



## **Minutes of the Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting**

**31 May 2019**

**Ralli Park Balaklava**

### **I Meeting Preliminaries**

#### **Present**

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Ruth Whittle (Peterborough), Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie), Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mayor Peter Slattery (Flinders Ranges), Mayor Denis Clark (Northern Areas), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Bim Lange (Barossa), Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Mt Remarkable), Chairman Kathie Bowman (Orroroo/Carrieton), Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula) and Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains).

#### **In Attendance**

Cr Lynette Reichstein (Light), Mr Andrew Cole (CEO Barunga West), Mr Rob Veitch (A/CEO Adelaide Plains), Mr Peter Ackland (CEO Port Pirie), Mr Dylan Strong (CEO Orroroo/Carrieton), Mr Peter McGuinness (CEO Peterborough), Mr Dylan Strong (CEO Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Andrew MacDonald (CEO Wakefield), Mr Richard Michael General Manager Governance Light), MP Geoff Brock, Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDA YMN) Deirdre Albrighton (HR Manager LGA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

#### **Apologies**

Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Council CEO's Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr David Stevenson (Goyder), Dr Helen Macdonald, (Clare & Gilbert Valleys), Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr Colin Davies (Flinders Ranges), Mr Wayne Hart (Mt Remarkable), Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains) and Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula).

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.30am and welcomed State Member of Parliament for the seat of Frome Hon Geoff Brock MP and MLC Hon John Dawkins.

### **2 Welcome to Wakefield Regional Council**

Mayor Rodney Reid welcomed everyone to Balaklava on behalf of the Wakefield Regional Council and introduced Mr Andrew MacDonald the Council's new CEO. Mayor Reid outlined a list of activities including:

- Onsite works commenced on the Port Wakefield dual carriageway project.
- 22 projects being undertaken using the \$1m federal drought assistance including a number of solar panel projects.
- Road network is the major cost to the council's budget.

- New works depot is being progressed.
- Upgrade to children community centre supporting needs for childcare.
- Tourism facility improvements at Lochiel.
- State awards to the Owen Primary “Event of the Year” raising funds for 2 B-doubles of hay to farmers.
- Derryn Stringer Citizen of the Year for his work on the Snowtown Sports facilities.

Mayor Reid noted the closure of one of the shifts at JBS abattoir at Port Wakefield in February 2019 and its impact on employment in the region.

### **3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 15 February 2019 at Peterborough.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on the 15 February 2019 at The Peterborough Golf Club Park Street Peterborough be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

**CARRIED**

### **4 Presentations**

#### 4.1 Suicide Prevention

Hon John Dawkins MLC and Karen McColl (The Office of The Premier’s Advocate for Suicide) outlined their roles with suicide prevention including the support to a series of local and regional suicide prevention networks. Discussion included the role of local government and opportunities for Mayors, councillors and staff along with the need for increased mental health support to regional communities. They provided a resource kit and discussions on the opportunity for Legatus Group and constituent councils to consider something similar. Legatus Group CEO to follow up with councils and The Office of The Premier’s Advocate for Suicide.

#### 4.2 Flinders Ranges World Heritage Nomination

Jodie Gregg-Smith (SA Arid Lands) and Jason Irving (Protected Areas Unit) outlined the progress on World Heritage nomination and the work undertaken during the past 2 years to help identify the value of the Flinders Ranges. They are progressing with a number of sites as opposed to the entire Flinders Ranges. Working with the Australian Government and developing the tentative list with submissions by early 2020. They outlined the value of having world heritage listing and the extreme rare nature of the Flinders Ranges.

#### 4.3 Horrocks Highway

Legatus Group CEO advised that Scott Cooper, Director Infrastructure and Investment DPTI was not able to attend but that he would attend the Legatus Group Road and Transport Forum on 12 July 2019. Update provided by Scott to Legatus Group CEO was that the State funding for both Horrocks Highway and Barrier Highway was to be decided in the upcoming SA Govt budget and information on the types of consultation and works were provided with a more detailed presentation on 12 July 2019.

#### 4.4 Local Government Reform

Alex Hart Director Office of Local Government Planning and Land Use Services provided a presentation (to be distributed by Legatus Group CEO) which outlined the key areas and timelines. The discussion paper is due by the end of July 2019 and they had received 84 submissions and 170 to the YourSAy survey. Draft bill by the end of 2019.

#### 4.5 Regional Development YMN

CEO Kelly-Anne Saffin RDA Yorke and Mid North provided a snapshot of their current projects and will provided notes to be distributed. Key points were:

- Regional infrastructure review has commenced via a contract with Tomkins.
- Mobile blackspot funding – quick timeline and responses required with co-contributions.
- 5 shop local campaigns are underway.
- Prevocational training has commenced with trade schools.
- Partner with Flinders University for Entrepreneurial courses.
- Providing input to the SA Regional Development Strategy.

### **5 Business arising no otherwise on the agenda**

#### 5.1 Little Corellas

Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and updated that Mt Remarkable CEO Wayne Hart is also a member of the Little Corella working group. Report noted.

