



AGENDA ORDINARY MEETING

Friday 11 June 2021 10am

Mallala Football Clubrooms

Redbanks Road Mallala

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Meeting of the Legatus Group will be held on Friday 11 June 2021 commencing at 10.00am at the Mallala Football Clubrooms Redbanks Road Mallala. A light lunch will be provided, and the Working with Aboriginal Communities (Cultural Awareness Training Session) will be held at 1.00pm

Simon Millcock

Chief Executive Officer

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3. Climate Change Sector Agreement
4. Inclusive Tourism Report
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8. Budget comparison report July 2020 – April 2021
9. Profit and Loss report July 2020 – April 2021
10. Profit and Loss by Job July 2020 – April 2021
11. Roads Database Update
12. Roads Action Plan Update
13. Making and Using Organic Compost Report
14. Expansion Options for CWMS

1. MEETING PRELIMINARIES

Acknowledgement of Country: Acknowledge the Kurna people, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are present today.

MEETING ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Meeting Attendance – sheet to be distributed

Apologies: Mayor Leonie Kerley and Bim Lange, MP's Stephan Knoll and Dan van Host Pellekaan, CEOs Russell Peate, David Stevenson, Peter Ackland, Maree Wauchope, Andrew Cameron, Martin McCarthy & Sam Johnson, RDABLGAP Anne Moroney and PIRSA Angela Ruddenklau

2. WELCOME TO ADELAIDE PLAINS

Welcome by Host Council Mayor Mark Wasley

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 5 March 2021

Recommendations:

- 1. That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 5 March 2021 be taken as read and confirmed.**

Unconfirmed Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting 5 March 2021 Ardrossan Community Club Maitland Road Ardrossan

I Meeting Preliminaries

An acknowledgement of country was provided.

Present

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey OAM – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains), Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Mount Remarkable), Mayor Ben Browne (Northern Areas), Mayor Kathie Bowman (Orroroo Carrieton), Mayor Rodney Reid (Wakefield), Mayor Greg Flint (Flinders Ranges), Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM (Peterborough),

Mayor Leon Stephens (Port Pirie) Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) and Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula).

In Attendance

Council CEOs Mr David Stevenson (Goyder), Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton), Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West), Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast), Mr Stephen Rufus (Peterborough) Mr Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges), Mr Sam Johnson (Mt Remarkable), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula) and Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys). Mr Stephen Smith & Ms Allison Down (LGA). Mr Adam Gray (SACCA), Ms Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

Apologies

Mayor Bim Lange OAM (The Barossa). Council CEO's Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr James Miller (CEO Adelaide Plains) and Mr Brian Carr (Light). Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDAYMN), Mr Tony Fox (GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board), MP's Hon Stephan Knoll (Schubert), Hon Geoff Brock (Frome), Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan (Stuart), Mr Fraser Ellis (Narrunga), Hon Tony Piccolo (Light), Mr John Gee (Taylor).

Opening

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.30am

2 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and a report on the change to Mayor at Flinders Ranges Council was provided with the agenda and Mayor Greg Flint was welcomed as their newly appointed Mayor.

3 Welcome to Yorke Peninsula

Yorke Peninsula Council Mayor Darren Braund welcomed everyone and discussed the learnings from the past couple of years and the outcomes from the 2019 fires. He discussed the strength gained during these times by community resilience and collaboration and the support received from various Governments and Agencies. The Yorke Peninsula has seen a major increase in numbers of South Australian visitors since the easing of COVID-19 restrictions in 2020 and the observations that people's priorities are being re-examined. Lifestyle of the Yorke Peninsula is a great economic driver.

4 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 27 November 2020.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 27 November 2020 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

5 Business arising not otherwise on the agenda

5.1 Rating Equity

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and Mayor Matthey advised he would be following up with Minister van Holst Pellekaan.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley CARRIED

5.2 Cat Management

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid CARRIED

5.3 Financial Management Services

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda including the quote from CJ Davies Consulting. Mayor Matthey indicated that following the Audit Committee recommendation supported by Mayors Reid and O'Brien to approve the appointment of CJ Davies Consulting he had asked the matter to be discussed at the meeting.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group accepts the quote from CJ Davies Consulting for a 3-year term commencing from 1 April 2021 for providing the financial management services and that the Legatus Group CEO completes the contract.
2. That bank account signatories are changed to now be (1) Simon Millcock CEO The Legatus Group (2) Colin Byles CEO Northern Areas Council (3) Colin Davies CJ Davies Consulting.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle CARRIED

5.4 CEO Performance Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the recommended questions for the interviews / survey and list of people identified by McArthur Consulting. General discussion with agreement that not all CEOs needed to be contacted.

Motion: That the Legatus Group advises McArthur Consulting that the questions provided are appropriate.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid CARRIED

5.5 Murray Darling Association

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda. Mayor Matthey outlined the conversation he had with the Murray Darling Association CEO and the request for an apology to the Legatus Group CEO.

Motion: That the Legatus Group endorses the response to the Murray Darling Association by the Legatus Group Chair.

Moved: Mayor Wayne Thomas Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

5.6 SA Coastal Council Alliance Governance and Funding

The Legatus Group CEO provided the letter from Adam Gray SACCA Executive Officer with the agenda and an updated report including the draft discussion paper. Adam Gray attended the meeting and provided further updates including that this will be an agenda item at SAROC on 18 March 2021.

Motion: Defer any decisions re the item and include on the agenda for the Legatus Group 11 June 2021 meeting and await feedback from South Australian Regional Organisation Councils.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne CARRIED

6 Presentations

Nil. The Legatus Group CEO advised that due to the afternoons workshop it had been recommended that RDA and Landscape Boards hold off any presentations for this meeting.

7 Chairman's Report

Chair Mayor Peter Matthey advised that items for discussion will be contained in the remainder of the meeting.

8 Items referred by Councils

8.1 Regional Public Transport

The Regional Council of Goyder provided a letter with the agenda sent to the Department of Infrastructure and Transport re the lack of public transport and requested the matter be progressed via the Legatus Group. General discussion held on a way to progress.

Motion: That the topic is an agenda item for the next Legatus Management Group meeting for a suggested approach to be provided for the 11 June 2021 Legatus Group meeting.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien CARRIED

7.2 Coastal Tourism Infrastructure and Funding

The Adelaide Plains Council provided a report with the agenda including notes from the Legatus Group CEO. Mayor Wasley provided a presentation at the meeting.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group support the partnership of the Legatus Group Coastal Councils and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board re the Coastal Management Action Plan and associated Landscape Priorities Program Grant Application.
2. That the Legatus Group CEO continues to provide a coordination role to Legatus Group Coastal Councils for their involvement on collaborative projects including the Coastal Management Action Plan.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Leonie Kerley CARRIED

9 20/21 Business Plan Project Updates

9.1 Project Updates: The Legatus Group CEO's report on 20/21 projects was contained in the agenda. The Chair invited questions.

Motion:

1. That the meeting notes the report
2. That the Legatus Group Chair and CEO are approved to be members for the Climate Change Sector Agreement Committee and that the Legatus Group provides administration to the committee for 2021.
3. That the Legatus Group receives the Sustainability Hub Concept Plan and publishes the plan on its website and considers its finding in the Legatus Group Strategic and Business Plans.
4. That the Legatus Group receives the New Realities Report and publishes the report on its website and considers the recommended actions in the Legatus Group Strategic and Business Plans.
5. That the Legatus Group receives the Socio-Economic Impacts of Road Deficiency Report and publishes the report on its website and considers its finding in the Legatus Group Strategic and Business Plans.
6. That the Legatus Group CEO develops in consultation with an Aboriginal lead a workshop to follow the June 2021 Legatus Group meeting for a module that focuses on "Working with Aboriginal People, Communities & Organisations" and that the Landscape Board and RDA Boards be invited to also attend.
7. That the Legatus Group encourages member councils to engage with their local Aboriginal Cultural Groups in their respective council regions to hold Aboriginal Cultural Awareness workshops delivered by the local Aboriginal Cultural Group.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley CARRIED

9.2 Project Officer Updates: The reports from all four Legatus Group Project Officers were contained in the agenda and the Legatus Group CEO provided the following update.

Waste: The final Regional Waste Management Infrastructure Report will be provided to member councils once the SAROC agenda has been released. The board were advised that this was a report for SAROC and as their agenda had not been released it was not available in time for the Legatus Group agenda. It will be used to assist the development of the Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan. An application has been submitted to Green Industries SA to support the development of the Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan and a reference group will be developed to support this project.

CWMS: A discussion paper developed through the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee has been sent to the LGA CWMS Committee and awaits their response. The LGA Secretariat and Regional LGA Executive Officers had agreed this was the appropriate approach.

Wellbeing: Mayor Peter Matthey indicated a conflict of interest with regards this matter and left the room. Mayor Bill O'Brien Chaired the meeting.

The meeting sought an update on progress of the approach to Wellbeing associated with the drought and recommendations by the Legatus Group November 2019 meeting. The Legatus

Group CEO provided an update on recent discussions with Wellbeing SA and the progress of the report on the mapping and gap analysis for the region. Angela Ruddenklau PIRSA and Dylan Strong CEO Orroroo Council who had been instrumental in the initial report and recommendations were at the meeting. Dylan provided an update on the Family and Business Support Officers appointed by PIRSA who's contracts are due to expire 30 June 2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group undertakes a review of the motion from November 2019 to support the community wellbeing and to report if any changes are required including for the Family and Business Support Officers and that Mayor Wayne Thomas assists with the review.

Moved: Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens CARRIED

Note: November 2019 Motion: That the Legatus Group supports in partnership with the Councils of Orroroo Carrieton, Peterborough, Flinders Ranges, Northern Areas, Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie and Goyder the community wellbeing project for up to \$100,000 per year for the term of the project with an annual report to be provided.

Mayor Peter Matthey returned to the room and continued chairing the meeting.

10 Audit and Risk Management Committee

Mayor Kathie Bowman as Chair of the Committee provided a report which included the minutes of their meeting held 19 February 2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report and thanks the Flinders Ranges Council for the provision of Financial Management Services.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot CARRIED

Motion: That Mayor Rodney Reid is appointed for 2 years to the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee commencing 30 April 2021.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens CARRIED

11 Financial Report

11.1 2020/2021 Budget Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda containing the amended budget for 2020/2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group amends its 2020/2021 budget to the revised budget attached to the agenda.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid CARRIED

11.2 2020/2021 Budget / Finance Update

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report containing the budget comparison report for the first half 2020/2021 which had been distributed to constituent councils and the balance sheet and profit and loss statement for the July-January 2021 period.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the balance sheet and profit and loss report for the period 1 July – 31 January 2021 and the first half budget comparison for 2020/2021.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne CARRIED

11.3 CEO Credit Card Payments

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the credit card expenditure for the period 1 August 2020 – 31 October 2020.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report for the period 1 November 2020 – 31 January 2021.

Moved: Mayor Phillip Heaslip Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund CARRIED

12 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Mr Colin Byles Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which included the notes of their meeting held 12 February 2021.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle CARRIED

13 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Dr Helen Macdonald the Chair of the committee provided a report with the agenda which contained the notes of their meeting held 12 February 2021.

Motion:

1. That the meeting notes the report.
2. That Dr Helen Macdonald is reappointed as Chair to the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee for a further 2-year term.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid CARRIED

14 Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

Andrew MacDonald Chair of the Committee provided a report which included the minutes of their meetings held on 11 February 2021.

