Following the attendance by five of the State MPs at the last Legatus Group meeting where this matter was raised a:

- Letter from the LGA to Minister Dan van Holst Pellekann was sent.
- Break down from across the state was provided to the Minister.
- Letter from Chair Peter Matthey is being developed to all State MP's in the Legatus Group seeking their feedback.

The LGA have advised that they have yet to hear back from the Treasurer on this matter but will continue to have this as agenda item for meetings they have. The LGA will write to the CCAA to advise them of the LGA's approach.

8.2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting.

Discussion

Assistance has been provided to Michael Arman the LGA Project Manager for the Emergency Management Planning Project. Michael presented at the Legatus Management Group meeting on 3 August re the Emergency Management Council Ready Program. Legatus Group have assisted with the state-wide workshop program which will identify areas that will support the regional officers scheduled for 2019.

All Legatus Group councils (except Wakefield) are involved with either one on one workshops or with combined workshops during August. These workshops are designed to have as many council staff as possible attend due to the complexity across the whole of council when dealing with emergency management. Wakefield Regional Council will be undertaking a specific response.

The findings are due to be finalised by December 2018. Michael acknowledged Legatus Group has sought a regional officer role from past two years ago and Legatus have been active in assisting with promoting and coordinating the workshops.

8.3 Community Wastewater Management Schemes

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendations:

- I. That the Legatus Group approves the appointments of Chris Parish (Wakefield), Gary Easthope (Clare & Gilbert Valleys) and Lee Wallis (Goyder) to the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee.**

Discussion:

Moira Coffey has been contracted using the funding from the LGA for 6 months as a part time Project Officer to progress the actions from the 2-year Joint CWMS Service Agreement. Actions to date:

- 2 sub-regional workshops have been held and next workshops planned for September / October.
- A State-wide forum attracting 87 people was held on 27 July 2018 at Nuriootpa with great feedback and a report will be provided.
- Commenced the audit of the CWMS within the region with feedback received from 14 of the councils to date and work continues common compliance templates.
- Investigation have commenced for scoping business case for regional processing - sludge/trade waste.

The Legatus Group has approved the formation of an advisory committee and to date Chris Parish (WRC), Gary Easthope (C&GV) and Lee Wallis (Goyder) have submitted EOI for the 4 officer positions. There have been no expressions of interest from Mayors (maximum 1) or CEOs (maximum 2).

8.4 CLIMATE CHANGE

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendations:

- I. That the Legatus Group approves the Legatus Group CEO to progress securing PhD interns through the APR Intern program to undertake research associated with the 3-year plan.**

Discussion:

The contract for Moira Coffey as the Regional Climate Change Project Officer finished on 30 June 2018 and the Yorke and Mid North Biannual Regional Sector Agreement Report was submitted.

The 3-year Climate Change Action Plan referred to in the Legatus Group 3-year Action Plan was presented to the Yorke Mid North Regional Alliance and confirmation received from Northern Yorke NRM that they would contribute \$15,000 in 2018/2019 and the RDA Yorke and Mid North advised they would not be contributing any funds, but they will provide in-kind support. An approach has been made to RDAYMN to reconsider and provide an allocation of funding.

The Legatus Group CEO has identified an opportunity for securing a Government rebate through the Australian postgraduate Research (APR) Intern program that is assisting with placing 1,400 PhD students in Australia over the coming 3 years. Securing interns would assist with progressing some of the actions within the 3-year Climate Change Action Plan.

In discussions with the Northern and Yorke NRM the funding made available through both Legatus and the NRM in 2018/2019 could be used to secure 2 full time PhD Interns for 5 months each. This will allow access to specialised research experience and for the intern to gain valuable experience in working in the natural environment and community sections of the plan. If the RDA was to reconsider, then the business and industry sections of the plan could also be resourced.

A working party would be established to oversee the specific projects the interns would work on. They will be paid a monthly stipend and have an academic mentor and be managed through the programs project management. There are no Human Resource costs to Legatus Group.

Projects identified include:

- Eco-Village Concept Plans – Initial discussions held to develop a scoping document on a regional sustainability hub / eco village in partnership with NRM and C&GVC with Clare being the regional centre and using the old Tafe site. The concepts plans would allow for further funding and gap analysis on converting the site and buildings including implementing and monitoring changes in partnership with research and

industry bodies. This would include a review of the virtual hub “Goyder Line Sustainability Hub” concept.

- Coastal Councils Alliance:
 - The N&Y NRM Board are currently canvassing interest for the development of a coastal action management plan for the region. This document will build on a 2007 study that assessed the conservation status of the region’s coastlines (DEH 2007) and will identify the necessary management actions required for high-value segments of coastline. The project also has direct links to the 2015 study undertaken by the Yorke & Mid North Strategic Alliance to assess the potential impacts of climate change on the region’s coastline; sea level rise, increasing rates of erosion and the recession of foreshores. Legatus have been asked to develop an expression of interest in undertaking this project.
 - The Regional LGA’s Executive Officers have been working with the LGA and developed a funding application to the LGA R&D program for an 18-month project titled “Coordination for Strategic Coastal Management”. This will be managed by the Limestone Coast LGA. A project coordinator would be sourced to establish an alliance and supporting governance arrangements. Subsequently, the responsibilities of the coordinator will be to influence on ground activities and align lobbying and advocacy. The project will have 3 stages:
 - Stage 1 - Consultation and engagement
 - Stage 2 - Situation analysis
 - Stage 3 - Synthesis of consultation outcomes and reporting

All Legatus Group Coastal Councils have been kept informed and the Legatus Group CEO will be on the steering committee with an allocation of \$1,000 per year for 2018/2019 - 2019/2020 as the financial commitment by Legatus Group.

8.5 YORKE MID NORTH REGIONAL ALLIANCE

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendations: For noting

Discussion:

The Alliance meeting was held on 21 May 2018 and the notes from the meeting areas follows.

Attendees:

Simon Millcock	Legatus	SM
Peter Matthey	Legatus	PM

Eric Sommerville - chair	Northern and Yorke NRM	ES
Trevor Naismith	Northern and Yorke NRM	TN
Bill Vandeeper	Regional Development Australia	BV
Rhiannon Niven	DEW	RN
Dylan Strong	Regional Development Australia	DS
Chris Wright	DEW	CW
Moira Coffey	Legatus	MC
Rosemary McDowell	Northern and Yorke NRM – minutes	RM
Brodie Papps (Proxy for DS)	Regional Development Australia	BP
Chris Martin (Proxy for TN)	Northern and Yorke NRM	CM

Action items	Person	Status
A meeting report to be supplied to RN (DEWNR) every 6 months – SM	SM	Completed
Send through information to SM & TN on Prof Bronwyn of the University of Adelaide regarding SKGEDI which may assist in seeking funding for the role of Regional Coordinator?	KAS	Completed
<p>TN to discuss with RN of DEWNR how we can coordinate a regional coordinator role. RN to advise contacts for other similar groups and advise what they have done.</p> <p>19.2.2018 <i>SM has contacted all other regions regarding coordinator roles. No response received to date. A follow up conversation between SM & CW. Lead agency or collaborative arrangement is required.</i></p> <p>TN & SM to meet and discuss how we can coordinate the funding of the Regional Coordinator Role and whether this be a part time position</p>	<p>TN/RN/SM</p> <p>TN/SM</p>	<p>NRM contributed to the Regional Coordinator position. NRM to use funds from N Hall position to employ Moira Coffey until July 2018 was confirmed by NRM. Agenda item 21.5.2018</p> <p>Completed</p>
TN to arrange a trip with PM to view some sites of wheel cactus that has returned vigorously after being sprayed.	TN/PM Add ES?	Proposed for June 2018
19.2.2018	MC	Completed

Moira Coffey to follow up with DEWNR on what space the NY NRM/DEWNR are doing to add to the information.		
SM to advise RN contact details for Sean Holden from LGA regarding the series of workshops and forums developments that are to be held.	SM	Completed
The presentation from Sarah Barker of Minter Ellison to be sent to the members of the Alliance – RN	RN	Completed
Save the date for Mega Forum to RN	KAS	Completed
A meeting between the three CEOs to be organised.	RM	Completed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM to send to SM a short paragraph seeking in principle support from Legatus of the NY NRM Business Plan. • SM to add as an agenda of the next Legatus meeting. 	CM/CM SM	
A response for 3-year action plan and funding of the position by 30 June 2018 is required.	TN/SM/DS	
NRM to present to Legatus Board meeting twice per year (6 monthly). Next one is in August 2018 to be held in the Northern Areas. ES to attend.	ES	
Specific notes from the sessions held during the Regional Alliance forum in April needs to be completed as sent by Simon Millcock for future reference.	TN/DS	
Three CEs get together and plan for next year with further suggestions for theme of the next Regional Forum.	TN/DS/SM/RM	19 June 2018

