



**DRAFT** Notes of Legatus Management Group meeting

Friday 31 January 2020 10.30 am Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Chambers

**1. ATTENDANCE**

1.1 Present: Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Andrew Cole (Barunga West), Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield), Colin Byles (Northern Areas), Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Wayne Hart (Mt Remarkable), Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges), David Stevenson (Goyder), Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton) and Simon Millcock (Legatus Group).

1.2 Apologies: Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula), Brian Carr (Light), Russell Peate (Copper Coast) Peter McGuinness (Peterborough) and James Miller (Adelaide Plains).

**2. Welcome**

2.1 Welcome - Chair Colin Byles welcomed everyone to the meeting and specific welcome to Eric Brown the new CEO at Flinders Ranges Council. Andrew Cole advised of his resignation and that Graeme Maxwell will be interim CEO while they recruit a new CEO at Barunga West. Colin on behalf of all CEOs acknowledged the great support Andrew Cole had provided to Legatus Group and his active involvement in the Management Group and as Chair of the CWMS Advisory Committee.

2.2 Vacancies on Advisory Committees - Discussions held re the current CEO vacancies for the Road and Transport Infrastructure and the CWMS Advisory Committees. Dylan Strong nominated for the Road and Transport Infrastructure Committee and Andrew MacDonald nominated for the CWMS Committee.

**3. Notes from previous meeting August 2019**

These were noted and received.

**4. CWMS**

Paul Chapman the Legatus Group Project Officer attended the meeting and provided an update on the 2020 workplan and areas for consideration. The meeting noted the report and supported the work plan with the need to include CAPEX as part of the lifecycle costs. Discussion held on increased collaboration and models for ownership and management. Paul to provide a further short paper which can be agenda item for the next Legatus CWMS Committee and subject to further clarification and input from the committee this paper is to be an agenda item for the next Legatus Management Group meeting.

Action – Paul Chapman develop further discussion paper.

**5. Disability Access and Inclusion Plans**

Merindah Ward Senior Policy Officer LGA attended the meeting and outlined the requirements of councils and the support from the LGA through her position to Councils in the development of Disability Access and Inclusion Plans (DAIP). The Barossa Light Adelaide Plains alliance approach was discussed as a leading example and Martin McCarthy outlined value of awareness training. Meetings discussed the value in working sub-regionally and noted the approach being taken by the Yorke Peninsula Alliance. Simon Millcock offered support to any member councils who would like to undertake a regional approach to their DAIP and for any regional / sub-regional disability awareness training. He also outlined the advocacy role Legatus have undertaken on the NDIS.

Action – Simon Millcock to liaise with Merindah Ward.

## **6. SA Water Liveability Program**

Greg Ingelton Business Development Manager SA Water attended the meeting and discussed the SA Water Liveability Program which included supporting data gathering of live air temperature and smart irrigation projects using soil moisture probes and smart water metres. Greg indicated that SA Water has some resources to deliver to some regional councils and that 6 Legatus Group councils had expressed interest. The meeting noted the value these programs have in managing public spaces and its alignment with the work being progressed with regards climate change. The meeting recommended that there be at least 1 of these programs being undertaken in each constituent council and that the Legatus Group consider an allocation from its reserves to partner with SA Water with those councils who wish to participate. Simon Millcock to continue to liaise with Greg and to prepare a report for the Legatus Group meeting on 28 February 2020.

Action – Simon Millcock to develop report.

## **7. Artificial Intelligence for Regions CRC**

Paul Dalby from Adelaide Uni attended the meeting along with Kelly-Anne Saffin RDA CEO and Kane Smith DEW. Paul provided background in the growth of Artificial Intelligence and the approach being taken by Adelaide Uni to develop an Artificial Intelligence for Regions CRC and the opportunity for regional partners involvement. The meeting discussed the vast amounts of data that councils gather across many fields and that this had been also identified in the 2019 Legatus Digital Maturity Index report. Areas which were discussed included tourism, road and asset management. The meeting supported the need for Local Government to be involved and that the Legatus Group CEO to work with Adelaide Uni through the Yorke Mid North Alliance with RDA and NRM.

Action – Simon to arrange further discussions with Adelaide Uni, RDA and NRM.

## **8. NorthPoint Corporate Services**

Clinton Fern NorthPoint GM Corporate Sales outlined the services NorthPoint can provide including fleet management.

## **9. Local Govt Risk Services**

Martin McCarthy provided discussion points on the continued concerns which had been raised across the Management Group with LGASA Mutual Pty Ltd and provider on the benefits and levels of dissatisfaction with service provision re insurance provision. Russell Peate and Andrew Cameron had provided feedback on their support for further action. General discussion and the meeting noted this is a matter which the CEO forum needs to progress and gain consensus from all CEOs across Regional Councils.

Action – Martin McCarthy to draft a letter for consideration by all CEOs for signing and Simon Millcock to then distribute to other Regional LGA EOs to gain further support.

## **10. Sustainability**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **11. Road / Transport**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **12. Waste**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **13. Visitor Information Services Report**

Simon Millcock provided an update on the meeting held with the working group and that the notes from this meeting will be distributed. General discussion held on the new Local Government Tourism, Hospitality and Retail Award and its impact of Council's Visitor Centre Employees being covered by this award. The meeting noted that this was not widely known across the sector and Martin McCarthy was currently progressing discussions.

Action – Martin McCarthy to provide information to all CEOs on this topic and approach Barossa Council is taking.

## **14. Coastal**

Meeting being held at 1.30pm.

## **15. Planning**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **16. Financials**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **17. Pit and Quarry Management.**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock and he provided the recommendation that is being presented to SAROC meeting 5 Feb 2020 - That the SAROC Chairperson write to the Minister for Energy and Mining to seek a commitment from the State Government to work with local government on a Code of Practice for the rehabilitation of future borrow pits.

## **18. Yorke Mid North Regional Alliance**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock including the annual regional forum on 27 March 2020.

## **19. Brighter Futures**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **20. Volunteering**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **21. Rating Equity**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock and that the final report will be available for distribution after the SAROC meeting on 5 Feb 2020 which has the following recommendation – That upon acceptance of the final report by the Legatus Group, authorises the SAROC Chairperson to write to the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Energy and Mining outlining the findings from the report and to seek a commitment from the State Government to immediately commence working with local government on amendments to rating policy with regards to electricity generators.

## **22. Business support / Creative Industries**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **23. Murray Darling Association**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **24. University MoUs**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock.

## **25. Drought**

The meeting noted the update by Simon Millcock and supported progress in the development of a joint project with NRM and RDAs for securing funding from the forthcoming Futures Fund.

## **26. NEXT MEETINGS**

Friday 8 May 2020.

## **27. CLOSE**

The meeting was closed at 1.40pm