Motion: That the meeting notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund CARRIED

15 Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the minutes of their meeting on 19 February 2021.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report and appoints Stephen Rufus as the Chair of the Committee for a 2-year term.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Phillip Heaslip

CARRIED

15 Local Government Association and SAROC

15.1 LGA Update

Stephen Smith LGA provided an update on (1) Local Government Reform and Rating Equity and discussions continue including with the crossbench Members of Parliament and the new Opposition Spokesperson (2) Planning Reform phase 2 councils congratulated and discussed the progress for those involved with phase 3.

Allison Down LGA provided an update on the SAROC Strategic Plan. Discussions focussed on the recent SAROC meeting with regards Regional Health and Wellbeing as high priorities and the inability to attract workers. Transport, Education the roles of RDSA and SAROC plus the need by councils also to attract and retain staff were discussed.

15.2 SAROC Key Outcomes report provided with the agenda. Legatus Group CEO to provide with the minutes the reports from Legatus Group to SAROC.

16 Other Business

Nil

18 NEXT MEETING

Friday 11 June 2021 to be hosted by Adelaide Plains Council commencing at 10am with a workshop to follow “Working with Aboriginal People, Communities & Organisations” venue to be confirmed.

19 CLOSE

Meeting closed by the Chair at 12.40 pm

4. BUSINESS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

4.1 Rating Equity

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: For discussion.

Background

The LGA has continued to hold discussions with the relevant Government Departments and the matter has continued to be an agenda item for SAROC. Following information in late May 2021 from the LGA there has been correspondence by the Legatus Group Chair to Ministers Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Vickie Chapman and Rob Lucas which contained the following:

Subject: Fair rates for electricity generators

On behalf of our 15-member council the Legatus Group understands that State Government is reconsidering the issue of council rates that can be levied on land used for electricity generation.

The current relevant 8 Legatus Group Councils who are directly impacted are Barossa, Clare & Gilbert Valleys, Goyder, Northern Areas, Peterborough, Port Pirie, Wakefield and Yorke Peninsula.

The Legatus Group have been actively engaged on these matters with the State Government through the LGA and instigated the relevant independent reports by the AEC Group.

This letter asks you to support the required changes in legislation to address the rating constraints for electricity generators currently being experienced by South Australian councils.

The AEC Report found that:

- Current SA rating regulations do not enable councils to recoup their expenditure on servicing electricity generators - either during the construction phase or on an ongoing basis.
- These costs are borne by other ratepayers and has a distorting effect on markets and local economies.
- SA councils are significantly disadvantaged in their ability to rate, compared with their interstate counterparts, particularly in Victoria and Queensland.
- Energy investment location decisions are primarily made in consideration of electricity generation efficiencies (access to wind, sun, fossil fuels) and the ease with which connection can be made to the national grid.
- The introduction in SA of similar rating practices to Victoria will not impact the commercial viability of energy sector projects, and therefore will not influence location decisions for investments in such projects.

- If councils were able to collect fair rates, up to 43 FTE jobs could be created, most of them in regional South Australia. This would have a multiplier effect through local economies. Alternatively, the rates burden currently imposed on other business and residential ratepayers could be reduced.

The Legatus Group supports the LGA Advocacy position which is that the elected representatives of local communities should be the body setting council rating policy. This includes our support to the LGA position that this relates to **Renewable Energy Transmission only** and seeking for legislation to be changed to enable councils to set fair rates on land used for renewable electricity generation. We note that:

- The LGA is deferring its request for the government to review rating arrangements for fossil fuel electricity generators. It appears that many of these generators have indentures and other restrictive agreements relating taxes and rates. These might take some time to work through.
- The LGA is deferring its request for the government to review rating laws for land used for electricity transmission. The LGA does not believe that changing these laws would have a major impact on property values or council rates. Whilst a change to rating laws might be minimal, it could have an impact on a very large number of parcel of lands.

The Legatus Groups approach has been based upon changes to state legislation that are achievable and that will deliver the maximum benefit to the sector and equity when compared with other states. We are pleased that this has been supported by the SA Regional Organisation of Councils and by the LGA Board

4.2 Financial Management Services

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: That the meeting notes the report.

Background

Following the recommendation by the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee the Legatus Group approved the contracting of CJ Davies Consulting for 3 years and the contract commenced on 1 April 2021.

The Flinders Ranges Council are continuing to process the current finances for this financial year including the annual financial statements.

Colin Davies assisted with the 2021/2022 draft budget and is currently working on Internal Controls / Disaster Recovery matters. Colin will work on the Long-Term Financial Plan which needs to occur in alignment with the Strategic Plan Review.

4.3 SA Coastal Council Alliance

Reports for Discussion

From: SA Coastal Council Alliance

Recommendations: See below

Background

The following report has been received from SACCA. Mayor Parkes and Adam Gray are unable to attend in person. Adam Gray advised he would engage with Legatus Mayors that are represented on the SACCA Committee and request that they speak to this issue on behalf of the SACCA Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Legatus Board support the SA Coastal Councils Alliance proposed funding and governance model.
2. That the Legatus Board provides guidance to the Legatus CEO on the preferred approach to recover SACCA member subscriptions for 2021/22.

BACKGROUND

In February 2021, the SA Coastal Councils Alliance (SACCA) Executive Officer Adam Gray, wrote to Mayor Peter Matthey, Legatus Chairman seeking Legatus support for the proposed SACCA Funding and Governance model.

This item was considered by the Legatus Board at its 5 March 2021 meeting and the following motion was resolved.

Motion: Defer any decisions re the item and include on the agenda for the Legatus Group 11 June 2021 meeting and await feedback from South Australian Regional Organisation Councils. Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne CARRIED

The SACCA is seeking endorsement from the Legatus Board for its proposed governance and funding arrangements from 30 June 2021. The discussion paper (included in the 5 March 2021 Legatus Board agenda) details that the SACCA is seeking \$2,000 + GST per coastal Council for the 2021/22 financial year via the regional LGA's so it can continue to operate. For Legatus this is a contribution of \$12,000 + GST (based on 6 regional coastal Councils).

Regional LGA's are being invoiced for members fees in recognition of the proposed governance arrangements (regional LGA nominees on the SACCA Committee) and that coastal issues impact every SA Council, similar to drought and other climatic phenomena. Therefore, it is for each individual LGA to consider if the SACCA fee is spread across all LGA members or just coastal council members.

Since February 2021 other regional Local Government Authorities have considered this matter. The following is a summary of their discussion.

- The Limestone Coast LGA has resolved support for the proposed model. All LCLGA councils will contribute financial support to SACCA.
- Eyre Peninsula LGA has resolved support the proposed model for at least 2021-22. Only coastal Councils will contribute to support SACCA.
- Southern & Hills LGA has resolved indicative support however is currently consulting with each of its member Councils regarding the funding model (whether all councils or just the coastal councils contribute)
- Coorong Council will consider this matter at its next meeting.
- Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee (MSCC) is currently undertaking its own governance and strategic review and will consider its relationship with SACCA as part of its review.

At its 18 March 2021 meeting the SAROC Committee considered a Coastal Management report and resolved to invite SACCA Chairperson, Mayor Keith Parkes and Executive Officer Adam Gray to its May 2021 meeting to provide an update on SACCA.

Mayor Parkes and Adam Gray attended the SAROC meeting on 20 May 2021 and provided an update on the SACCA Funding and Governance model as well as recent achievements. SAROC members considered this item and while no specific resolution was recorded members of SAROC indicated majority support for SACCA and its objectives.

Representatives from both SACCA and the LGA have also agreed to formalise a relationship using a Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU defines a shared/collaborative approach to Council coastal matters as well as a delineation of roles and responsibilities. It was acknowledged that SACCA provides a great 'focus' resource to support and enhance the lobbying efforts of the LGA.

KEY ISSUES

1. The SACCA Committee is seeking support for its draft governance and funding model.
2. The funding approach is to cover SACCA administration costs from members fees and leverage external funding for specific approved projects.
3. The SACCA will be seeking approximately \$2,000 per regional coastal Council and invoicing the regional LGAs and Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee
4. It is for the Legatus Board to determine how it seeks to recover these costs from its members. Options for consideration include.
 - a. Only Legatus coastal Councils contribute ($\$2000 + \text{GST} / \text{Council} \times 6$) *, or
 - b. Contributions are spread equally across all Legatus Council members ($\$858 + \text{GST} / \text{Council} \times 14$) *
 - c. Legatus utilise existing retained funds.

(* noting that for the purpose of engaging Port Pirie Council SACCA considers this Council as a member of the Upper Spencer Gulf Common Purpose Group)

6. The SACCA will be supported (auspice) by the Limestone Coast LGA for the immediate future.

4.4 Funding equity for local road upgrades

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendations:

1. That the Legatus Group thanks Mayor Leon Stephens, Cr Malcolm May and Mr Grant Jaeschke for providing their support to the video.
2. That the Legatus Group considers supporting the motion by the Wakefield Regional Council that the allocation of federal road funding is distributed to local governments in accordance with the National Principles of horizontal equalisation as required by the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

Background

As part of the State-wide collective efforts to secure ongoing supplementary road funding and to highlight the lack of equity for local roads a video was produced and distributed to local media, member councils, RDAs and Members of Parliament. It was posted on the Legatus Group Website and Facebook page and several councils also actively promoted.



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Funding equity for local road upgrades

Chairman:
Mayor Peter Matthey

The Central Local Government Region of SA trading as the Legatus Group are seeking to increase the level of productivity, safety and community connectivity through increased funding for local significant roads.

Chief Executive Officer:
Simon Millcock

The Legatus Group 15 member councils extend from the Adelaide Plains to the Flinders Ranges and Barossa Valley to the Yorke Peninsula and are seeking support for fairer funding models to address the regions local roads infrastructure deficiencies.

Address:
155 Main North Road
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Mayor Peter Matthey Chair of the Legatus Group says, "Our member councils need at least \$80 Million over the next 3 years to address the regionally significant roads. These roads have at least one major deficiency and are in our councils forward works plans. We are appreciative of the Federal and State Government assistance, but this is insufficient and disproportionate to the costs experienced in the region. Without this assistance it is limiting growth and productivity for the increases in freight transport and visitation by tourists."

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The Legatus Group have released a report into the socio-economic impacts by not funding these roads and it is estimated that the cost to the community of not addressing roads deficiencies costs at least 2.5 times the cost of investment. The continuing degradation of the roads is also increasing the risk of road accidents that has cost the region over \$488M (between 2015-2019).

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Member Councils:

Adelaide Plains Council
Barunga West Council
Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council
Copper Coast Council
District Council of Mount Remarkable
District Council of Orroroo Carrieton
District Council of Peterborough
Light Regional Council
Northern Areas Council
Port Pirie Regional Council
Regional Council of Goyder
The Barossa Council
The Flinders Ranges Council
Wakefield Regional Council
Yorke Peninsula Council

The Legatus Group councils are making good use of the current limited funding programs. However, the gap between what is gained and what is needed is large. The current funding programs are either competitive or based on a capita and kilometre formula and reduce the equity for a region characterised by several smaller, low population and with massive road networks.

The Legatus Group have a process and a plan to identify and improve these regionally significant local roads infrastructure, the "Legatus Group Regional Transport Plan 2030". This plan identifies 2,137km of regionally significant freight, tourism and community access roads. Of these significant local government roads, 1,459km (68%) have at least 1 major deficiency identified. At least \$80 million is needed to address the 454km deficiencies in the key freight, tourism and community access roads that are already in the forward works plans. An additional 1,005km of roads with deficiencies are identified which are not in councils forward works plans, that are yet to be evaluated.

Mayor Matthey says, "We have identified the significant local road infrastructure needed to support the regional, state and nation but Councils cannot afford to fund this alone and significant additional funding is sought to address the imbalance between the costs experienced and the investment levels by the Federal and State Governments."