1. **Apologies:** Trevor Naismith and Dylan Strong

2. **Acceptance of the minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2018**

S Millcock / R Niven **CARRIED**

3. **STANDING ITEM**

Climate Change Sector Agreement Actions

4. **3-year Climate Change Sector Agreement Actions**

Moira Coffey spoke to her stop light report as presented in the meeting papers:

- Yellow stop lights denote ones are to be sent to the Legatus board
- Advisory committee in place
- On track with this report if we present as is
- 3-year plan has been generated and been reviewed by DS and TN. How will it be executed and resourced?
- External support from Landcare funding – NLP2 funding application in collaboration
- Point 4 – note the work we did around coastal inundation has been picked up. SA Coastal Alliance evolved with the Councils collaborating. Check LGA website for further information.
- Inundation mapping – Mapping on certain settlements has been completed. It was suggested there seems to be duplication from some Councils.
- A short discussion on what towns will be affected. Sensitive information?
- Local Government need to be aware for future developments
- Issue with funding

Progress report from this meeting to get an approval from Regional Alliance. These 6 monthly reports will now go to DEW.

Simon Millcock moved that the report be submitted as presented. Seconded Bill Vandeppeer

All in favour and CARRIED

- Up to point 4 – need to have an action plan – 3-year plan which was distributed, and feedback will form a basis for the Alliance going forward.
- Added to Legatus Strategic Plan. How are we going to resource the plan and the coordinator?

An amount of \$15 000 from both RDA and NRM is required for the funding of the climate change coordinator and an answer is yet to be made. The NRM Business Plan is still to be reviewed by the Minister. Eric Sommerville will be meeting Minister Spiers in the following week. MC contracted until the end of June 2018.

- Suggestion that Coast Protection Board do have funds in grant rounds
- RDA do not have funds in their budget at present
- Need to find the grant money. Can a position based on grant funding?
- NRM Board will be presented with their draft budget at their 28 May 2018 Board meeting
- Restructure of DEW has a lot of uncertainty at present.
- Three things - Climate Change Sector agreement, Regional Forum and Regional Road map under the Regional Alliance. If we can't do that, what is the Alliance?
- NRM Board supportive, but difficult if we can't get our Business Plan through as we may need to let go of some of our staff. They are protecting their current level of service.
- Some councils complained about the raising of the NRM Levy. Levy is based on land value and is the same across all Councils.
- If Legatus are supportive of the NY NRM Business Plan, it may assist in getting the Business Plan passed by the Minister.

Action

- CM to send to SM a short paragraph seeking in principle support from Legatus of the NY NRM Business Plan.
- SM to add as an agenda of the next Legatus meeting.

A response for 3-year action plan and funding of the position by 30 June 2018 is required.

Action

A response for 3-year action plan and funding of the position by 30 June 2018 is required.

A discussion on the levy increase and the Council rate capping into the future and the issues faced in the community. N&Y NRM Board have allocated 40% of funds to pest plant animal control.

A suggestion the NRM attend the Legatus board meeting and give an update on works in the region. As Legatus meet 4 times a year, it was agreed that 2 times a year for NY NRM to present would be advantageous.

Action

NRM to present to Legatus Board meeting twice per year (6 monthly). Next one is in August 2018 to be held in the Northern Areas. ES to attend.

It was stated the NY NRM have been notified they have been invited to enter negotiations with the Australian Government (NLP2) which may determine what percentage of funds to be spent in areas such as pest plant and animal control.

5. PDF from Bernard Salt – noting only

As presented

6. Review of the Regional Forum held in Pt Pirie

SM congratulated CM and his team on the coordination of the Regional Forum.

Action

Specific notes from the sessions held during the Regional Alliance forum in April needs to be completed as sent by Simon Millcock for future reference. A discussion ensued.

Notes from feedback included:

- Conflicting sessions meant you had to choose which one you preferred
- Good positive feedback
- In the past, more time spent on planning for the region. The forum in Pt Pirie was more lecturing and has become more entertaining. No answers on how to address issues but challenged us. We have drifted away from the original forums.
- Regional road map and plan – Suggestion that the forum could be a time for the Alliance to meet and evaluate after the forum for an hour. Challenge ourselves with different conversations we have not had in previous meetings.
- No butcher's paper!
- Relevant theme. We spent a lot of money on this year's speaker and raised the bar high.
- Who do we want for next year's main speaker?
- Hard to get industry there. They want to have new information and technology but do not want to participate in small groups

- A survey monkey was undertaken with positive results. This will be released soon.
- Get people interactive but not in small groups.
- Suggested someone with a business mind for next year.

Action

Three CEs get together and plan for next year with further suggestions for theme of the next Regional Forum.

A Briefing for the State Adaption plan and risk management has been drafted and sits with Julia Grant in DEW.

Coastal work and management are mentioned in the new Government plans to date but Climate Change does not get as much of a mention.

- A strong level of commitment in regional areas.
- Each region creating a Plan from the ground up was suggested to be positive.
- Encourage the Government so we don't lose what has been done to date.
- No guarantees of outcomes at this point.
- Challenges for community across the state
- Risk management
- Emergency services
- Fire management

ES gave a brief overview on the future of the NY NRM with the proposed introduction of the Landscape Act. The support of DEW has been crucial.

7. Boot camp in June

MC raised the issue of the 'boot camp' which is scheduled to take place in June. It was agreed to go ahead with this even with the uncertainty of ongoing funding as we could lose the momentum.

8. Next meeting – 23 August 2018

The Regional Roadmap 2018-2028 has been printed and distributed by RDAYMN and planning has commenced between the CEOs for the 2019 Regional Forum.

8.6 EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting.

Discussion

The graduation event for the Yorke Peninsula program is being held on 30 August 2018 at Wallaroo. This is the third program in the Legatus Group region in the past 12 months. The feedback is that these have delivered great results for the region by:

- Motivating existing and potential leaders to serve their communities
- Developing the capacity of leaders to enact change
- Creating a supportive mentoring program and network of emerging leaders
- Growing the number of leaders within the region
- Improving regional collaboration and knowledge sharing

The three components to the Program were:

1. Mentoring - Each participant has been partnered with a high-profile Mentor. These Mentors are highly successful business, political, community and industry leaders who are an integral part of this region and expose the participants to a wealth of knowledge.
2. Workshops - There are five full day workshops:
 - Being an effective leader
 - Empowering people
 - Building Personal & Community Resilience
 - Innovative Solutions
 - Project Management
3. Projects - The third component is the delivery of a community project. The Emerging Leaders are presented with a project that they will deliver within project teams, these projects are a platform for organisations and the Emerging Leaders to integrate and produce “relevant community outcomes” whilst utilising, embracing and enhancing their skills.

An LGA R&D grant for a “Engaging Young People into Volunteering” has progressed from the Mid North program.

8.7 RATING EQUITY (Major Projects)

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting

Discussion:

The final report has been posted on the Legatus Group website and it was extremely well received, and the following recommendations were adopted by the SAROC Committee:

- I. receives the report and notes the key findings as:
 - a) significant rating constraints presently impede SA Councils from equitably allocating the rate burden across their communities from selected major developments; and
 - b) compared with other mainland states, ratepayers are forced to cross subsidise electricity generated for use outside of Council's boundaries, high intensity land uses, and the provision of community housing.
2. requests that the Regional LGA Executive Officers work with the LGA Secretariat to distribute the report and to approach all member councils to seek responses by 30 August 2018 to inform a future recommendation to the LGA Board concerning the following recommended actions by preparing three separate reports to assist with removing rating constraints:
 - a) changes to legislation to allow SA Councils to recover appropriate payments in lieu of rates directly from electricity generators – rather than landowners – under a regulated formula subject to indexation.
 - b) additional flexibility in the categorisation of different land uses for differential rating purposes to provide Councils with greater capacity to levy appropriate rates based on intensity of land use (e.g. mining/ resources, feedlots).
 - c) no longer mandates the provision of 75% rate rebates for Community Housing Providers or ensure that the State Government is responsible for the provision of contributions to fund these rebates; and
 - d) considers potential interim action for adoption of occupancy / tenancy-based valuations of wind turbines and solar panel installations following the collation of the response to the above recommended action (2a) re electricity generators.