#### 5.2 Drought

Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and the meeting noted that the Port Pirie Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council and Cooper Coast Council had also been advised they were to receive a \$1m from the drought assistance from the Australian Government.

Motion: That the Legatus Group compile a list of the approved projects including the timing of their delivery and their benefits for the region following the drought funding made available by the Australian Government.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid      Seconded: Mayor Denis Clark

**CARRIED**

### **6 Chairman's Report**

6.1 Chair Mayor Peter Matthey advised that he had attended all the required SAROC and LGA meetings on behalf of Legatus Group. He advised that SAROC are looking into drought preparedness and noted the current funding announcements.

6.2 CEO's Performance review held over till last item of the agenda.

### **7 Items referred by Councils**

#### 7.1 Port Pirie Council – Small Business

Mayor Leon Stephens thanked the Legatus Group CEO for the report provided with the agenda and spoke to the issues raised.

Motion:

- i. That all councils consider participating in the Small Business Friendly Council Initiative by the Small Business Commissioner.
- ii. That the Legatus Group CEO identifies areas of support that can be provided to those member councils who are participating in the Small Business Friendly Council Initiative.
- iii. That the Legatus Group undertake with regional partners and the business sector a workshop to identify areas of support that could be considered for supporting small business.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens    Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery

**CARRIED**

## **8        Business Plan**

### 8.1 2018/2019 Project updates.

The Legatus Group CEO's report was provided with the agenda along with brief updates on Disability Access and Inclusion Plans, NDIS Socio-economic impact report, advised a copy of the letter from Minister re rating equity has been provided, regional partnerships including join event with RDAs for guest speaker Calandra Cruickshank and progress on Reconciliation Action Plans. The Chair invited questions.

Motion:

- i.     That the Legatus Group notes the progress of the 2018/2019 projects.
- ii.    That the Legatus Group seeks funding from the LGA Research and Development program to develop a report in partnership with other regional local government associations on the impacts to employment and regional growth by not implementing the recommendations contained in the June 2019 Legatus Group Rating Equity for commercial and or industrial land uses outside towns in South Australia.
- iii.   That the Legatus Group supports the Legatus Group CEO establishing a Legatus IT working group to review and provide recommendations on progressing the recommendations from the Digital Maturity report.
- iv.    That the Legatus Group distributes the final Sustainability Hub report along with a 2-page information sheet to constituent councils and that the Yorke Mid North Regional Alliance and Legatus Group CEO continues to provide assistance to councils who may wish to progress with its recommendations.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid    Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

**CARRIED**

### 8.2 Communication with Constituent Councils

The Legatus Group CEO's report was noted.

### 8.3 MoU with Universities

The Legatus Group CEO's report was provided with the agenda and Mayor Rodney Reid spoke of the value the Wakefield Regional Council has had with their involvement with Universities.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports the Legatus Group CEO in progressing draft Memorandums of Understanding with Universities for consideration by the Legatus Group.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid    Seconded: Mayor Bim Lange

**CARRIED**

### 8.4 Regional Live Music Coordinator

The Legatus Group CEO's report was provided with the agenda and general discussion undertaken.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports an allocation of funding of \$5,000 towards a regional or sub-regional expression of interest for a Regional Live Music Coordinator.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund    Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.35pm and reconvened at 1.10pm

## 8.5 2019/2020 Business Plan and Budget

The Legatus Group CEO's report was provided with the agenda and a hard copy of the budget was provided to all board members at the meeting. The meeting noted that the following councils have confirmed their endorsement Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, Northern Areas Council, Regional Council of Goyder, District Council of Peterborough, District Council of Mount Remarkable, Adelaide Plains Council, Light Regional Council, District Council of Orroroo Carrieton, Wakefield Regional Council and the Port Pirie Regional Council.

The Legatus Group CEO advised that the original recommendation circulated with the agenda was amended and distributed via email. This was due to the charter and act not allowing the adoption of the business plan and budget until after 31 May. The confirmation letter from Port Pirie Council regarding an additional recommendation for an assessment during 2019/2020 of the degree of long-term financial coverage was read at the meeting.

Motion:

- i. That the Legatus Group agrees in principal to the draft business plan and budget for 2019/2020 subject to endorsement by all Constituent Councils.
- ii. That all Constituent Councils who have not responded regarding the draft 2019/2020 Business Plan and Budget and Strategic Plan and three-year Action Plan provide their response by 30 June 2019.
- iii. That the Legatus Group will hold a telephone conference on Friday 5 July 2019 to consider any comments from Constituent Councils and adopt the draft 2019/2020 Annual Business Plan and Budget.
- iv. That the Legatus Group undertake an assessment during 2019/2020 of the degree of long-term financial coverage required in order that a position can be put to the Board and constituent councils prior to the formation of the 2020/2021 financial documents.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens    Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

**CARRIED**

## 9     **Audit and Risk Management Committee**

Chairman Kathie Bowman provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting 30 April 2019.