For further information contact Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock 0407819000

The Federal Budget included a \$1 billion expansion of the Commonwealth's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. The LGA advised that the sector is grateful that secure ongoing supplementary road funding for SA was successful. The \$20 million per year allocation was due to run out in June 2021 but has now been extended for another two years.

Note this matter is also subject to item in the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee report.

The Wakefield Regional Council endorsed the following motion to ALGA.

MOTION:

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with state/territory Local Government Grants Commissions across Australia, to ensure the allocation of federal road funding is distributed to local governments in accordance with the National Principles of horizontal equalisation as required by the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE:

The Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 (the Act) requires the Minister, in formulating the National Principles for the allocation of roads funding, to have regard to the need to ensure road funding is allocated, as far as practicable, on a full horizontal equalisation basis. Section 6(3) of the Act defines horizontal equalisation as being an allocation of funds that:

- ensures each local government body in a state/territory is able to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other local government bodies in the state; and
- takes account of differences in the expenditure required to be incurred by local government bodies in the performance of their functions and in their capacity to raise revenue.

This means councils that incur higher relative costs in providing normal services and have a limited rate base should receive relatively more grant money. Similarly, councils with lower relative costs and a strong rate base should receive comparatively less grant money.

SUMMARY OF KEY ARGUMENTS:

The purpose of this motion is to address the inequitable distribution of federal road funding to councils across Australia, which fits the theme of the National General Assembly of ‘Working Together for our Communities’.

Councils that cannot generate significant amounts of their own revenue are dependent on grant funding from other levels of government, including Identified Local Roads and Roads to Recovery Funding. The finances of councils with small populations and large road/freight networks is under pressure, which limits their ability to maintain critical assets and grow their region.

In accordance with Section 16 of the Act, the Australian Government’s Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications, provided to the Hon Mark Coulton MP, in March 2020, the 2016-17 Local Government National Report (most recent report). The report presents details on the distribution of the Australian Government’s financial assistance to local governments, specifically the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs), which includes the General-Purpose Grant and Identified Local Roads Grant. It should be noted that Roads to Recovery Funding is generally distributed in the same way.

The following table presents information taken directly from the 2016-17 Local Government National Report. It would appear from the data that the National Principle of full horizontal equalisation for the allocation of roads funding is **NOT** consistently applied by state/territory Local Government Grants Commissions; as a result, many rural councils are financially disadvantaged.

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Source: 2016-17 Local Government National Report, Australian Government- Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications

It is recommended that this National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work with state/territory Local Government Grants Commissions across Australia to ensure the allocation of federal road funding is distributed to local governments in accordance with the National Principles.

2021 National General Assembly Motion presented to Wakefield Regional Council 18 February 2021

Reporting Officer: Finance Manager

Responsible Manager: Chief Executive Officer

Report Purpose

To seek Council approval for the CEO to submit to the Australian Local Government Association's 2021 National General Assembly, a motion that calls on the Australian Government to work with state/territory Local Government Grants Commissions across Australia, to ensure the allocation of federal road funding is distributed to local councils in accordance with the National Principles.

Officer Recommendation

That Council authorises the CEO to submit the attached Motion, National Objective and Key Argument to the 2021 National General Assembly, that calls on the Australian Government to work with state/territory Local Government Grants Commissions across Australia to ensure the allocation of federal road funding is distributed to local councils in accordance with the National Principles.

Discussion

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has advised that the 2021 National General Assembly (NGA) will be held in Canberra from 20 to 23 June 2021. The NGA is a major national event on the local government calendar and attracts Mayors, Councillors and Senior Managers from across Australia.

This year's NGA theme is 'Working Together for our Communities'. This theme acknowledges the need to come together and with other partners, including the Federal Government.

In November 2020, ALGA called for Notices of Motions for National General Assembly. For a Notice to be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria:

1. Be relevant to the work of Local Government Nationally.
2. Not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference.
3. Be consistent with the themes of the NGA.
4. Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association.
5. Be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association.
6. Propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something.
7. Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

At the February 2021 meeting of Council, Council approved the attendance of the Mayor and CEO to the NGA and also resolved the following:

That Wakefield Regional Council submits a motion for inclusion National General Assembly 2021 of the Australian Local Government Association to the effect of:

'This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to work together with Local Government across Australia to develop strategies and funding to reverse the imbalance between urban and regional communities in regards to population growth and distribution, that is resulting in a decline in new or upgraded community infrastructure, business growth, job creation and the declining number of regional parliamentarians at both a Federal and State level required to address these imbalances that are significant for regional communities'. and for the CEO to bring a report to the March Council Meeting.

In response to the proposed NGA Motion, administration conducted a significant amount of research, from a national perspective (a key criteria requirement) and began to consider how to best pitch the key argument that would support the above motion. It quickly became clear that due to the number of complex elements within the proposed NGA Motion, that it would be extremely challenging to put forward a strong argument within the strict 300 words limit.

Administration subsequently consider an alternative approach that would narrow the focus, strengthen the argument and still supports key elements the proposed motion such as the funding imbalance between urban and regional councils, the impact smaller populations have on rural council's ability to attract road funding and the resulting decline in the quality of rural infrastructure.

Attached is a draft submission to the 2021 National General Assembly for Council's consideration. The submission satisfies ALGA's mandatory requirements which include the Motion (150 words), the National Objective of the Motion (200 words) and Key Argument that support the Motion (300 words).

The key document used to support the argument within the attached draft submission is the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications' 2016-17 Local Government National Report (the most recent report), which was provided to the Hon Mark Coulton MP, in March 2020. The report presents details on the distribution of the Australian Government's financial assistance to local governments, specifically the General-Purpose Grant and Identified Local Roads Grant. It should be noted that Roads to Recovery Funding is distributed in the same way. Given the size of the 2016-17 Local Government National Report (226 pages) it has not been included as an attachment to this report but can be found at <https://www.regional.gov.au/local/publications/reports/index.aspx>

The attached draft submission tells a complex story in only a few words, with the table (see below) highlighting that there is inconsistency from state to state in relation to how the Federal Government's road funding is distributed between rural and urban councils within each state.

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The Federal Government's National Principles require, as far as practicable, the distribution of funding on a full horizontal equalisation basis. Section 6(3) of the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 defines horizontal equalisation as being an allocation of funds that:

- ensures each local government body in a state/territory is able to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other local government bodies in the state; and
- takes account of differences in the expenditure required to be incurred by local government bodies in the performance of their functions and in their capacity to raise revenue.

This means councils that incur higher relative costs in providing normal services and have a limited rate base should receive relatively more grant money. Similarly, councils with lower relative costs and a strong rate base should receive comparatively less grant money.

Even though Council's proposed motion presents a strong case, there is no guarantee it will make the NGA Business Papers. All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee, as well as by state and territory local government associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Sub-Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government and whether the motions meet all the criteria.

It is recommended that Council sits tight until it is advised by ALGA whether or not its motion has been included in the NGA Business Papers. Once this is known, it is recommended that Council considering additional/alternative advocacy channels such as other councils, Legatus Group, SA Grants Commission and Federal Members.

5 PRESENTATIONS

5.1 MPs tbc

5.2 RDA Kelly-Anne Saffin CEO RDA YMN

5.3 Tony Fox General Manager Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

5.4 Kristian Le Gallou Consultant RAWTEC – Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan agenda item 8.1) 11.00am

5.5 Christie Lai Lam – The University of Adelaide (Wellbeing / Drought Research agenda item 8.1) 11.30am

6 CHAIRMANS REPORT

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

Recommendation: The Chairman's report be received.

6.2 CEOs Performance Review

Recommendations: For discussion.

(CEO Simon Millcock to leave the room)

Background

McArthur's commenced the external review of the Legatus Group CEOs performance following the 5 March 2021 Legatus Group meeting. This review covered the work of the CEO for the previous 12 months. All Board Members, selected CEO's, Staff and the CEO were given the opportunity to provide comments and scoring against 7 Key Result Areas. External Stakeholders were also invited to provide comments on their interactions with the CEO. There was 67% participation from the Board, 100% participation from CEO's and 50% participation from staff.

On 3 May 2021 Rebecca Hunt Divisional Manager Recruitment and Human Resource Consulting from McArthur held a meeting with Mayors Matthey, O'Brien and Reid who had been delegated to manage the performance of the Legatus Group CEO.

The Legatus Group CEO was then provided with a copy of the performance review report which Mayors Matthey, O'Brien and Reid approved to be included in the agenda for the 11 June Board meeting (Attachment 1).

The Legatus Group CEOs current contract of employment expires on 5 June 2022 and he has expressed an interest to continue beyond this date. There has been no increase in the CEO's remuneration for the past 2 financial years since the 25 May 2018 Legatus Group decision to approve a CPI increase for financial year 2018/2019.

As reported to the 3 July 2020 Legatus Group Special Meeting the following breakdown of comparisons was relevant for Regional LGA Executive Officers wages and conditions.

Organisation	Hours	Hourly rate	Notional vehicle value
Legatus Group 15 member councils	Full time	\$77.96	\$15,000
Limestone Coast 7 member councils	Full time	\$79.85	\$8,500
Murray and Riverland 8 member councils	30 hrs / week	\$75.00	Nil
Southern & Hills 6 member councils	25 hrs / week	\$95.00	\$13,623
Eyre Peninsula 11 member councils	23 hrs / week	\$60.72	\$9,000
Spencer Gulf Cities	Information from Upper Spencer Gulf is that given that the details of the contract between their CEO and USGCPG for supply of services is confidential, it was appropriate for their CEO to consult with the Chair before providing any information. The view is, that the USGCPG is unique in terms of how it engages Executive Officer services, and noting the confidential nature of the information, there is no advantage in benchmarking the terms of that engagement as a comparison.		

7 ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCILS

7.1 New Planning and Design Code

Reports for Discussion

From: Copper Coast Council

Recommendations:

1. That Legatus forward a Motion to the Local Government Association to request the State Government to undertake the implementation of an Independent anonymous survey of the existing Planning Portal and current processes of the new Planning and Design Code.
2. The results of such independent, anonymous survey to be provided to all Councils.
3. That the Local Government Association work with the State Government to implement the outcomes of the independent anonymous survey.
4. The Local Government Association also work with the State Government to streamline the current processes and Planning Portal of the new Planning and Design Code, so that Development Applications are progressed more efficiently, leading to better outcomes for Council, Applicants and less cost.

Background

As members are aware, the State Government has introduced the new Planning and Design Code. The Copper Coast Council has experienced some difficulties and concerns regarding the new Planning Portal.

The Copper Coast Council since the introduction of the new Planning Portal on 1st March 2021 has seen a significant increase in Development Applications. The Council has received 210 Development Applications from 19 March 2021 to 31 May 2021 compared to 94 applications for the same period in 2019, before COVID-19 (an increase of over 220%).

The issues highlighted are as follows:-

- The Planning Code in general and the Planning Portal in itself is not as was originally outlined.
- The system in its current form has a heavier dependence on qualified Planning staff compared to administrative staff being able to progress and assist applications.
- Customer service requests are taking up much more time of our technical staff's time.
- It is difficult to progress straight forward applications quickly.
- The system in its current form puts a greater financial burden on councils (without adding much value at all) which will be exacerbated when individual planning staff members are on leave. Council will be required to engage the services of additional resources during holiday leave.
- Due to the time taken to process applications and the incessant demands, the new system has had mental health impacts on Planning staff (both technical and administrative).

It is considered that all Councils should have the opportunity for an independent anonymous survey undertaken of the new Planning and Design Code, Portal system and processes which could be completed by Council Staff, Developers and Consultants. There are no doubt areas where the Planning Portal and current processes can be improved, so that the system is streamlined; thereby leading to better outcomes for Council, Applicants and less cost.