The Legatus Group CEO has meet with Lea Bacon at LGA and an LGA circular has since been distributed seeking any further comments from councils by end of August.

The Legatus Group CEO provided the report to the SA Planning Commission members who he met with in Port Augusta.

8.8 Socio – economic impacts from the NDIS on regional local governments

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting.

Discussion:

The final report has been posted on the Legatus Group website and the SAROC Committee adopted the following motions:

1. notes the report
2. notes that the Regional LGA executive officers, with the assistance of the LGA Secretariat, will progress the recommendation in the report that regional organisations of councils encourage and assist members to collaborate in the delivery the activities to:
 - a) liaise with relevant state and commonwealth government departments to ensure that they:
 - i. provide up to date and accurate NDIS data;
 - ii. review the model for provision and funding of NDIS transport in regional areas; and
 - iii. form stronger planning and service response alliances between the National Disability Insurance Agency, SAROC and LGA.
 - b) work with regional South Australian councils to ensure that local government:
 - i. is proactive in understanding and advocating for their communities;
 - ii. ensures that local government is not seen as the 'unfunded provider of last resort';
 - iii. develops and implement regional NDIS communication and include FAQs and other tools that aid consistency and promote key messages;
 - iv. understands and responds to volunteering trends;
 - v. provides disability awareness training; and
 - vi. collects, analyses and coordinates messages about NDIS transport
3. notes that the LGA Board will receive this report at a future meeting and will consider the implications for all South Australian councils in conjunction with the “NDIS impact on Metropolitan local governments” research project.

The Legatus Group CEO has meet with Lea Bacon at LGA and provided recommendation to the metropolitan group that they comment on the SAROC recommendations and the KPPM / Legatus report noting the recommendations re LGA. The LGA will distribute the report to State and Federal Government Departments and arrange a meeting to include the Legatus Group CEO.

The Legatus Group CEO is also working with Larissa Mackrill the Disability Workforce Coordinator RDA Yorke Mid North on the Regional Disability & Wellbeing Forum 14 September 2018 to be held in Port Pirie.

8.9 LGA R&D Grant Applications

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting.

Discussion:

Digital Maturity of Legatus Group Councils

Following the workshop held with Constituent Councils it was found there is a desire to increase the use of technology to move away from old expensive ways of delivering local government and replace them with programmes and products that are reflective of the current and future technology. The Legatus Group Strategic Plan has at goal three to support development and infrastructure that contributes to sustainable communities. This includes as part of its strategy to support the growth of information technology by advocating for services to ensure any digital divides are reduced.

The Legatus Group CEO developed a funding application to the LGA R&D program and this was distributed to all Constituent Council and RDA CEOs. Positive feedback has been received including:

- On reviewing this submission, I think this is a good opportunity to participate in a regional initiative and benchmark our progress. The investment is small, and I believe would align nicely with our objectives of the Change Program and our desire to have more Customer Centric Systems in place.
- Congratulations on identifying this as an opportunity for improvement of our services and interaction with our communities.
- I am very interested in the outcomes of this project - if you need someone on a steering group and you think I can add some value I would be keen to be considered.
- Looks like a great project, look forward to seeing the outcome.

The plan is to form a reference group including representatives from:

- Local Government
- Industry
- Regional Development Australia

Volunteering project

The Legatus Group through their alliance with RDA Yorke and Mid North have undertaken a series of sub-regional emerging leader's programs. One of the projects identified by the Mid North program was a project titled "Engaging Young People into Volunteering".

Workshops and forums have been held and there are several initiatives being undertaken by various organisations in the space of volunteering and these are not currently coordinated or linked with the numerous community groups and councils across the Yorke Mid North region.

The Legatus Group CEO developed a funding application to the LGA R&D program that initially focusses on the Mid North sub-region of Wakefield, Clare & Gilbert Valley and Goyder. Focus will be on creating a culture for youth into volunteering and allowing current volunteer groups to better engage with youth. Project partners who have been identified are Volunteering SA&NT, UniSA and Mid North Knowledge Partnership. The lessons learnt from this project can be applied across the whole local government sector noting variances may occur due to geography and demographics.

8.10 Landscape SA Act

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For consideration of a submission.

Discussion:

As part of the state governments reform of natural resources management in South Australia a discussion paper - Managing Our Landscapes has been released. The South Australian Government has committed to a range of reforms to the natural resources management system. These include:

- Replacing the Natural Resources Management Act with the proposed Landscape South Australia Act.
- Creating a simpler, flexible and accessible system for managing natural resources, with decentralised decision-making.
- Putting people at the heart of managing our natural resources, recognising that those who work and live on the land are well placed to manage and sustain it.
- Creating nine landscape Boards and Green Adelaide to replace existing NRM Boards.
- Making soil quality, pest plant and animal control and water management major priorities.
- Capping annual land and water levy rises at a rate set by an independent body or according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Continuing to collect levies through councils.
- Establishing a Grassroots Grants program, a \$2 million state-wide annual fund for volunteer, community and not-for-profit groups to access.

A discussion paper is available which provides an overview of the reforms, the benefits it will bring and the key areas where community input is sought to shape those reforms.

The Legatus Group is part of the Yorke Mid North Regional Alliance which includes the North and Yorke NRM and has been an active participant on issues regarding many of the issues outlined in the above points.

The closing date for submissions is Monday 15 October 2018.

If the Legatus Group provides a submission then the LGA Director Policy, Stephen Smith is seeking a copy to assist the LGA in preparing a submission on behalf of local government.

8.11 Murray Darling Association

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting.

Discussion:

Mayor Denis Clark was an apology for the SA Inter Regional Murray Darling Association meeting and the Legatus Group CEO attended on his behalf and has been following up on a number of matters to gain greater information.

Several presentations were made including by Emma Bradbury CEO Murray Darling Association (MDA), Neil Andrew Chair Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) and Hon David Speirs MHA Minister for Environment and Water. The other SA regions provided feedback on what is being undertaken by their regions. Information was provided by the MDBA re their Regional Engagement Officers and the work being done on socio-economic assessments.

The MDA has 12 regions of which twelve of the Legatus Group Councils fall into region 8. Six Legatus Group councils are financial members along with the Adelaide Hills Council making seven councils from region 8 financial members of MDA.

There have been no meetings of Region 8 since 22 May 2015. Mayor Denis Clark is the chair, appointed by invitation of the MDA board following Rod Button's retirement.

The process of nominating representatives to the MDA regional meetings is managed by councils. A member council will nominate (or delegate) a councillor and officer to represent them at the MDA region meetings. The process for nominating representatives to the AGM is one that is managed by the region. Every council delegate is entitled to a vote at the AGM, and the region is entitled to nominate a further 3 representatives if it's membership includes membership in other categories.

The MDA advise that they take a fairly open approach to council participation – welcoming the contribution of non-member councils on any matters not expressly prohibited by the constitution (i.e. matters that expressly require current paid-up membership, such as voting at regional elections and on motions at the AGM; standing for office etc.).

In discussions with the MDA and MDBA the Legatus Group CEO has offered to assist in facilitating an MDA Region 8 meeting to gain information on topical issues for region 8. This would seek to include MDBA Regional Engagement Officer and planning has commenced for this meeting to be held on Monday 17 September 2018.

9. LEGATUS GROUP REGIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP

Reports for Discussion

From: CEO Colin Byles

Recommendation: For noting.

Discussion:

The Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting was held on Friday 3 August 2018 and the notes from the meeting are as follows:

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present: Colin Byles (Chair), Colin Davies, Peter Harder, Andrew Cole, Martin McCarthy, David Stevenson, Helen Macdonald, Peter Ackland, Kristen Clark, Jason Kuchel and Simon Millcock.

1.2 Apologies:

Andrew Cameron, Wayne Hart, Brian Carr, Peter McGuinness and James Miller.