Motion:

- i. That the Legatus Group appoints Chairman Kathie Bowman as the Chair of the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee.
- ii. That the Legatus Group appoints Colin Byles CEO Northern Areas Council to the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee.
- iii. That the Legatus Group notes:
  - a. That it is unable to seek and exemption from the Minister for having an audit committee.
  - b. That the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee approved the report on its work plan for 2018/2019.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark     Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas

**CARRIED**

Motion: That the Legatus Group CEO is authorised to enter a contract with the SA Government through their Department of Human Services for the delivery of a Brighter Futures program/s in 2019/2020 and that an allocation of \$5,000 is approved from the Legatus Group budget for this contract.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braun    Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

**CARRIED**

## **10 Financial Report**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the: (1) Profit and Loss (2) Balance Sheet (3) Movements in Equity (4) Statement of Cash Flow and (5) Budget Variance for the period 1 July 2018 till 30 April 2019.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group notes the budget update and the Legatus Group CEO's reimbursement for February, March and April 2019.
2. That Legatus Group notes the Legatus Group CEO efforts to reduce the costs for leasing of office space and telecommunications.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle      Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

**CARRIED**

## **11 Legatus Group Regional Management Group**

Northern Areas Council CEO Colin Byles provided a report with the agenda which contained the notes of the Legatus Group Regional Management Group meeting held Friday 10 May 2019 at the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Chambers.

Welcomed new CEOs Russell Peate Copper Coast and Andrew MacDonald Wakefield. The meeting noted the report and that Legatus Group CEO is progressing with regional training opportunities for Risk Services.

## **12 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee**

### **12.1 Minutes**

The Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock provided a report with the agenda which contained the minutes of the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee held 10 April 2019. The meeting noted the minutes.

### **12.2 SLRP 2019**

The Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock provided a report with the agenda which included the 2019 Regional Priorities.

Motion: That the assessment and prioritising for Legatus Group region SLRP roads funding for 2019/2020 is endorsed.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braun      Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery

**CARRIED**

### **12.3 Legatus Group 2019 Roads Forum**

The Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock provided a report with the agenda and advised that Scott Cooper Director Infrastructure and Investment DPTI will now also attend the forum.

Motion: That the Legatus Group Councils promote the Legatus Group Roads Forum 12 July 2019 within their councils.

Moved: Mayor Denis Clark      Seconded: Mayor Peter Slattery

**CARRIED**

## **13 Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee**

CEO Andrew Cole Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which included the minutes of their meeting held 15 March 2019.

Motion: That the Group Councils promote the SA CWMS Conference 23 August 2019 within their councils.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens    Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

**CARRIED**

#### **14     LGA and SAROC**

Deirdre Albrighton addressed the meeting and provided background on her role HR Manager at LGA and assistance that can be provided to councils. This included CEO recruitment programs and performance review, culture survey for smaller councils. Deidre outlined the SAROC / GAROC annual planning process and that LGA keen to hear back on the following:

- Local Govt Reform
- Regional Planning Code
- Heritage and Landscape Act
- Heavy Vehicle reform
- Little Corellas
- Road Safety
- State-wide Jetties Strategy

The new project officers for the Council ready program have completed their induction. General discussion was held on the LGA 2019/2020 draft budget.

#### **15     Other Business**

15.1 Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing regional workshops.

The meeting noted the report provided by the Legatus Group CEO.

15.2 Murray Darling Association

Mayor Denis Clark provided a report and that the MDA Board meets during the ALGA Conference in June and he encouraged any Legatus Group Council who was at ALGA to attend. Mayor Clark advised he was stepping down as Chair for Region 8 and that a meeting was being planned for 12 July 2019 for Region 8 to follow on from the Legatus Group Road Forum in Clare.

15.2 LGA and SAROC Regional SA meetings 2019

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO's report.

15.3 Legatus Group CEO's annual leave and disclosed outside interest.

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO's report.

15.4 Planning Reform

Mayor Roslyn Talbot raised the topic of Planning Reform and general discussions with consensus that invite be extended to have presentation at next Legatus Group that is provided layman's terms and to include Stephen Smith from LGA.

Item 6.2 CEO's performance review

A report was provided in the agenda of the meeting held between Mayor's Matthey and O'Brien, Chairman Kathie Bowman and Legatus CEO regarding the CEO's performance on 29 April 2019.

Motion: That the Board Members discuss the CEO's performance review in confidence.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens    Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley

**CARRIED**

All non-board members left the room and there was general discussion.

Motion:

- i. That the Legatus Group supports extending the CEO's contract for a further two years commencing from the 6 June 2020.
- ii. That the Legatus Group supports an allocation of 25 days annual leave to be approved for the coming year and the new contract of the Legatus Group CEO in lieu of any pay increase for the year 2019/2020.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid    Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

**CARRIED**

## **16            Close of Meeting**

The dates for the remaining 2019 Legatus Group meetings are: Special meeting Friday 5 July – teleconference, Friday 30 August – Port Pirie Regional Council and Friday 29 November – Barunga West Council.

Meeting closed by the Chair at 1.58pm

Signed as a true and correct record by:

Chairman Mayor Peter Matthey

Date