8. 2020/2021 BUSINESS PLAN

8.1 Project Updates

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation:

- a) That the meeting notes the report.**
- b) That the Legatus Group receives the report titled Inclusive and Accessible Tourism Experiences for the Yorke Peninsula research report and publishes on the Legatus Group Website.**

Background:

These project updates are provided as a snapshot with colour coding used for each project heading: **Green – on track** **Yellow – some delay** **Red – potential concern.**

I. Water / Climate Change / Drought / Coronavirus

Project	Status
<p>Drought</p>	<p>Future Drought Fund</p> <p>SA Drought Resilience Innovation and Adoption Hub through the Australian Government Future Drought Fund. The South Australian application supported by the Legatus Group by the University of Adelaide, and supported by PIRSA and SARDI which would have 2 locations within the Northern and Yorke Region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core site (medium rainfall): UoA Roseworthy campus (BLGAP) • Node 3 (low rainfall): Orroroo (YMN) <p>Initially, 4 years of funding has been provided to the hub. Funding beyond this will be considered as part of the 4-yearly review of the <i>Drought Resilience Funding Plan</i>.</p> <p>Due to other commitments, there was no one available to attend the Hub partner meeting 20 May the presentation slides are available for distribution.</p> <p>Legatus Group Water Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA Water Smart Irrigation – Project commenced • Stormwater Harvesting – Project commenced • Reuse Wastewater – still to be discussed. <p>Regional Drought Resilience Planning Project</p> <p>The Legatus Group, RDAYMN, RDABLGAP and Northern and Yorke Landscape Board CEOs have been progressing the concept of a Regional Drought Resilience Planning Project which if successful will align with work being undertaken in the region including with the SA Drought Resilience Innovation and Adoption Hub</p> <p>Wellbeing</p> <p>The University of Adelaide have been contracted to provide a report to assist with</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Wellbeing Awareness and Gap Analysis report for greater clarity of the current situation and needs in the Legatus Group region 2. Undertakes a review of the motion from November 2019 to support the community wellbeing and to report if any changes are required including for the Family and Business Support Officers. <p>Mayor Wayne Thomas, CEO Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton), Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA) and Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock have been the reference group for this project.</p> <p>Christie Lai Lam from The University of Adelaide will attend the meeting to present and allow for discussion based on the draft background report (Attachment 2).</p>

	The Caltowie Chilled Out and Fired Up Music Festival organisers undertook a survey through their Facebook page which resulted in 29 responses due to the research being undertaken by Adelaide Uni. This music festival raises funds for mental health awareness and initiatives in rural communities.																														
Climate Change Sector Agreement	The final agreement has now been signed by Chairs of Legatus Group, RDA YMN, RDA BLGAP and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and is currently with the Minister for signing. (Attachment 3)																														
Sustainability Hub Concept Plan	The next steps are for consideration in the 21/22 Business Plan.																														
Smart Irrigation System	On track - Project commenced with SA Water installing sensors to 5 sites in Copper Coast Council and 1 site in Orroroo Carrieton Council. Further update has yet to be provided by SA Water.																														
Storm Water Harvesting	<p>Project Title: Stormwater harvesting trial I – Northern and York Region.</p> <p>Aims for the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To determine the hydraulic performance of the TREENET inlets in various soil types To determine the effectiveness of TREENET inlets to reduce the stormwater flows To investigate the impact of TREENET inlets on tree growth <p>Location details for sites:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Site location</th> <th>Council</th> <th>Site address</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Site A</td> <td>Adelaide Plains</td> <td>Drew Street, Two Wells</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Site B</td> <td>Light Regional</td> <td>Hare Street, Kapunda</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Site C</td> <td>Copper Coast</td> <td>Heritage Drive, Wallaroo</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Work stages as of June 2021 for the different phases of site-based project work using the words – ‘planning’, ‘just started’, ‘underway’ or ‘completed’ as relevant</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Phases of project</th> <th>Updates</th> <th>Expected end date</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Planning phase – (Task 1)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pre - construction monitoring or other activities</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Site selection</td> <td>Completed</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Catchment study</td> <td>Well underway</td> <td>15th July 2021</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- Tree species selection</td> <td>Completed</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Site location	Council	Site address	Site A	Adelaide Plains	Drew Street, Two Wells	Site B	Light Regional	Hare Street, Kapunda	Site C	Copper Coast	Heritage Drive, Wallaroo	Phases of project	Updates	Expected end date	Planning phase – (Task 1)			Pre - construction monitoring or other activities			- Site selection	Completed		- Catchment study	Well underway	15 th July 2021	- Tree species selection	Completed	
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	- Selection of infiltration units	Completed		
	- Purchase of research equipment	Planning		
	Construction phase – to include during construction photo monitoring – please attach photos see comment regarding attachments	Planning	30 th June 2021	
	Post construction monitoring (photo graphic and other types of monitoring and evaluation work for project?)			
	Promotion phases of projects	Well underway	15 th June 2021	
Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan	<p>In April, the Landscape Board were provided the update reports from Yorke Peninsula, Copper Coast and Barunga West Councils on their current projects being funded through the Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan. There appears to be some delays due to the lack of rain re plantings.</p> <p>The Legatus Group collated the council responses to the Coasting Around Yorke: Sustaining the future of the Yorke and Gulf Walks Landscape Priorities Fund application submitted by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board. There has yet to be a decision made re this funding.</p> <p>Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, in conjunction with the Legatus Group and Greening Australia are providing a webinar via a briefing on the opportunities for community organisations and not-for-profits to secure funding to implement coastal management projects which support the objectives of the Northern and Yorke Coastal Management Action Plan. Date to be finalised.</p> <p>A workshop is being planned around cultural awareness for the Coastal Council to be aligned with the Coastal Management Action Plan.</p> <p>Assistance was provided to the Parliament of South Australia Environment, Resources and Development Committee Itinerary Coast Protection Board Inquiry visit to the Yorke Peninsula 15 – 16 June.</p>			
2. Community Capacity				
Brighter Futures	Delay – working with Kristine Peters from KPPM Strategy and community development officers to adjust the program.			
Volunteering	<p>A workshop was held by Lifeline for Youth in Clare relating to suicide the 2nd workshop was not held as the school had not followed through with student release forms.</p> <p>There had been a proposed project relating to a youth arts project which has stalled.</p> <p>The youth into music video has been released and will be included on the Legatus Group website by mid-June.</p>			

Community Development Officer training	Initial workshop held and trial program called Basecamp a project management tool is being used with community development officers.
Disability Inclusion Yorke Peninsula (YP) Tourism	<p>The Disability Inclusion Yorke Peninsula (YP) Tourism project is being overseen by a reference group from the 3 Yorke Peninsula based Councils and they have received and approved the Inclusive and Accessible Tourism Experiences for the Yorke Peninsula research report (Attachment 4). Stage 2 has commenced with the contracting of Travability for the design of best practice modules re accessibility for Tourism on South Australia's Yorke Peninsula. The inception meeting was held with the reference group to finalise the scope of the project. The summary report along with some suggested dates for the workshop and forums is due in the first week of June.</p> <p>Opening the Door to Nature project the Legatus Group have partnered with Yankalilla Council and Mitcham Council on a successful Linkages and Capacity Building – Social and Community Participation grant. Yankalilla Council are the lead for the Opening the Door to Nature project which is a moderately scaled intervention to be delivered across South Australia. The program will deploy all-terrain wheelchairs (self-propelled, electric-assist and push) to three locations across metropolitan, inner regional and distant regional. The range of focus areas will cover a broad diversity of terrain, host communities, level of engagement, transport options and trails, parks and recreation experiences. This diversity will ensure that learnings and the resource kit developed for users and host organisations is transferable to Council's Australia-wide.</p>
Reconciliation	<p>The Legatus Group CEO continues to attend the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee (AEC) and provided the following update for their May 2021 meeting which included the following.</p> <p>The SA Regional Creative Industries Conference had a strong Aboriginal Torres Strait Island influence and content which was recognised at the AEC. This included involvement by Gail Mabo the daughter of Eddie and Bonita Mabo whose exhibition Legacy: Reflections on Mabo was being held at the Port Pirie Art Gallery. Filming by Channel 44 at the conference is being now looked at to develop a documentary style production featuring indigenous creatives.</p> <p>A Regional Women's Networking Event was held in Mintaro as a collaboration between Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, Legatus Group and the Mintaro Progress Association and this featured Gail Mabo and Aboriginal enterprise Yaitya Mintirninthi.</p> <p>The workshop following the meeting has included an invite to the RDAs and Landscape Boards also.</p> <p>The approached by UniSA re an Indigenous Food project which aligns with Reconciliation Awareness has been referred to the AEC.</p>
3. Regional Capacity	
Regional Conference / forums	<p>March – June has been an extremely active period for the Legatus Group through coordinating or supporting the following forums, workshops and conferences.</p> <p>March 2021 19 - SA/NT Parks and Leisure Regional Conference - Sustainable Regions through Parks, Recreation, Sport and the Environment - Clare 24 – SA CWMS Conference – Whyalla</p>

	<p>26 - YMN Alliance Forum – Water Balance in the Region - Clare</p> <p>May 2021 6 – Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Forum / Workshop - Clare 19-21 SA Regional Creative Industries – Port Pirie 21 Regional Women’s Networking Event – Mintaro 31 SAROC Regional Pathways Forum – Tanunda</p> <p>June 2021 7-8 Mainstreet SA - Clare</p>
Youth in Music	The culmination of this project was the launch of the professionally produced Youth Music Video featuring two Clare based 17-year-old singer songwriters at the Welcome Event for the SA Regional Creative Industries Conference
SA Regional Road Priority	Stalled – This is a SAROC project and waiting on responses from Grants Commission and Dept Infrastructure and Transport. Being progressed through a working group established with SAROC, Regional LGA EOs, DPTI and Grants Commission.
Legatus Socio-Economic Impacts Road Deficiency	Agenda item 14
SLRP and Roads Database updates	Agenda item 14
Creative Industries Cultural Tourism Research project	<p>New Realities – “Activating the potential for the creative industries and tourism in regional South Australia” report was updated and launched at the SA Regional Creative Industries Conference. It has also been provided to Minister Pisoni and as background the State Govt SA Arts and Cultural Tourism Strategy and can be found on the Legatus Group website:</p> <p>https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/New-Realities-Final.pdf</p>
IT data gathering and digital research project	<p>Discussions being held to progress workshop for member councils based around the MoUs with both Adelaide Uni and UniSA and the work on collaborations with Flinders Uni. These cover a wide variety of research projects that have a specific focus on Local Government and include assets such as roads, wastewater, waste and public spaces. A current project with UniSA & IPACS (monitoring pumps), SA Water (Smart Irrigation) and Spacedown Under (Stormwater Harvesting) that have relevance to gaining data and use of technology.</p> <p>Discussion held on bringing Works, Assets and IT sections from councils to the table and place them in front of local entrepreneurs / creatives and the Universities to allow a session to select / develop up the ideas. These would be narrowed down over the day to 2 or 3 and then these could be further scoped out over a couple of weeks and then appraised to identify areas for funding assistance to progress the one which is selected as the best option.</p>
4. CWMS / Waste	
CWMS Conference	Completed
SA Regional Waste Management Strategy	<p>The South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) have endorsed the report which has been released on the Legatus Group Website and distributed to all Regional Councils. It is now being used as the basis for progressing waste management through the 21/22 SAROC Business Plan.</p> <p>The findings were also presented and formed the basis for the SAROC Regional Pathways Forum. The Legatus Group partnered with the LGA through SAROC to deliver the forum and this included coordinating the following speakers:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Wadewitz is the Managing Director of Peats Soil & Garden Supplies. • Laureate Professor Veena Sahajwalla Director, Centre for Sustainable Materials Research & Technology, UNSW Sydney • Herve Calmy Director Calmy Planning & Design • Tony Thiele The Fathers Farm Tanunda • Pat Williams Lions Club Clare
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Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan	<p>The Legatus Group were not successful in a grant application to Green Industries SA to assist with funding a Legatus Group Regional Waste Management Action Plan 2021 – 2024. A reference group has been formed to assist in overseeing the project. Rawtec have been contracted and commenced this project which will include the following stages.</p> <p>Stage 1 - Project inception, site visits, data analysis and discussion paper</p> <p>1.1 Project Inception Meeting</p> <p>1.2 High-level review of current information and identify gaps</p> <p>1.3 Site visits in the region with a week in the region visiting each constituent council and key infrastructure sites.</p> <p>1.4 Videoconference with Legatus Board and Member Council CEO's</p> <p>1.5 Online survey for Member Councils</p> <p>1.6 Confirm existing data and additional data gathering based on the identified priorities, we will confirm existing data and identify and gather any additional data that we need to complete the relevant analysis.</p> <p>1.7 Data analysis Consolidate and analyse data to identify key options and complete a high-level cost benefit analysis to understand if it is feasible to be included in the strategy and for Member Councils to explore in greater details.</p> <p>1.8 Prepare draft discussion paper</p> <p>1.9 Receive feedback and update discussion paper</p> <p>Stage 2 - Waste Management Workshop</p> <p>2.1 Workshop with Member Councils and other key stakeholders</p> <p>Stage 3 - Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and Action Plan</p> <p>3.1 Prepare draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy</p> <p>3.2 Develop draft Waste Management Action Plan</p> <p>3.3 Provide draft documents to PRG and receive feedback</p> <p>3.4 Update drafts and issue to Member Councils</p> <p>3.5 Videoconference with Member Councils to present draft documents</p> <p>3.6 Update and finalise the W&RR Strategy and WMAP</p>
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Research Projects on track –