2. WELCOME

Colin Byles welcomed everyone to the meeting and congratulated the Copper Coast Council on the opening of the Copper Coast Sports & Leisure Centre and the role of Peter Harder and the team at Copper Coast Council. Peter outlined some of the learnings and answered questions.

3. PRESENTATIONS

i Michael Arman Manager LG Emergency Management Planning

Michael provided an overview of the Emergency Management Council Ready Program and the state-wide workshop program assisting with identifying areas that will support the regional officers scheduled for 2019. All Legatus Group councils (except Wakefield) are involved with either one on one workshops or with combined workshops. Michael seeking as many council staff as possible due to the complexity across the whole of council when dealing with emergency management. Wakefield Regional Council will be undertaking a specific response. The findings are due to be finalised by December 2018. Michael acknowledged Legatus Group has sought this regional officer role from past two years ago and have been active in assisting with promoting and coordinating the workshops.

ii Larissa Mackrill Disability Workforce Coordinator RDA Yorke Mid North

Larissa provided an update on the two-year program that is designed to connect disability sector employers and suitable job seekers, support local employers to identify and address their workforce development needs and deliver community engagement activities and information dissemination. Information was provided on the participants and employment progress in the region and it was identified there are deficiencies with local and regional impacts discussed. Larissa acknowledged the work being undertaken in partnership with Legatus Group including the recent socio-economic impacts of NDIS to councils and the upcoming Wellbeing and Disability Forum in Port Pirie. Larissa is seeking assistance from constituent councils by:

- Information & links to be made available on all LGA websites
- Resources & pamphlets in reception offices

- Subscriptions to E-newsletter
- Attendance at upcoming Regional Disability & Wellbeing Forum

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legatus Group CEO's Simon Millcock provided a verbal report on:

- Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held 3 August 2018 outlining that the committee noted the 2018/2019 budget variation report distributed to all councils. Discussion held on the level of reserves and that subject to the adoption of the 2017/2018 annual report, Colin Davies and the Legatus Group CEO will undertake a review and develop recommendations given that many of these reserves projects have been acquitted.
- Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting held 2 August 2018 included an update on the current SLRP allocations and commencement of phase 2 of the Regional Transport Plan. Noted that the Legatus Group CEO will be progressing a report on railway crossing safety and the meeting saw value in this work being undertaken. Agreement on value for progressing with report with other organisations on the socio-economic impacts associated with deteriorating condition of Horrocks Highway. The meeting was supportive of the workshops on heavy vehicle access issues.

Legatus Group CEO had provided a written report and general discussion was held on the following topics:

- Community Wastewater Management Schemes – great feedback from the state-wide forum coordinated by Legatus Group in Nuriootpa the week before. The meeting noted that no CEO's had expressed interest at this stage in the Legatus Group CWMS Committee. Andrew Cole noted that 4G communications and that CWMS are serviced by copper wire.
- Emergency Management - CEO's were encouraged to consider staff attendance at the workshops.
- Climate Change – including interest around the approach of PhD Interns and waiting on update from the Yorke Mid North Alliance re RDA YMN contribution.
- NDIS socio-economic impact on regional councils – update on the meeting held with LGA Executive to progress discussions with state government agencies and LGA position to be confirmed after metropolitan council's project is completed.
- Rating Equity – LGA circular has been distributed seeking any further comments from councils by end of August.
- Yorke Mid North Regional Planning Day and Regional Development South Australia Conference.
- LGA R&D funding applications – Digital Maturity and Volunteering projects supported.
- Population Policy for LGA and Legatus Group Region.
- Offer by Legatus Group CEO to assist with grant funding either at whole of region or sub-regional levels for programs such as Healthy Communities and the Regional Growth Fund. CEO's were encouraged to use the resource of the Legatus Group CEO.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 LGA Constitution and Auxiliary documents – The meeting noted that the LGA Circular had been distributed that day with an update on the consultation and proposed action by LGA for feedback by 31 August 2018: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx?c=81066>

5.2 Illegal Dumping – Some councils have seen an increase over the past few months and CEO's invited to bring data to the next meeting for further discussion.

5.3 Nuclear Waste Dump Hawker – Colin Davies provided an update on the community consultation process.

5.4 Cost involved with LG Risk Services – Major issue for all councils and meeting saw the value in a specific workshop being held for all CEO's and appropriate staff to identify the key 4-5 issues that are common across the region. These issues would be of interest to other Regional LGAs and then to SAROC. Workshop to be held prior to the next meeting as stand-alone workshop. CEO's Helen Macdonald, Jason Kuchel, Peter Ackland and Martin McCarthy to scope out further with Legatus Group CEO.

5.5 Ambulance services – Jason Kuchel discussed concerns about the level of volunteers and that he would follow up with Ambulance SA. It was noted that Limestone Coast had undertaken some work in this space 7-8 years ago and Jason would follow up.

6. CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting was closed at 2.10 pm and next meeting to be held at District Council of Mount Remarkable 11.00am Friday 30 November 2018.

10. LEGATUS ROAD AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reports for Discussion

From: Colin Davies (Chair)

Recommendation: That the Legatus Group supports the Legatus CEO to commence scoping for the development of a detailed report in partnership with industry and user groups on the socio-economic impacts of further deterioration of Horrocks Highway.

Discussion:

The Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee meeting was held on Thursday 2 August 2018 Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council 4 Gleeson Street, CLARE SA and the following minutes were recorded.

1. Welcome:

The meeting was opened at 10.00am and Chair Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Attendance:

Lee Wallis (Goyder), Steve Kaesler & Matt Elding (Barossa), Peter Porch (Northern Areas), Trevor Graham (Yorke Peninsula), Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains), Steve Watson (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Mike Wilde (DPTI) and Simon Millcock (Legatus Group).

3. Apologies

Jo-anne Buchanan (RDA Yorke Mid North)

4. Minutes of the meeting held 30 April 2018

The meeting noted that the minutes of their meeting held on 30 April 2018 were presented at the Legatus Group meeting 25 May 2018. The meeting noted the actions which were carried.

5. Business Arising from the minutes

5.1 2018/2019 SLRP

Discussion held on the recommendations by the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel and endorsed by the LGA Board that are now being submitted by the Grants Commission to the State and Federal Ministers for decision. The meeting noted:

- Funding was down across the state by around 25%.
- 5 of the 9 Legatus Group projects were endorsed with total value of \$1,996,000 and when compared to the previous year \$ 3,089,400 and 8 projects approved.
- Legatus Group was 2nd highest allocation of the regions.
- Not all regions priority rankings were followed.
- Of the Legatus Group four were freight routes and one a community access.

- The region with the most number of projects funded was the Limestone Coast and their 8 projects were all funded on 1/2 contribution by councils.
- Majority of other regions funding was on 1/3 contribution by councils.

Discussion included for next round:

- Committee could look at providing more direction for applicants.
- Criteria to be considered when assessing if section of road been funded previously.
- Workshop for applicants.
- Consideration of weighting allocation in assessments against the contribution by councils may assist with more projects being approved.

5.2 Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan Phase 2

The meeting noted that the project had commenced via HDS at a reduced cost than original proposal given the reduced length of roads being assessed. The Legatus Group CEO contacted all councils with the offer by HDS to undertake at a reduced cost assessment on roads:

- which they may have considered as being regionally significant which were not included in the 2030 Regional Transport Plan Phase 1; or
- which are considered by their Council as locally important and that would benefit (in terms of Council's future works planning) from having a deficiency assessment.

5.3 Railway Crossing Road Safety Assessments

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report he had requested from HDS as an extension of the regional transport plan for a possible railway crossing road safety assessment, to be undertaken at the same time as their assessments for phase 2 of the regional transport plan. The committee discussed and agreed there is significant value in having research undertaken on the active railways across the region. The committee noted further scoping of the project is needed due to:

- Clarifying with constituent councils their Interface Agreements which is the written agreement made between rail infrastructure managers and road managers and sets out a mutual understanding and arrangement for the management of risks to safety at a shared railway crossing interface.
- Investigate what research work has been undertaken or is available through the LGA.
- Identify various funding streams.
- Engage with bodies controlling the railway tracks such as Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd.

The meeting recommended that Legatus Group CEO provides a report for further consideration.

5.4 Horrocks Highway state of disrepair

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report for comment regarding a proposed recommendation to Legatus Group that a detailed report to be developed in partnership with industry and user groups on the socio-economic impacts of further deterioration of Horrocks Highway. A question was raised on the terms or reference for the committee and it was noted that the Legatus Group CEO was seeking feedback due to these two clauses:

- Raise and discuss road and transport issues of common interest or concern and develop appropriate courses of action for recommendation to the Legatus Board.
- Facilitate greater awareness and understanding across member councils of topical road and transportation issues and funding opportunities and processes.

The committee agreed that there was value in having this body of work undertaken in partnership with other organisations.

5.5 Content and timing of sub-regional heavy vehicle access workshop

Consensus that two workshops for the whole region be held which would focus on the accountability by councils:

- a. Practitioners – workshop prior to Christmas to clarify the issues across the region, understand the legal responsibilities and include the external pressures being placed on road managers.
- b. Elected members and practitioners – to be held after the elections and based on the findings of the practitioner’s workshop and possibly held in conjunction with the findings from the deficiencies report being undertaken by HDS.

The meeting recognised the need for councils to form their own positions but the principals across the region are the same. The workshops should include representation from NHVR and to include their legal officer along with representative from mutual liability. DPTI would be unlikely to participate as they don’t have the outstanding concerns that Council Road Managers are seeking to clarify. LGA are keen to be involved and that the matters could be further progressed with SAROC.

The meeting identified a need for someone within the LGA Executive to have this topic as a priority. The Legatus Group CEO is to investigate a possible external facilitator for both workshops who would develop a report on the issues raised.

5.6 Port Wakefield Road state of repair / beautification

Consensus was that this is a matter to be discussed by Legatus Board.

5.7 Legatus Group Strategic and Business plan

The meeting noted the report.

6. Other Business

6.1 Independent review of current Oversize Overmass (OSOM)

The meeting noted that the Deputy Prime Minister announced the commencement of an independent review of current OSOM access arrangements, to consider the regulatory framework and the system processes for ensuring safe, productive and critical access by OSOM vehicles to Australia's road network. Consultation will be with industry, the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator and road managers including local councils and state and territory road authorities. The Legatus CEO is to follow up and gain further information

https://infrastructure.gov.au/vehicles/vehicle_regulation/ris/index.aspx

6.2 Transport survey – Gladstone

DPTI are progressing investigations to address extended level crossing activation times at the Horrocks Highway level crossing at Gladstone, funding is anticipated to allow completion in 2019/20.

7. Close and date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 11.45am and next meeting to be decided based on the outcome of the dates for workshops.

11. AUDIT and RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Reports for Discussion

Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting

From: Chair Mayor Agnew

Recommendations: For noting.

Discussion:

The Audit and Risk Management Committee held their meeting on the 3 August 2018 at the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council 4 Gleeson Street, CLARE SA and the following minutes were recorded. These minutes were also provided to the Legatus Group AGM held 17 Augusts 2018 and the 2018/2019 budget update is attached (Attachment B).

The meeting was opened at 9:55am on 3 August 2018 at the Council Chamber, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, 4 Gleeson Street, Clare.

1. Meeting Attendance

Present: Chair Mayor Ray Agnew, Chairman Kathie Bowman, Mr Peter Ackland and Mr Colin Davies.

In Attendance: Legatus Group CEO Mr Simon Millcock

Apologies: Mayor Colin Nottle

2. New Member

Chairman Ray Agnew welcomed Mr Peter Ackland CEO Port Pirie Council to his first meeting.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the previous Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 20 April 2018 be taken as read and confirmed

Moved: Chairman Kathie Bowman Seconded: Colin Davies **CARRIED**

4. Business Arising Not Otherwise on the Agenda

The Legatus Group CEO provided a written report with the agenda which had been distributed to the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee and to the Legatus Group Board and Legatus Group CEOs.

4.1 Adoption of the 2018 – 2028 Strategic Plan and 2018 - 2019 Business Plan

Noted they had been adopted and distributed.

4.2 Flinders Ranges Council Financial Management Services

Colin Davies declared a conflict of interest and did not take part in the conversations or decisions on this matter.

Motions:

1. That the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee notes the variation to the starting date to 1 September 2018 for The Flinders Ranges Council to deliver the financial services to the Legatus Group and recommends the Legatus Group confirms the signatories of Colin Davies, Darryl Whicker, Julie Rayner and Christine Bowden to the Legatus Group accounts.
2. That the Legatus Group acknowledge the support provided for their financial services from the Goyder Regional Council and specifically the professional approach taken by Mr Griff Campbell.

Moved: Chairman Kathie Bowman Seconded: Peter Ackland **CARRIED**

5. Work Plan

- i. Work Plan Update

Motion: That the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee notes that the work plan is up to date.

Moved: Peter Ackland Seconded: Colin Davies **CARRIED**

- ii. Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee 2017/2018 Report

Motion: That the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee endorses the report.

Moved: Chairman Kathie Bowman Seconded: Colin Davies **CARRIED**

6. AGM Election / Charter

The meeting noted the report by the Legatus Group CEO and that constituent councils are required to receive the approved Legatus Group annual report for inclusion in their annual reports. Mayor Ray Agnew advised that he would be withdrawing a notice of motion which he had supplied to the Legatus Group CEO for the AGM.

7. Annual Financial Report 2017/2018

Motions:

1. That the Legatus Group annual financial statement for the year ending 30 June 2018 presents a fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the Legatus Group and that the board adopt the annual financial statement.
2. That the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee Chairman provides the representation letter to the Auditor Mr Ian G McDonald FCA.
3. That the Legatus Group retain Mr Ian G McDonald as Auditor for the year end 30 June 2019.

4. That following the adoption of the 2017/2018 financial report the Legatus Group CEO and Colin Davies undertake a review of the reserves.

Moved: Peter Ackland Seconded: Chairman Kathie Bowman **CARRIED**

8. Budget 2018/2019 Update

Motion: That the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Committee notes the 2018/2019 budget variation report and the update provided by the Legatus CEO.

Moved: Colin Davies Seconded: Chairman Kathie Bowman **CARRIED**

9. Other Business

- i. Relocation of Legatus Group Office

The Legatus Group CEO advised that he was in discussion with RDA Yorke Mid North and Department for Environment and Water to finalise a relocation of the office to assist with reducing the current lease costs.

- ii. Expression of Interest Community Wellbeing Alliance Trial

The Legatus Group CEO advised that expressions of interest are being sought from Regional LGAs and councils for two community wellbeing alliance trials and noted that the Legatus Group have approved an application to host a position for the region.

10. Close and date of next meeting

The next meeting is set down for 10am Friday 30 November 2018 at Melrose.

Meeting Closed by the Chair at 10.50 am

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

July 2018

Reports for discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendations: For noting

Discussion:

Following discussions by the Legatus Group CEO with Mr Griff Campbell Finance Manager a Legatus Group Balance Sheet as of July 2018 is not provided. This is due to the limited number of transactions, and time allocated by Mr Campbell to complete annual financial reports for both the Legatus Group and the Regional Council of Goyder.

Two invoices were distributed to the LGA for:

- \$173,893 for Regional Capacity funding 2018/2019 and Rubble Royalties payment till January 2018
- \$10,000 first instalment for CWMS project

The Legatus Group CEO provided an update to the Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 3 August 2018. Their minutes record they noted the 2018/2019 budget variation report and the update.

Following the adoption of the 2018/2019 budget the Legatus Group have been advised of the following:

- a) A further \$32,000 allocation from the LGA funding is confirmed with \$25,000 for Regional Capacity Building and top up of \$7,000 from Rubble Royalties.
- b) There could be a possible \$30,000 increase to the income due to the increased first round of Rubble Royalties being \$130,000 and budget was for \$100,000.
- c) RDA YMN have advised that they have not allocated \$15,000 funding towards the Climate Change Project Officer Northern and Yorke NRM have confirmed their \$15,000. Negotiations are continuing with this matter listed as agenda item at the next Alliance meeting.

The Legatus Group CEO requested Griff Campbell to prepare a revised budget 2018/2019 (Attachment A) based on this information and with the following changes to projects.

- a) That the LGA R&D application for the Eco-Village concept plans be removed from Special Projects and allocated against the Regional Capacity Building Program budget line.
- b) That an LGA R&D Volunteering project be included in the Special Projects budget line.

- c) That a Regional Visitor Information Service Review project be included in the Regional Capacity Building budget line.