Project	University	Comments
Augmented and Virtual Reality Tourism	Flinders Uni	Completed – Feb 2021
Yorke Peninsula Tourism Accessibility Research Project	UniSA	Completed – Feb 2021

CWMS pump monitoring and management	UniSA	Commenced - Feb 2021.
Regional Waste Management Scheme Cost Model	UniSA	Completed - Jan 2021.
Reconciliation Action Research	Adelaide Uni	Completed – October 2020
Potential for making and using organic waste	CQU	Completed – May 2021
Design Criteria for Regional CWMS	UniSA via Adelaide Uni	Completed – May 2021
A supply chain analysis of the circular economy in regional South Australia	Melbourne University	Commenced – Feb 2021 due to be completed June 2021
Implementing the Circular Economy in SA	UniSA	UniSA Project – Literature review completed – due to be completed June 2021
Wellbeing Gap Analysis	Adelaide Uni	Commenced and due to be completed June 2021
Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism Research	Adelaide Uni	Commenced and due to be completed June 2021

8.2 Project Officer updates

Paul Chapman – Project Manager CWMS and Waste

CWMS

- CWMS training course: awaiting confirmation of the content by LGA when Legatus will prepare a request for quotation to have the material scripted in readiness for it being produced in digital video form.
- CWMS Services Arrangements: a request has been made to the LGA to extend the CWMS Services Arrangements through until June 2022. The Arrangements would include, among other things, support for the LGA CWMS Management Committee and for a workshop with each Regional LGA during 21/22.
- Condition monitoring via remote sensing: this project involved UniSA, the Copper Coast Council, Legatus and technology firm, IPACS. Initial reports have been prepared for the Council. Other Legatus Councils have expressed interest in the project with the Light District Council installing sensors and the Wakefield District Council considering. An Addendum to the Research Agreement with the UniSA will be prepared.

- Research projects: two doctoral students have completed their internships: one on *Expansion options for CWMS* and another *Making and Using Organic Compost*. A third Internship, looking at the challenges along the organics supply chain and possible means of addressing them, will be completed on 8th June.

Waste Management

Discussions have been conducted to develop funding applications for regional waste management infrastructure. One proposal is to work with other Regional LGAs to conduct an initial study of regional MRFs. The study would define the MRF, determine its optimal position and estimate the cost implications for regional Councils.

A second proposal is to further investigate establishing a pilot organic processing plant at Peterborough. Initial discussions have formed a Reference Group comprised of representatives of Peterborough, Mount Remarkable and Northern Areas Councils, processing firm, Peats Soils, and Prof Guy Robinson from the University of Adelaide. The Legatus Group would manage the work of the Reference Group.

Bridget Johns - Community Collaborator.

Collaborating with interested councils and community groups that support volunteers to be part of building thriving communities.

1. Drought Wellbeing Project: Adelaide University has been engaged to complete a research gap analysis review of services available across the region. A progress review meeting was held in May with the researcher where 56 services were identified in the seven northern council areas of the Legatus region. Adelaide University will be presenting a short update at the Board meeting. In addition, a program developed by a local clinical psychologist to build skills for resilience and wellbeing across our rural communities is another opportunity we are investigating funding in the short term.
2. Legatus Visitor Information Centre (VIC) Forum: The “Telling Tales” Visitor information Services workshop was held on Thursday 6th May with 32 attendees. The workshop followed the State VIC Conference. Storytowns shared an approach to help tourists find gems through walk, drive and virtual podcast tours and Dr Heather Robinson shared the latest national and international research into the impacts of engaging with mixed media technologies for tourism and the creative industries outlined in the Legatus Tourism and Mixed Realities report. Attendees left the workshop with ideas for encouraging more mixed realities opportunities in their regions.
3. Creating Brighter Futures: This project in its current form has stalled. From strong interest following the “Telling Tales” Visitor information services workshop in towns, councils and community groups sharing the stories of their towns, we are working with Kristine Peters from KPPM Strategy and community development officers to adjust the program.
4. The final element of the Mid North Youth Volunteering project involved *Youth Mental Health Training*. Working with C&GVC Youth Development Officer and Lifeline young people in the C&GVC, Wakefield Regional Council and Goyder Regional Council will participate in a new training course. The REACH (Recognise, Engage, Ask, Check, How) course is a new course aimed at young people who want the mental wellbeing training. One training course was held in April

2021 in Clare and the other session had to be postponed as the school had not followed through to gain parental approval for the students to attend. It is hoped this session will be held in June.

Bridget attended the National Rural Women’s Coalition Rural, Regional and Remote Women’s Canberra Muster Leadership Program in Canberra 14 -18 March as the only South Australian delegate and one of the 10 women from across Australia chosen to attend. The four-day program included learning skills for effective advocacy on issues, examining the knowledge, skills and capacities required to lead effectively, public speaking training to increase confidence in the Boardroom environment, governance training and a visit Parliament House to gain a better understanding of political decision-making processes and advocacy.

During the visit to Parliament House, Bridget had the opportunity to meet and hear from Deputy Prime Minister Hon Michael McCormack MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Hon Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Agriculture, Drought and Emergency Management Hon David Littleproud MP, Minister for Defence Industry Hon Melissa Price MP, Assistant Minister for Regional Development and Territories Hon Nola Marino MP, Mr Rowan Ramsey MP, Hon Warren Entsch MP, Mr Ken O’Dowd MP, Deputy Speaker Mr Llew O’Brien MP, Hon Warren Snowdown MP, Hon Tanya Plibersek MP and Senator Lidia Thorpe.

Moira Coffey

Programs/Projects	Progress
Forums and Workshops	<p><u>Annual Forum</u></p> <p>Annual forum held on the 26 February 2021 in Balaklava and included a workshop on the “<i>Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan</i>”. This was an opportunity to understand what the Regional Transport Plan. It was clear that the importance of the Regional Transport Plan and its role in supporting grant funding is still not well understood across the region and it is not current for some councils (i.e.: road use and priorities has changed for some roads but not been updated in the plan).</p> <p><u>Planned workshops:</u></p> <p>26th May: Harmonisation of local roads</p> <p>27th May: Silica in rubble</p>
Regional Transport Plan	<p>HDS completed the minor update to Regional Transport Plan (and action plans’ A and B), and the stage 1 assessment of the projects nominated by the councils for SLRP funding in May. The Roads Advisory Committee met on 14 May to complete the stage 2 assessment of these projects that will be uploaded by each Council to SmartyGrants by the 28th May.</p> <p><u>Opportunities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Process for updating the Pan is too rigid for the level of maturity in this region. It is recommended that another significant update is undertaken approx. August 2021 to allow the database/action plans to be fully updated by all Councils. Councils will need to understand that this is a result of the slow uptake and is the last chance to get the major updates done for a couple of years.

	<p>The RFQ is drafted and ready to approach the market for a regional assessment of bridges associated with the regionally significant roads (which can be included into the Plan). This assessment is useful for qualifying for the Bridges for renewal and other programs that look to strengthen bridges.</p>
Grant Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLRP open and requires council submission by 28th May into SmartyGrants tool • HVSP (round 8 not yet decided) • Bridges for renewal (round 6 not yet decided) • Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Partnerships (closed Jan - YP Alliance and Barossa applied) • Building Better Regions Fund (closed March)
Socio-Economic impacts Road Deficiency	<p>Report received and scope of works is being prepared to collect data to validate the findings. Advice is sought on which roads we should collect this data from as it is +\$3200 per day per vehicle.</p> <p>Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the report at the LGA State Roads Conference in August on why we are doing this? • 8th June ARRB presenting a workshop on the data collection equipment and process
RAVRAT changes to include unsealed road	<p>No further work is advised by the LGA. The NHVR is developing the portal tools to accommodate this and other roads data.</p>
Advocacy	<p>Video and media statement released and available on website.</p> <p>Opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an election strategy to boost grant funding to address the shortfall to address the deficiencies in regionally significant local roads
Strategy	<p>Roads Advisory committee recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional bridge assessment program • Regional airstrip approach • Cycleways • Electric car infrastructure
Regional Roads Program (State-wide consistent program for all SAROC)	<p>Not started and awaiting feedback from DIT /Grants Commission</p>
Other consultation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the Infrastructure Australia Survey (May) • Participated in the SA Freight Forum in Barossa RDA (May) • Provided the key first mile/last mile and other DIT roads priorities from all the Legatus members.
Regional Database	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NHVR is investigating a tool to collate all roads data from across Australia. This will then make data available through the portal and have a supporting spatial tool. Councils will be requested to upload their AM data to this.

9. FINANCIAL REPORTS

9.1 2020/2021 Budget / Finance Update

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: That pursuant to Section 123(13) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 7 of the Local Government (Financial management) Regulations 2011 that the Legatus Group notes the contents of the Statutory Finance Reports for the period ending 30 April 2021 including the budget review.

Background

Attached is:

1. Budget Comparison report until 30 April 2021 (Attachment 8)
2. Profit and Loss by Job - April 2021 report (Attachment 9)
3. Profit and Loss Comparison (Attachment 10)

The Balance Sheet July 2020 – April 2021 and Profit and Loss reports are listed below discussed by the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee on 3 June 2021 and they noted the report.

Key items to note re the budget are:

Income is on track with following anticipated to be received:

- \$20,000 final payment coastal management action plan
- \$36,000 reimbursements for PhD interns may yet be closer to \$40,000
- \$12,000 conference income
- \$15,000 from LGA re CWMS

Expenses likely to be less than budgeted and these are mainly in the operation expenses / project costs:

- IT data gathering and digital research project \$25,000 yet to progress
- Transport - Bridge's report \$30,000 recommended in revised budget and a request for quote yet to be developed being held over for 21/22
- Wellbeing decreases by \$50,000 as the only project is research project via University of Adelaide
- Community Development Officer Training \$15,000 not fully allocated
- Reconciliation Action \$15,000 not fully allocated
- Transport - \$5,000 allocation to SAROC State Road Priority not commenced but offset by slightly high fee to HDS
- Note as per previous reports the Consultants / Contractors budget amounts should be read together.