Not included in these changes are a possible allocation of \$8,550 for a Legatus Railway Crossing Road Safety Assessment being discussed by the Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

The above changes including the allocation of \$8,550 would result in an operating surplus for 2018/2019 of \$39,000 as opposed to the approved budget of \$57,700.

Noting that the R&D projects will only occur subject to a successful grant application.

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION & SAROC

13.1 LGA Constitution and funding of Regional LGA's

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendations:

- 1) That the meeting considers a response to the draft ancillary documents.**
- 2) That the Legatus Group meeting of the 14 December 2018 includes a workshop to develop its longer-term approach and responses based on the key findings and LGA recommendations.**

A series of consultations occurred with member councils about the auxiliary documents that support the constitution. The draft Ancillary Documents will be further considered by the LGA Board at its September meeting ahead of providing them to the October AGM for ratification by members.

The notes provided by URPS and LGA are:

Monday, 25 June 2018 held at Balaklava

Present: Andrew Cole (Barunga West), Cynthia Axford, Ray Agnew (Yorke Peninsula), Rodney Reid and Jason Kuchel (Wakefield), Alyssa Denicola, Sheree Schenk (Adelaide Plains), Martin McCarthy, Bob Sloane (Barossa), Bill O'Brien, Helen McDonald, Clare and Gilbert Valley, Rosalind Talbot (Acting Mayor Copper Coast), Andrew Johnson (LGA), Angela Hazebroek (URPS).

Regional Composition

Barossa has operational links with Gawler and Adelaide Plains and would welcome a peri urban option. They have previously worked with Southern and Hills Councils, so this isn't seen as a problem.

Light might have some concerns about being in the same region as Yankalilla and Kangaroo Island – not sure they have any common interests with them.

They suggested a sub region of Legatus with Light, Wakefield, Clare and Gilbert Valley, Adelaide Plains. However, this grouping was not supported by the other Councils.

Wakefield Council indicated that they would stay with Legatus and continue to work with the YP Alliance.

It was felt that while the smaller northern Councils might have very different issues there is still a real benefit of sharing ideas and providing support to each other.

Number of Regions

This group do not want to see additional regions created beyond the new peri urban region which is supported.

It was considered that additional regions would result in diluting the focus and advocacy for regions with common issues. If there are smaller groups of Councils in the region the base cost to individual Councils will increase.

Can the LGA indicate whether they have an upper limit on the number of the regions they would allow to be created? If so, this should be in the Constitution.

SAROC's Roles

It was agreed that SAROC already works well. Questions were asked about how the proposed changes would improve SAROC.

What is giving SAROC more autonomy going to achieve? What more does it need to do?

Election Process

The model proposed in the Terms of Reference needs to be revised to re-instate the regional group as the mechanism for nomination/selection of regional representatives.

Members of this group don't think this method of election is any less democratic than a direct election by member Councils. It is considered essential that SAROC members are members of their regional group, so they are across all the regional issues.

The Value of LGA

Council members ask what value they get from the LGA. Recent media coverage has done some damage. A number of Legatus members identified the importance of the LGA as an overarching peak body for Councils.

Concerns about SAROC and GAROC

There was concern about introducing another layer of governance and funding. If SAROC and GAROC are meant to be more efficient this should result in cost savings.

Where specific regional issues have broader impacts, they are likely to be in long term strategic plans of organisations such as Regional Development Australia (RDA Boards).

It was suggested that SAROC could use the administrative systems of groups like the Barossa RDA to deliver programs that meet objectives of SAROC's strategic plan.

Other Issues

Why can't LGA SA follow the ALGA's example of 1 Council = 1 Vote. The weighting of votes at LGA SA meetings disadvantages smaller regional Councils.

What does the constitution say about external agencies becoming members of regional groups? (e.g. RDA, NGO's, etc).

Further Consultation

Councils want an open and transparent report of what has been heard in the regional consultations. This needs to be communicated to every Elected Member.

It would be helpful for a presentation based on the report to be provided to CEO's to assist them in workshopping the ancillary documents with their Councils.

The revised documents should reflect the changes that have been generally supported across the regional workshops. The election process set out in the SAROC/GAROC Terms of Reference must be replaced by the existing model.

Thursday, 28 June 2018 held at Jamestown

Present: Simon Millcock, Mayor Peter Slattery (Legatus), Mayor Colin Nottle (Flinders Ranges), Wayne Hart (Mt Remarkable), Ruth Whittle and Peter McGuinness (Peterborough), Colin Byles and Denis Clarke (Northern Areas), Peter Mattey (Goyder), Cathy Bowman (Orroroo-Carrieton), Andrew Johnson (LGA), Angela Hazebroek (URPS).

Regional Composition

The benefits for the LGA of including Cooper Pedy and outback communities were questioned. It was also asked what the rationale was for including all the Aboriginal community councils as members of the LGA.

It was suggested that Roxy had not been participated actively in the Upper Spencer Gulf Cities Group. It was suggested that the number of regions to be established should be limited since having too many regions could dilute the power and focus of existing regions.

A region is a region because of common interests.

It was suggested that Cooper Pedy may be better aligned with Eyre Peninsula.

It was agreed that Councils should be able to be part of more than one region, e.g. possibly Barossa. However, it was considered that they should identify with one region as their "voting" region. They would not have a second vote in the other region.

Election Model

The proposal as expressed in the draft Terms of Reference would have the impact of diminishing the value of regions and putting at risk the relationships of the LGA with regions.

Regions must be reinstated in the election model.

SAROC representatives must sit at their regional group table.

Role of SAROC/GAROC

The funding of SAROC and GAROC could be divisive and could lead to one group doing something the other one doesn't know about.

SAROC already acts as a filter for regional Councils wanting to put proposals forward. It could be useful for GAROC to provide a similar filter for metropolitan Councils.

Support for Constitutional Changes

There is general support for a smaller Board. Councils would like to know more about the skills and expertise requirements for Board members since the SAROC Board members will also need to meet these.

LGA to provide “job description” for Board members.

Resourcing SAROC and GAROC

In the absence of new money within the LGA, Member Councils expressed concern about any increase of costs to individual Councils which could decrease the resources available to their regional group.

The potential for duplication of resources in preparing Strategic Plans and Annual Business Plans for the LGA, SAROC and GAROC caused concern. It was noted that getting 15 Member Councils to develop and endorse the Legatus strategic and business plans took several months.

It was considered that SAROC works well with the existing resources provided by the LGA and Councils through the region’s Executive Officers and Elected Member representatives.

Is the LGA trying to replicate this with GAROC? What is the rationale behind establishing GAROC? Members were concerned that this might take a lot of resources that may not yield results.

Other Matters

There was discussion about the future funding of regional groups. It was noted that no funding to regional groups from the LGA has been committed beyond June 2019.

Timeframe for Response to Documents

There was considerable discussion about the risks involved in trying to get Council endorsement for the ancillary documents at the AGM in October.

Councils will enter caretaker mode on 18 September so even in the next two months some Elected Members will already be in “campaign” mode.

After the election there could be big changes in membership of regional groups, SAROC and GAROC. It is possible that members of these groups could lose their place on Council. This could also impact on the LGA Board.

Could the LGA please provide a detailed timeframe for further consultation and endorsement of the ancillary documents noting how the issues associated with the timing of the elections will be addressed?

Further Consultation

The next Legatus Board meeting is on 17 August.

It would be helpful to have the updated documents, a clear and concise report of the regional consultations, and a presentation that the regional executive Officer and Council CEO’s could use to work through the ancillary documents to come to a clear position prior to the AGM.

All five ancillary documents should be presented as one package. It is considered critical that the LGA avoids any perception by Councils that it is rushing these changes.

LGA Circular 32.3

The LGA are seeking feedback by 31 August 2018 on circular 32.3

URPS made a presentation to the July LGA Board meeting and tabled a draft report on their findings and what they had heard from councils through the consultation process. URPS made a number of key findings/recommendations to the LGA Board. A copy of these findings and the LGA Board's response to these findings are included in the table below.

URPS Finding	LGA's Proposed Action
1. Amend the proposed election process so that the regional groups nominate/elect their representatives to SAROC.	The TOR for SAROC have been changed to provide for the regional groups to nominate/elect their representatives to SAROC.
2. Retain existing composition of regions of councils for now and defer decision about their composition until after Council elections.	This has been included in the attached amended SAROC/GAROC TOR. It is proposed to adopt the current regions, at this point in time, and that further consultation on the regional composition be undertaken during the next 12 months.
3. Explore more fully the composition of the regions in discussion with all Councils and regions. This includes consulting to determine where Roxby Downs, Coober Pedy, Outback Areas and indigenous communities 'fit' in the regional groupings and/or as members of the LGSASA.	It is proposed to adopt the current regions, at this point in time, and that further consultation on the regional composition be undertaken during the next 12 months.
4. Provide clarity about the operations, accountability and funding of SAROC and GAROC.	Upon formation, after the 2018 AGM, SAROC & GAROC will be asked to provide advice to the LGA Board on what they believe their operations, accountability and funding should be, for the Board's consideration.
5. Develop essential criteria for those elected to the LGASA Board.	To be developed separately post adoption of TOR and circulated to Councils for consultation.
6. Identify a maximum number of regions of councils that can be created.	Ultimately the number of regions is up to the membership to determine. It is proposed to defer consideration on this issue until item 3 above is completed. This will provide a better understanding of the

	potential number of regions that may be created.
7. To aid the next round of engagement on the ancillary documents, prepare an easy to understand report and accompanying PowerPoint presentation that describes what currently exists and the proposed changes/options.	It is proposed to circulate, this action list, the URPS Report, updated copies of the PowerPoint Presentations used during the initial consultation during the next phase of consultation, to be undertaken prior to the AGM.

13.2 LGA Topical Report

From: LGA

Recommendation: For noting

Discussion:

The LGA Topical report from August 2018 provided as an information update on LGA activities and is current at the time it is supplied.

1 Advocacy Update

1.1. Rate Capping

The Government's Local Government (Rate Oversight) Amendment Bill 2018 was passed by the House of Assembly on 24 July 2018. This was expected as the Government holds a lower house majority.

The Bill will now proceed to the Legislative Council (Upper House) where it will need the support of the Opposition or three out of the five crossbench members. SA-BEST and SA Greens have stated they will oppose the Bill, and the Labor Opposition will be finalising a position prior to debate commencing in the Legislative Council in September.

A Special Meeting of the LGA Board will be held on 10 August to review the positions of Councils, which are sought by the LGA by COB Friday 3 August. The Board will also use the following criteria – as endorsed at the special meeting of members - to inform and resolve a position:

- A merits-based assessment of the proposed legislation;
- The best interests of the communities of South Australia and their confidence in the local government sector;
- Current LGA policy positions and whether there is a mandate from members for an amended policy to be adopted;
- Potential impacts on the long-term financial sustainability of the local government sector, and how any negative impacts could be mitigated;
- Potential amendments and concessions that are in the best interest of councils and the community they serve;
- Positions of political parties in the Legislative Council and the impact this would have on the outcomes that can feasibly be achieved through the

- parliamentary process; and
- The number of responses received and the number of councils that did not participate in the voting process.

1.2. 2018 Council Elections

Council CEOs would have received a communique from the Electoral Commissioner outlining ECSA's marketing focuses for the elections campaign, along with a media schedule for the 'Enrol' phase and new design material that they commissioned.

While the LGA was prepared to manage all phases of the advertising campaign, we were unable to reach a timely agreement with ECSA about a complex service agreement that posed too many commercial and reputational risks to the Association and its members. Following negotiations between LGA and ECSA staff, the LGA made the decision not to sign this agreement and for ECSA to move forward with the advertising campaign.

As a result, the Commissioner has maintained the responsibility for the 'Enrol' and 'Vote' phases of the campaign, in line with his legislated responsibilities. The LGA will be primarily responsible for promoting the 'Nominate' phase and this activity is supported by the Local Government Research and Development Scheme.

The 'Make a Difference – nominate for council' training sessions commenced in the last week of July. These sessions are being held across SA, with the majority run in regional areas. The first session was attended by over 40 participants and it was great to see diversity in representation, with primarily young men and women from all backgrounds in attendance.

A DIY training kit is available online for council officers to use for their own 'Make a difference – nominate for council sessions.' These electronic files are available on www.lga.sa.gov.au/councilelectionsforstaff (under the nominate button.)

For further information please contact Rowena McLean, Director Sector Development at rowena.mclean@lga.sa.gov.au or on 08 8224 2014, or Sama Reid, Marketing and Communications Manager at sama.reid@lga.sa.gov.au on 8224 2029.

1.3. China's National Sword Policy

Green Industry SA has established, the *China Import Bans Working Group*, the LGA is a participant on the Group which is considering two program areas: sustainable procurement and a recycling education campaign. The LGA will continue to engage with councils and the State Government on both program areas.



The LGA has also been progressing its work to develop a model rise and fall clause for recyclables processing for inclusion in its Model Waste Management Contract. A draft version of the model rise and fall clause has been circulated to councils for comment.

For further information on any of these activities, please contact Emily Heywood-Smith, Senior Policy Officer, on 8224 2033 or emily.heywoodsmith@lga.sa.gov.au.

1.4. NRM Reform

The South Australian Government has committed to a range of reforms to the natural resources management system. These include:

- Replacing the *Natural Resources Management Act* with the proposed *Landscape South Australia Act*;
- Creating a simpler, accessible and flexible system for managing natural resources with decentralised decision-making;
- Putting people at the heart of managing natural resources, recognising that those who work and live on the land are well placed to manage and sustain it;
- Creating nine Landscape Boards and Green Adelaide to replace existing NRM Boards;
- Making soil quality, pest plant, animal control and water management major priorities;
- Capping annual land and water levy rises at a rate set by an independent body or according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI);
- Continuing to collect levies through councils; and
- Establishing a Grassroots Grants program, a \$2 million statewide annual fund for volunteer, community and not-for-profit groups to access.

A discussion paper provides an overview of the reforms, the benefits it will bring, and the key areas where community input is sought to shape those reforms.

For general inquiries, please contact the Landscape Reform team at LandscapeReform@sa.gov.au or on 08 8124 4772.

You can keep informed about the reform by viewing regular updates on the YourSay website, or by attending one of the community forums to be held during August and September.

Submission regarding the reform can be sent to LandscapeReform@sa.gov.au or posted to the Independent Facilitator Landscape Reform, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001 by Monday 15 October 2018. To assist the LGA in preparing a submission on behalf of local government, please also forward a copy of your submission to Director Policy, Stephen Smith at stephen.smith@lga.sa.gov.au by 5 October 2018.

1.5. Release of Draft State Planning Policies

The State Government has released the draft State Planning Policies for consultation.

The policies set out a state-wide vision for land use planning in South Australia, aiming to improve the liveability, sustainability and prosperity of our state. The policies also address the economic, environmental and social planning priorities for South Australia.

A copy of the Draft State Planning Policies can be found at Planning SA's website:

The policies will be out for consultation for eight weeks and all interested parties are invited to submit their comments via the [SA Planning Portal](#) or [YourSay website](#) by Friday 7 September 2018.

The LGA will develop a response on behalf of local government. Any council wishing for their concerns to also be raised by the LGA is encouraged to provide these concerns to Director Policy, Stephen Smith at stephen.smith@lga.sa.gov.au by 27 August 2018.

1.6. 2018 LGA Roads and Works Conference

The 2018 LGA Roads and Works Conference will be held from 29-31 August in the Barossa.

The Roads and Works Conference Committee is pleased to announce that the Hon Stephan Knoll MP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and Minister for Planning will provide an address on Friday 31 August.

The keynote speaker for the conference will be Glen Beckett from LGAQ, who will talk about Big Data and how it can help councils build smarter infrastructure.

Other presentations and topics include Road safety, Barossa's big infrastructure project, access to RAVRAT, road planning and construction, black spot road funding, waste and recycling, vegetation and recreation, and a site tour of the Nuriootpa flood project.

For a copy of the program and to register, please go to www.lga.sa.gov.au/roadsandworks.

1.7. Remuneration Tribunal to determine council member allowances

Submissions to the Remuneration Tribunal regarding the determination of council member allowances for the coming council term closed on Friday 6 July.

The LGA only received two copies of submissions from member councils that were sent to the Remuneration Tribunal. Without strong evidence of a need or appetite for change in the sector, the LGA did not provide a submission to the Tribunal. The Tribunal must make its determination by 4 September 2018.