The Legatus Group CEO distributed the 3rd quarter budget comparison reports to all constituent council Mayors and CEOs in compliance with the Legatus Group Charter.

Balance Sheet

Legatus Group as at
30 April 2021

Assets

Bank	30 Apr 2021	30 Jun 2020
Bank SA Cheque Account	22,043	52,686
Bendigo Business Banking Acc	-	25,070
Total Bank Current Assets	22,043	77,756
Accounts Receivable	35,530	93,409
Accrual: Interest Income	-	437
LGFA General	1,038,126	1,180,250
Total Current Assets	1,073,656	1,274,095
Non-current Assets		
Computers & S/w : Accum Depn	(3,948)	(3,948)
Computers & Software	3,948	3,948
Motor Vehicles : Accum Depn	(4,117)	(4,117)
Motor Vehicles at Cost	28,967	28,967
Total Non-current Assets	24,850	24,850
Total Assets	1,120,549	1,376,701

Liabilities

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	8,400	18,799
Accruals	-	5,890
GST	(1,719)	-
Income Received in Advance	-	110,500
Prov : Annual Leave	10,314	10,314
Total Current Liabilities	16,994	145,503
Non-Current Liabilities		
Prov for Long Service Leave (NC)	7,070	7,070
Total Non-Current Liabilities	7,070	7,070
Total Liabilities	24,064	152,572
Net Assets	1,096,485	1,224,129

Equity

Accumulated Surplus B/F	704,359	166,358
Current Year Earnings	(127,644)	223,308
Reserve - General	269,770	269,770

Reserve - Rubble Royalty Projects	-	250,000
Transfer from Reserves (To AS)	250,000	1,408,941
Transfer to Reserves (From AS)	-	(1,094,247)
Total Equity	1,096,485	1,224,129

Profit and Loss

Legatus Group 1 July 2020 to 30 April 2021

Income	30 Apr 21
41000 - Council Contributions	177,525
42001 - Grants : State Government	34,000
42002 - Grants : LGA	144,151
42003 - Grants : NRM	120,000
43000 - Interest : Bank Account	3
43001 - Interest : LGFA	7,440
44000 - Reimbursement	31,300
49000 - Other Income	3,795
Total Income	518,214
Gross Profit	518,214
Less Operating Expenses	
61001 - Payroll : Gross	206,562
61002 - Annual Leave	13,053
61003 - Sick Leave	1,941
61005 - Public Holidays	10,519
61006 - Superannuation Contributions	22,169
61007 - Workers Comp Premium	2,012
61008 - Other Employment Expenses	116
61009 - Professional Development	400
62001 - Accounting Services	1,595
62002 - Advertising & Promotion	3,060
62003 - Audit Fees	2,238
62004 - Bank Fees & Charges	68
62005 - Consultants	138,305
62006 - Contractors	189,236
62009 - Rent/Hire of Premises/Equip	4,896
63001 - Catering	3,344
63003 - Meals (non FBT)	212
63004 - Registration	529
63006 - Telephone & Internet	4,589
63007 - Postage & Stationery Supp	533
63009 - Fuel - Unleaded	2,423
63011 - Vehicle Maintenance	2,190
63012 - IT & Web	5,784

63013 - Vehicle Cleaning	24
64001 - FBT	4,908
69001 - Accommodation	2,835
69002 - Airfares	2,562
69004 - Insurance	7,980
69005 - Members Allowances	3,225
69006 - Travel : Reimbursement	1,475

Profit and Loss

	30 Apr 21
69007 - Conferences	6,301
69008 - Taxi & Other Fares	55
69009 - Other Sundry Expenses	601
69010 - Parking	121
Total Operating Expenses	645,858
Net Profit	(127,644)

9.2 CEO Credit Card Payments

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendations: That the Legatus Group notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report for the period 1 February 2021 – 30 April 2021.

Discussion:

The Legatus Group CEO is required to provide a report on the Legatus Group credit card purchases which are listed below for the period February 2021 – April 2021.

Date / item	Amount
5 Feb XERO – Accounting package	65.00
8 Feb Care Park Online – Parking	0.50
10 Feb KS & CA Hunt – Fuel	44.70
13 Feb Australia Post – PO Box	205.00
19 Feb City of Adelaide – Parking	9.40
19 Feb City of Adelaide – Parking	9.40
19 Feb Liberty Convenience – Fuel	45.87
20 Feb Office National – Stationery	14.60
25 Feb Liberty Port Adel – Fuel	43.90
25 Feb Secure parking – Parking	20.50
26 Feb City of Adelaide – Parking	9.40
26 Feb City of Adelaide – Parking	4.40
27 Feb Vircum Wash – Carwash	13.50
27 Feb Foodland Balaklava – Catering	15.35
28 Feb KS & CA Hunt – Fuel	40.62
2 March Facebook – Marketing	64.57
4 March Mobil Kapunda – Fuel	55.10
5 March Qantas – Flight – Keynote speaker	314.86

5 March Xero – Accounting package	67.00
11 March Qantas - Flight – Keynote speaker	440.60
11 March Liberty Port Adelaide – Fuel	37.97
12 March Adelaide Metrocard – Travel	30.00
17 March Mobil Clare – Fuel	34.99
18 March United – Truro	42.36
21 March Zoom – Annual subscription – Communications	230.89
23 March Circum Wash – Carwash	15.50
23 March OTR Munno Para – Fuel	43.85
24 March KS & CA Hunt – Fuel	32.65
25 March LH Perry & Sons – Fuel	52.04
30 March KS & CA Hunt – Fuel	47.31
31 March APCO Mildura – Fuel	40.64
16 April City of Adelaide – Parking	7.70
17 April Beaurepaires – Tyre	209.00
17 April The Jade – meal	7.00
18 April St Pauls Creative Centre – meal	10.00
18 April City of Adelaide – Parking	9.40
18 April City of Adelaide – Parking	5.40
20 April Perry’s Auburn – Fuel	58.76
20 April OTR West Tce – Carwash	10.50
20 April Xero - Accounting package	67.00
21 April Facebook – Marketing	53.96
21 April Virgin Australia – Flight keynote speaker	290.00
21 April Virgin Australia – Flight keynote speaker	2.97
23 April KS & CA Hunt – Fuel	55.96
29 April Care Park – Parking	0.20
30 April Jacks Chicken – meal	17.00

10. AUDIT and RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Reports for Discussion

Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting

From: Chair Mayor Kathie Bowman

Recommendations: That the Legatus Group notes the report and endorses the recommendation that the Audit and Risk Management Committee members have access via the read only format to the financial transaction reports of the Legatus Group.

Background

The Audit and Risk Management Committee met on 3 June 2021 at Northern Areas Council Chambers and via zoom. The meeting open at 10.30am and the unconfirmed minutes of that meeting are:

- I. Attendance

Committee: Mayor Kathie Bowman (Chair) and Mayor Rodney Reid in person and Mr Ian McDonald via zoom and Mr Peter Ackland (10.40am) via zoom.

In Attendance: Legatus Group CEO Mr Simon Millcock and Finance Officer Mr Colin Davies in person

Apology: Mr Colin Byles

2. Welcome

Mayor Bowman welcomed Mayor Reid as the new member to the committee and to Colin Davies in his role as Finance Officer.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the previous Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 19 February 2021 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Ian McDonald Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

4. Business Arising Not Otherwise on the Agenda

4.1 Financial Management Services

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report which was noted by the committee on the appointment of CJ Davies Consulting.

4.2 Review of Strategic Plan

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the review.

Motion: That the Committee supports the approach being recommended in the review of the Legatus Group 2018-2028 Strategic Plan report by the Legatus Group CEO.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Ian McDonald

CARRIED

4.3 CEO Performance Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the process undertaken re the independent performance review of the Legatus Group CEO and the meeting noted the report.

4.4 Internal Controls / Disaster Recovery

Colin Davies advised the meeting that he had been in contact with the Auditors and the following information was obtained.

- Policies recommendations for the Legatus Group consider adopting:
 - Budget Framework Policy
 - Code of Conduct for Employees
- Control Accounts that should be reconciled monthly, independently reviewed and evidence of the review be retained:
 - Bank Account
 - Aged Payables Report
 - Aged Receivables Report
 - Suspense Account

- General Journals are independently reviewed and evidence of the review is retained.
- As part of the handover of finance function, they highlight the following:
 - User Administrator Rights for Xero - and recommend reviewing all the users of XERO to ensure they are all still required.
 - Ensure the email that is used for various business functions is appropriately diverted.
 - Review user permissions for the following:
 - BankSA
 - LGFA
 - ATO

Action: Simon Millcock to draft new policies suggested for consideration by the Legatus Group.

The meeting noted that changes will commence after 1 July 2021 following the handover of the financial services to CJ Davies Consulting.

Motion: That the Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee be provided access via the read only format to the financial transaction reports of the Legatus Group.

Moved: Ian McDonald Seconded: Peter Ackland

CARRIED

5. Financial Report 20/21

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda including (1) Budget Comparison report till 30 April 2021 (2) Profit and Loss by Job - April 2021 report (3) The Balance Sheet April 2021 and (4) Profit and Loss reports April 2021. The Legatus Group CEO provided an update on the progress of projects which have yet to commence or have variations.

Discussion held on the need for the Legatus Group to then consider adopting the variation as the budget at their meeting and Colin Davies to provide suggested wording.

Motion: That the committee notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Peter Ackland

CARRIED

6. 2021/2022 Business Plan and Budget

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the draft budget 21/22 and general discussion including the topic of membership levies and level of general reserves. The meeting noted that the AGM had traditionally been the date when levies were set but that the Board may consider the membership levy at any time.

Motions:

1. That the committee notes that the 2021/2022 Draft Business Plan and Budget were distributed in compliance with the Legatus Group Charter.
2. That the committee notes the level of reserves identified in the 2021/2022 Draft Business Plan and Budget aligns with their previous recommendations.

Moved: Ian McDonald Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

7. Legatus Group Work Plan

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda on the Legatus Group Work Plan.

Motion:

1. That the committee notes the work plan is up to date.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Peter Ackland

CARRIED

8. Next meeting

Thursday 19 August 2021 10.30am Council Chambers Jamestown.

Meeting Closed at 11.30am

11. 2021 / 2022 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group

Recommendation: That the Legatus Group adopts the 2021/2022 Legatus Business Plan and Budget using draft 2 of the budget.

The Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 3 June 2021 noted that the 2021/2002 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget were distributed in accordance with the Charter and that the level of reserves identified in the 2021/2022 Draft Business Plan (Attachment 5) and Budget (Attachment 6) aligns with their previous recommendations.

On 16 April 2021, the 2021/2022 Budget Draft was prepared in consultation with the Finance Manager, including the break down for each project and this was distributed to all constituent councils.

This included the following notes on the level of reserves:

It has been recognised by the Board, Audit Committee and Management Group that the Legatus Group is seeking to have a manageable reserve that allows for around 18 months of core operational expense with some contingencies for any priority issue. The amount which has been agreed on previously is \$450,000. The 2021/2022 draft budget allows for \$480,000 which includes the allowance for up to \$100,000 relating to supporting the 3rd year for Drought Wellbeing which has not been utilised in the first 2 years.

There was no membership fee increase in 2020/2021 which is the only core source of income for the Legatus Group.

The LGA have advised that they will continue the base-level Regional Capacity Building Allocations indexed to the Adelaide CPI for one more year (2021-22) subject to the existing conditions. There will then be a review to inform the future of the Regional Capacity Building Allocations.

The 2021/2022 draft budget is seeking to use some of the reserves to continue with the advocacy and project work that can then leverage in partnership with councils and or others to gain increased resources for the region via grants.

Note there will need to be flexibility in the budget process as many grants will not be known at the time of developing the budget.

Key Assumptions

1. Membership fees 2% increase in fee
2. LGA regional capacity grant of \$42,000 confirmed
3. LGA R&D funding will need to be applied for
4. LGA CWMS funding is being applied for
5. LGA, State and Commonwealth grants will need to be applied for. As such there would be no contracts entered or commencement of projects which require external funding until this funding is secured for those projects.

The Charter outlines that the proposed Annual Business Plan and the Budget must be referred to the Constituent Councils at least eight (8) weeks prior to the date of the meeting at which the budget is to be adopted.

Constituent Councils **may** comment on the Annual Business Plan and the Budget in writing to the Chief Executive Officer at least ten (10) business days before the meeting at which the budget is to be adopted or through its Board Member at that meeting.

The Legatus Group must adopt the Annual Business Plan and Budget after 31 May and before 30 June for the ensuing Financial Year.

The Legatus Group must provide a copy of its adopted Budget to the Constituent Councils within five (5) business days after the adoption of the Budget by the Legatus Group.

As of 4 June 2021, the following councils have advised their support.

- Adelaide Plains
- The Barossa
- Goyder Regional
- Light Regional
- Mount Remarkable
- Wakefield Regional

Traditionally membership levies have been set at the AGM.

12. Legatus Group Strategic Plan Review

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock Chief Executive Officer

Recommendations:

1. That the Legatus Group receives the report and accepts the 6 Key Findings outlined.
2. That the Legatus Group CEO provides a detailed response to each of the 6 Key Findings, develops a draft 3-year action plan and provides an update to the long-term financial plan for consideration at the Legatus Group Annual General Meeting on 3 September 2021.

Background

The Legatus Group CEO has developed the attached report (Attachment 7) for consideration by the Legatus Group.

The Legatus Group Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 3 June 2021 supported the approach being recommended in the review of the Legatus Group 2018-2028 Strategic Plan report by the Legatus Group CEO.

The Legatus Group Strategic Plan 2018-2028 review has involved feedback through the following:

- (1) Workshop Legatus Group Board 5 March 2021
- (2) Attendance at members Council meetings /workshops (Oct – Dec 2020)
- (3) Survey
- (4) Reference to recommendations from current reports endorsed by the board
- (5) Input from staff
- (6) Legatus Advisory Group Consultations
- (7) CEO Performance Review 2021

Noting that the Strategic Plan is also influenced through the partnerships the Legatus Group has with the Landscape Board and 3 x Regional Development Australia organisations. This includes the Yorke Mid North Regional Plan (2018 -2028 Regional Roadmap) a plan owned by RDAYMN, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and Legatus Group.

Plus, the partnerships with:

- South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils and their Strategic and Business Plans.
- Climate Change Sector Agreement, which is a joint plan between DEW, RDAYMN, RDABLGAP, Legatus Group and Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

The current 3-year Action Plan for the Legatus Group Strategic Plan 2018-2028 expires 30 June 2021.

Key Findings:

1. Goals appropriate but could be strengthened by:
 - a. Greater clarity and relevancy with the need for increased input by the Board
 - b. Providing a greater platform for Mayors and CEOs of Constituent Councils to engage
2. Value in current partnerships whilst ensuring that there is clarity of the role to ensure no duplication.
3. Key focus areas for advocacy and collaboration:
 - a. Roads
 - b. Waste
 - c. Wastewater
 - d. Community
 - e. Climate Change
 - f. Coastal
4. Sub-regional approaches encouraged and supported.
5. Strengthen capacity building opportunities for both elected and operational members. Noting a level of complexity re communication and involvement across all member councils which could be strengthened by increased dialogue beyond just advisory committees.
6. Develop more effective ways of communicating and distribution of information.

13. LEGATUS GROUP REGIONAL MANAGEMENT GROUP

Reports for Discussion

From: Colin Byles CEO Northern Areas Council / Chair

Recommendations:

1. **That the Legatus Group notes the report.**
2. **That the Legatus Group establishes a reference group to develop the scope and identify the data set and needs for a review of the regions needs re public transport.**

Discussion: Notes of Legatus Management Group meeting Friday 14 May 2021 12.30pm Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Chambers and Zoom

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present: Colin Byles (Northern Areas), Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys), Russell Peate (Copper Coast), Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), David Stevenson (Goyder), Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton) Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield) and Simon Millcock (Legatus Group).

1.2 Zoom: Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges) and Sam Johnson (Mt Remarkable)

1.3 Apologies: Brian Carr (Light), James Miller (Adelaide Plains), Stephen Rufus (Peterborough), Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Maree Wauchope (Barunga West), and Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula).

2. Welcome

2.1 Welcome - Chair Colin Byles welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.2 Vacancies – Meeting noted Stephen Rufus has taken on membership of the Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee.

3. Notes and actions from previous meeting 12 February 2021

A report was provided with the agenda and it was noted that:

- The Legatus Group had received the 12 February notes
- Information on Water Affecting Activities BPOP agreements with Councils had been distributed

LGA Mutual and the GISA Council Modernisation agenda items to be discussed in the meeting.

4. Joint Planning Boards

Stephen Smith Planning Reform Partner LGA attended the meeting and discussed the progress occurring with regards joint planning boards and the need for the development of a more strategic document and the costs associated with same. The peri-urban councils Light, Barossa and Adelaide Plains not eligible. Feedback from the meeting was that progress is being made through Yorke Peninsula Alliance along with Upper Spencer Gulf whilst Mid North have been working on Regional Planning Assessments.

5. Public Transport

The Legatus Group CEO provided a background report with the agenda including information from Goyder Council and that the Legatus Group Board had sought input from the Management Group.

General discussions held and noted the need to update the background report that the Port Pirie service is not privately owned by state funded. The meeting acknowledged that this is an important issue with limited knowledge in areas such as patronage or if routes which are in place are the most appropriate.

Recommendation that the Legatus Group establishes a reference group to develop the scope and identify the data set and needs for a review of the regions needs re public transport.

6. Legatus Waste Management Action Plan + Compost + MRF

Mark Rawson and Kristian Le Gallou from Rawtec attended via zoom and Paul Chapman attended in person. Rawtec outlined the approach being taken for progressing the Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan. Noting that a reference group has been established and they will be meeting with councils during the week commencing 7 June. Paul Chapman provided an update on the progress of the proposed:

- Mid North Organics Process and Compost Pilot Facility No.1 – continuing discussions with Peterborough and neighbouring councils over the coming week
- Regional SA North/West MRF – continuing discussions with Regional LGA Executive Officers

7. LGASA Mutual

Andrew Johnston joined the meeting via zoom and provided an update on the progress of one system and that they are undertaking a review regarding rewriting policies. Discussed (1) need for

ICT solutions for field officers and (2) Re-insurer process and increased reporting due to insurer regarding major events and Covid-19 impacts. Meeting discussed Skytrust and the support needed from the system. Legatus Councils could be support through collaborations and user groups of the systems. Consideration of what the scope of such a project could be via WHS could be worked through the CEOs to identify what the support could look like.

8. Administration

8.1 CEO Performance review.

Simon Millcock thanked the CEOs for their interaction with McArthur's who undertake his performance review.

8.2 2021/2022 Business Plan and Budget

Simon Millcock provided a report with the agenda and the meeting noted these had been distributed to all councils.

8.3 Strategic Plan Review

Meeting noted information provided in update after the workshop held in March and Andrew MacDonald offered to assist Simon Millcock with pagers on the key areas identified.

8.4 2020/2021 Business Plan

Simon Millcock provided a report with the agenda which included a more detailed outline on CWMS and Waste which were all noted.

9. Other Business Nil

10. NEXT MEETINGS Date and venue to be confirmed

11. CLOSE

The meeting was closed at 2.30pm

14. LEGATUS ROAD AND TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reports for Discussion

From: Dr Helen Macdonald CEO / Chair

Recommendations:

1. That the Legatus Group adopts the variations to the Road Deficiencies Action Plans 1 and 2.
2. That the Legatus Group set as their ranking for the 2021/2022 SLRP applications the following list of roads.

Overall Ranking	Council	Road name	Segment
1	Orroroo Carrieton	Orroroo Heavy Vehicle Bypass	North Tce to Price Maurice Road
2	Clare & Gilbert Valleys	Main Road 45	Waterloo Road to Steelton Road
3	Barossa Council	Stockwell Road	Carra Hill Road to Penrice Road
4	Light	Mudla Wirra Road	End of the seal to Owen Road
5	Yorke Peninsula	North Coast Road	Point Turton Township to Point Souttar Road
6	Copper Coast	Roach Street	Copper Coast Highway to Agery Road
7	Light	Gerald Roberts Road	Gomersal Road to Robert Steele Road
8	Barossa	Moculta Road	Murray Street to Truro Road

Discussion:

Attachment 11: 2021 Regional Roads Database Update which incorporates all new and amended SLRP applications received over the past few weeks and reviewed by Tim Viner Smith, along with the Stage 2 assessment conducted by the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

Attachment 12: is an updated version of the Legatus Group Regional Road Action Plans, which incorporate changes associated with the new and amended applications

SLRP 2021/2022 recommendations are based upon all road segment upgrades submitted for consideration re the Legatus Group 2030 Regional Transport Plan and its Roads Database as roads that are of regional significance under three categories of route either freight, tourism or community.

They were subject to a 2-stage assessment which included an initial assessment against the Legatus Group SLRP Database and analysis of weighted benefit and weighted benefit cost score based on guidelines developed through the Roads Infrastructure Database Project, for application for Special Local Roads Funding.

This initial assessment was undertaken by HDS and presented to the Legatus Group Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee who undertook the second stage of the assessment.

The Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee held a meeting on Friday 14 May 2021 at the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council Chamber and Zoom and the unconfirmed minutes are:

1. Welcome and attendance

The Chair of the committee Dr Helen Macdonald opened the meeting at 10:00am.

Attendance in person:

Committee members: Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valley), Dylan Strong (Orroroo-Carrieton), Mike Wilde (DIT), Michael McCauley (Yorke Peninsula), Kelly-Anne Saffin (RDAYMN), Lee Wallis (Goyder), Stuart Roberts (Wakefield), Mitchell Foote (Flinders Ranges), Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains)

Others: Simon Millcock (Legatus), Moira Coffey (Legatus), Tim Neuman (Copper Coast),

Attendance via zoom: Toni Clarke (LGASA HV Access), John Olson and Tim Viner-Smith from for section 4.2 only (HDS Australia).

Apologies: Steve Kaesler (Barossa Valley), Kris Thomson (Peterborough)

2. Minutes of the committee meeting held 12 February 2021.

The meeting noted that minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2021 were presented to the Legatus Group. The meeting resolved that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Michael McCauley, Second: Mike Wilde CARRIED

3. Progress on actions

The meeting noted the progress on actions.

Toni provided that the bridges study is finished with the work completed recently in the Barossa Valley. This study was born from the OSOM review in which it was recognised that Councils were not providing access for OSOM because they were not confident the structures could support the vehicles. A report is available on the website. Nationally a lot of structure were not assessed because did not have line drawings – so will be looking for how support line drawings.

Another \$12M will be spend on further studies of this type however it is not clear what the subject of these studies will be yet.