Councils should note that legislative change since the 2014 elections has altered the date from which council members must be paid allowances. The *Local Government Act 1999* now requires allowances to be paid from the conclusion of the election, rather than from the first council meeting as was previously required.

For further information please contact Alicia Stewart, Director Governance and Legislation on alicia.stewart@lga.sa.gov.au or 08 8224 2037.

1.8. Consultation on draft Boundary Change Proposal Guidelines

On 1 January 2019, the South Australian Local Government Grants Commission (Commission) will commence its role as Boundaries Commission — the independent body that will assess and investigate local government boundary change proposals and make recommendations to the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government.

On 1 June 2018, the Commission wrote to all councils seeking comment on draft guidelines that detail the processes by which it will receive, assess and progress council boundary change proposals.

Submissions to the Commission closed on 3 August 2018. In addition to councils choosing to provide feedback directly to the Commission, the LGA prepared a submission on behalf of the sector.

1.9. Labour Hire Licensing Act

Currently, the *Labour Hire Licensing Act 2017* applies to arrangements where a council on-hires a staff member to another council and requires a license. This is likely to also apply to a subsidiary or regional subsidiary that on-hires a staff member to another council outside of its normal service provision.

The Act allows for exemptions from the licensing requirements via Regulations or by decision of the Commissioner for Consumer Affairs. The President of the LGA has written to the Attorney-General to seek an exemption on the basis that staff sharing arrangements between councils were not intended to be captured by the Act and payment of licensing fees would be an unnecessary cost imposed on councils that use staff-sharing models as an efficiency measure.

Enforcement of the licensing scheme has been delayed until February 2019 to provide the State Government time to consider issues raised by stakeholders. The LGA will keep members updated on progress of consultation with the Attorney-General.

For further information please contact Alicia Stewart, Director Governance and Legislation on alicia.stewart@lga.sa.gov.au or 08 8224 2037.

1.10. Public Health Update

1.10.1. Draft State Public Health Plan

The Department of Health and Wellbeing (formerly SA Health) in conjunction with the LGA has conducted a broad ranging consultation process on the draft framework for the next State Public Health Plan. Fifty seven councils have participated in workshops or provided written comments on the draft framework.

This process has been overseen by a joint LGA/Department for Health and Wellbeing working party established under the State Local Government Relations Agreement. LGA representatives on this working party include Deputy Mayor (Coorong District Council) Sharon Bland, Councillor (City of Burnside) Anne Monceaux, Manager Community Wellbeing (Alexandrina Council) Colin Shackelford, Senior Planner (City of Adelaide) Penny Worland and Public Health Manager (LGA) Danny Broderick. This group is continuing to engage in the development of the plan. The Draft Plan will be released for consultation in early September 2018.

1.10.2. Community Wellbeing Alliance

Since 2016, the LGA has been undertaking a leadership role in advocating for State Government resources to initiate a Community Wellbeing Alliance. This proposal was developed jointly with SA Health, with the purpose of deploying Community Wellbeing Alliance staff into each LGA region and the metropolitan region. Under the Alliance, Community Wellbeing Alliance staff would act as a resource to local councils in the development and delivery of their regional public health plans, as required under the *South Australian Public Health Act (2011)*. Planning and negotiations were well advanced prior to the last state election and the Community Wellbeing Alliance proposal was one of the LGA's election priorities. The LGA remains committed to the

full implementation of this Alliance and will continue advocating for sufficient resources to implementation across South Australia.

LGA Circular 30.7 announced that Local Government R&D Scheme funds have been allocated to establish trials for a Community Wellbeing Alliance in two Regional LGA areas. Trials will be funded on a 12 month basis and it is expected that they will commence by the beginning of 2019. Expressions of interest have been called for by 7 September 2018. Selection criteria are contained in the Circular.

1.10.3. Healthy Towns Challenge

The Department for Health and Wellbeing has announced a 'Healthy Towns Challenge', in line with the State Government's election commitment.

The SA Healthy Towns Challenge is a grants program for rural towns to develop and implement programs within their community, which will have measurable and immediate benefits to the community's health and wellbeing. Grants of up to \$50,000 each will be provided to five towns (or groups of towns) within the Country Health SA Local Health Network region each year for four years (2018-19 to 2021-22).

Applications are open until 10 September 2018. Further information and application guidelines/forms can be found at <http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SAHealthyTowns>.

For further information, on public health matters, please contact Danny Broderick, Public Health Project Manager on 08 8224 2067 or at Danny.Broderick@lga.sa.gov.au

13.3 SAROC UPDATE

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting

Discussion: The SAROC Committee Meeting – Key Outcomes Summary – 16 May 2018

Guest Speakers

Becky Hirst from Becky Hirst Consulting gave a presentation on reforming NRM and answered questions from members.

Helen Edwards, Chairperson from Adelaide Hills Tourism Committee Inc. gave a presentation on the Regional Visitor Strategy and answered questions from members. Bidy Shearing, Regional Tourism Manager at the Limestone Coast LGA also gave a presentation.

Reports Noted

- LGA President's Report
- LGA Constitution
- Reforming Natural Resources Management
- SA Regional Visitor Strategy
- Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016, Implementation Timelines
- Rubble Royalties
- Little Corellas
- Regional Development Australia Traineeship Program Completion

- Regional Youth Traineeship Program Update – Rounds 1 and 2

Rating Equity for Commercial and/or Industrial Land Uses Outside Towns in South Australia

The Committee received the report and noted key findings. The Committee also requested that the Regional LGA Executive Officers work with the LGA Secretariat to distribute the report and to approach all member councils to seek responses by 30 August 2018 to inform a future recommendation to the LGA Board to assist with removing rating constraints.

Socio – economic impacts from the NDIS on regional local governments

The Committee noted the report and that the Regional LGA Executive Officers, with the assistance of the LGA Secretariat, will progress the recommendation in the report that regional organisations of councils encourage and assist members to collaborate in the delivery of the activities.

The Committee also noted that the LGA Board will receive this report at a future meeting and will consider the implications for all South Australian councils in conjunction with the “NDIS impact of Metropolitan local governments” research project.

South Australian Regional Development Conference

The Committee noted the value to regional South Australia of the South Australian Regional Development Conference and requested that the LGA Secretariat work with the Regional LGA Executive Officers and Regional Development South Australian in the scoping and delivery for a 2019 South Australian Regional Development Conference.

LGA State Budget Submission

The Committee agreed to invite the Minister for Health and the CEO of Country Health to the next meeting of SAROC and requested they present on regional health issues.

The meeting also requested that the Regional LGA Executive Officers work together to develop key and consistent messages for councils and regions.

Recommendations to the LGA Board

LGA State Budget Submission

That the LGA Board support an addition to the LGA 2018/19 State Budget Submission to seek increased funding for regional health services; and invites the Minister for Health and CEO of Country Health to the next meeting of SAROC and requests that he present on regional health issues.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

CEO's Annual Leave and disclosed outside interests

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For consideration.

As outlined at the last Legatus Group meeting the Legatus Group CEO has been approved annual leave for September 2018 including to travel to the USA. He has advised the Chair Mayor Peter Matthey that in accordance with clause 8.1 of his contract this period of leave is for his involvement with his disclosed interests.

The Legatus Group CEO is coordinating an international economic development study tour which will include visiting Oregon USA. This will include a follow up with connections between South Australia and Oregon via the recent visit by CEO Roger Lee from Economic Development Central Oregon as key note speaker at the RDSA Conference.

In his role with the membership-based organisation Economic Development Australia (EDA) he is the current Chair of the EDA South Australian Committee. To maintain his Australian Accreditation (ACEcD) Australian Certified Economic Developer he is required to be a member and to commit to continued professional development by achieving sufficient points over each two-year period.

The Legatus Group CEO has been invited to present at the International Economic Development Conference in Atlanta Georgia USA on Wednesday 3 October 2018 which would provide him with half of his required points.

He sought approval from the Chair Mayor Peter Matthey to attend the conference which runs from Sunday 30 Sept – Wednesday 3 October and present during work time. He advised that Mayor Matthey that he is not receiving any payments to attend and present, and he will be covering all his own expenses and that Monday 1 October is a public holiday.

Mayor Peter Matthey advised he would like to gain feedback from the meeting.

15. NEXT MEETING

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For noting

Discussion

The next meeting of the Board of Management is set down for:

Friday 14 December 2018

Commencing at 10:30am

To be hosted by The Barossa Council.