4. Regional Transport Plan

4.1 Road Deficiency Action Plan

The meeting noted the updates to the 2030 Regional Transport Plan as provided by HDS with the agenda and recommends that the Legatus Group adopts the variations to the Road Deficiencies Action Plans 1 and 2.

Moved: Tom Jones, Second: Dylan Strong CARRIED

4.3 Data collection (and data storage tool) to validate Socio-economic Impact Study

The meeting noted that additional data such as IRI and roughness measurement is required to support the findings of the socio-economic impact study and a potential matching funding source could be the LGA R&D fund (subject to budget approval for this works). The meeting queried whether this data can be collected on unsealed roads and would like advice on what road sections would be the best two examples that could be measured.

Action: Moira to seek the opinion of the ARRB on which types of roads would be best suited to collect data from to support the findings of the socio-economic impact study (i.e.: is the YP a good option?).

Action: Moira to seek clarification if the R&D fund at the LGA could be a matching source of funding for the data collection exercise.

5. General Items

5.8 RAVRAT modifications

The meeting noted the recommendation from the LGA Secretariat that no further development of the RAVRAT tool for unsealed roads be pursued because of the other projects assessing alternate tools and the limited appetite to undertake further investigations, technical research, and associated implementation at this point in time.

Toni Clarke left the meeting at 10:30am

4.2 21/22 SLRP Priorities

John Olson and Tim Viner-Smith (HDS) joined the meeting at 10:20am

The meeting noted that the committee received and adopted the Stage 1 Assessment from HDS Australia. Additionally, the committee completed the stage 2 assessment of projects and are in agreement that the following eight projects be recommended by the Legatus Group as the priority rankings for the 2021/2022 SLRP applications:

Overall Ranking	Council	Road name	Segment	Final score	Priority Purpose by F – Freight T – Tourism C – Community	SLRP Grant Sought (\$)	SLRP Notes for LGTAP
1	Orroroo Carrieton	Orroroo Heavy Vehicle Bypass	North Tce to Price Maurice Road	91	F	1,176,000	Continuing Year 2 of 2
2	Clare & Gilbert Valleys	Main Road 45	Waterloo Road to Steelton Road	89	F	300,000	Continuing Year 3 of 3
3	Barossa Council	Stockwell Road	Carra Hill Road to Penrice Road	88	F	250,000	New Year 1 of 1
4	Light	Mudla Wirra Road	End of the seal to Owen Road	83	F	800,000	New Year 1 of 1

5	Yorke Peninsula	North Coast Road	Point Turton Township to Point Souttar Road	82	C	1,141,000	New Year 1 of 2
6	Copper Coast	Roach Street	Copper Coast Highway to Agery Road	81	C	300,000	New Year 1 of 1
7	Light	Gerald Roberts Road	Gomersal Road to Robert Steele Road	79	F	900,000	New Year 1 of 1
8	Barossa	Moculta Road	Murray Street to Truro Road	63	C	1,400,000	New Year 1 of 1

Unanimous agreement CARRIED.

The committee discussed that the purpose of this exercise is to rank the best 8 projects from the region and not to determine what will or will not be applied for by the Councils. It will remain the Councils decision to submit or not submit the application.

Other items discussed:

- Councils to consider if the SLRP funding is the right fit for some projects, maybe the HV Safety Program is better?
- Putting projects forward when only the concept work is done. Maybe a future consideration in the stage 2 assessment is the risk based on the progress of the engineering assessment (concept vs designed)
- Councils to make sure the road categorisation is right. I.e.: is a road is used by freight but is categorised as a Community Access Road, it will rank lower.

Action: Legatus to create a letter to LGATAP with the ranking for the 8 projects.

Action: HDS to finalise the ranking table and forward to Legatus and provide feedback to the councils for inclusion in their submissions.

Kelly-Anne Saffin departed at 11:30

John Olson and Tim Viner-Smith departed the meeting at 11:45am

5.1 Advocacy

The meeting noted that the Legatus Group needs to continue to build the materials for advocacy in line with the LGA approach. Additionally, the committee acknowledges that the YP faces complexities in achieving equity for funding and ask the Board to note this.

Move: Dylan Strong Second Stuart Roberts. CARRIED

Action: YP council to approve they would like Legatus to advocate on their behalf for equity for funding.

5.2 Infrastructure Australia Survey and Report.

Dr Helen Macdonald read the following comment from Kelly-Anne: *The infrastructure Australia report is due in October. Tonkins and the RDA are currently completing the infrastructure audit. A further briefing will occur in Canberra to align the national forum infrastructure 03*”.

5.3 SA Freight Council Forum

Kelly-Anne provided the following comments: *There was a YMN Freight Council Forum in early 2020 with 20 Legatus invited participants. The Forum was held at Balaklava, Wakefield Council. Unfortunately, the process was interrupted by COVID, however Kelly-Anne will circulate the committee’s feedback. It should be noted that the update process is moving to be an online survey.*

7. Close and date of next meeting

Next meeting: Friday 6 August 2021 10.30am Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council

Invitation for non-member Councils:

Meeting Date	Council
August 2021	Port Pirie
November 2021	Light Regional Council
February 2022	Mount Remarkable
May 2022	Northern Areas
August 2022	Barunga West

Meeting closed at 12:00

15. Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

Reports for Discussion

From: Andrew MacDonald CEO / Chair

Recommendations:

- a. That the meeting notes the report.
- b. That the Legatus Group receives the reports (1) Making and Using Organic Compost and (2) Expansion options for CWMS and that they are published on the Legatus Group Website.

Discussion:

Attachment 13: Making and Using Organic Compost

Attachment 14: Expansion options for CWMS

The Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee met on 17 May 2021 3.30 pm via zoom and the unconfirmed MINUTES are.

- I. Welcome and apologies

Andrew MacDonald (Chair) welcomed the members. An apology had been received from Gary Easthope. Members present were Adam Broadbent and Hayden Battle. In attendance: Paul Chapman and Simon Millcock

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting of the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee) on 11 February 2021 were accepted as correct.

The Chair noted the Review of the Strategic Plan of the Legatus Group and confirmed that the Board would inform the Advisory Committee of the results and implications from the Review.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 PhD Internships

The meeting received a presentation from Ms Linda Shi from UniSA, based on her report, *Expansion options for CWMS*. The report will be also forwarded to the LGA and regional LGAs. Linda noted that her project would have benefited from more contact with Councils. The Chair thanked her for her work on behalf of the Committee.

The Committee recommended that the Legatus Group receives both Intern reports: (1) Making and Using Organic Compost, and (2) Expansion options for CWMS reports and publishes them on the Legatus Group website. The Committee also thanked the interns for their work.

3.2 CWMS Discussion Paper

The Chair commended the work that led to the paper and stated his view that the LGA CWMS Management Committee is now aware of the issues confronting the schemes. Frankness had been needed. Simon Millcock noted that, while the Discussion Paper had not been discussed by the Advisory Committee, the power point by Paul Chapman provided at the Conference is on the Legatus website.

3.3 Proposed CWMS training course

The Advisory Committee noted that the LGA will appoint a consultant to finalise the course content previously provided and awaits confirmation before it proceeds to issue a Request for Quotation to have the script developed for this online, on- demand training course.

3.4 Remote condition monitoring of CWMS pumps

The extension of this project to the Light and, potentially, the Wakefield Regional Councils was welcomed. It was decided that an Addendum to the original Research Agreement was needed to reflect the extension to Light and that Wakefield will keep Legatus informed of developments.

4. CWMS survey of Legatus Councils

A survey has been sent to all Legatus Councils. Responses are being received progressively.

An analysis will be undertaken once all Councils have responded.

The Advisory Committee noted the work and anticipates the results.

5. CWMS Conference

The Committee discussed the 2021 conference in Whyalla. Presentations from the Conference were made available on the Legatus web site.

It agreed that the 2022 conference would be held at a more central location and would also include more case studies by councils.

6. Any other business

There was no other business.

Meeting closed at 4.30 pm

16. Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee

Reports for Discussion

From: Simon Millcock Legatus Group CEO

Recommendation:

Discussion:

The Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee met on Friday 4 June 2021 via zoom. The unconfirmed minutes are:

1. Welcome and apologies

Attendance: Chair Stephen Rufus (Peterborough) Liz Heavey (Light), Shirley Dearlove (Peterborough), Jeremy Carn (RDAFN), Lynn Spurling (Copper Coast), Taylor Gray (Yorke Peninsula), Bridget Johns (Barunga West & Legatus) and Simon Millcock (Legatus).

Apology: Glen Christie (Port Pirie), Anne Hammond (Yorke Peninsula) & Jo Seabrook (Barossa).

Stephen Rufus welcomed everyone to the meeting and the attendees introduced themselves.

2. Minutes of committee meeting held 19 February 2021

The meeting noted that the minutes be taken as read and confirmed.

3. Check in

Key points discussed:

- Light Regional Council working on new branding with focus on history and agriculture and interested in the opportunities around mixed realities.
- Copper Coast Major Events – challenges re COVID-19 and need for greater support through Events SA and Health – late approvals. Increased experience and able to pass on to others. Moonta Top Tourist Town in SA.
- Lots of activity across the region in the tourism space including trails, arts (silos / tanks), streetscaping.
- Barunga West will have arts culture event coordinator starting soon.
- Roll out of the Brown Signs has been a mishmash but they are now being delivered.
- Grants overload with lots of funding opportunities but the capabilities to apply and resources available to apply and to also deliver (e.g., lack of trades people). Supportive of subregional approaches and offer from Legatus Group to assist.
- Resourcing - Staffing issues including volunteers.

- Supportive of subregional approaches.
- Value in the use of Aussie Travel code

4. Legatus Group 20/21 Business Plan & Budget

- a) Disability Inclusion Yorke Peninsula Tourism: The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO report. Discussed the value of progressing accessibility and inclusiveness across the broader region.
- b) Opening the Door to Nature: The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO report.
- c) New Realities: The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEO report and supported continued dialogue with Flinders University and others.

Allison Russell – Director Silver to Sea way National Trust joined the meeting and provided an update on the project which is aligning with the Heritage Rail Trail and their interest in a new form of Heritage Tourism. Stage 1 funding is for the Port Pirie to Peterborough with Stage 2 through to Broken Hill.

The rail line forms the spine of the storytelling aspects with focus areas being (1) jobs / training (2) growing visitor numbers (3) community wellness (4) community capacity. This will include 3 key assets (1) Railway Station Customs House Pt Pirie (2) Gaol Site Gladstone (3) Roundhouse Peterborough. There are two creative aspects (1) Augmented and Mixed Realities (2) Illuminate along with a strong creatives team.

Community is the core to project and local involvement is paramount and will be a showcase for telling stories differently.

The meeting noted the interest from Allison in how to provide a broader regional approach and in ways to assist with gaining the stories from those locals. This project is seen as a catalyst for the Legatus Group region and will assist with developing a digital story bank.

Noted the need to include accessibility and inclusiveness into the program.

Allison offered to meet individually whilst supportive of having their creative team be part of broader regional workshop session to assist with the collaborative approach.

- d) Regional Visitor Information Services Forum: Bridget Johns provided an update to the report provided by the Legatus Group CEO.

Great value in having the forum aligned to the State VIC Conference and good cross section from across the Legatus Group region with some from other regions also attending. Synergies between Silver to Sea Way and keen interest in the Storytowns Podcasts and use of other forms of mixed reality. Current discussions around a community capacity building project that could be tweaked to identify and empower storytelling to assist communities to identify and deliver their own stories.

- e) Remarkable Southern Flinders Ranges Alliance

The meeting noted the Legatus Group CEOs report.

5. 2021/2022 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget

The meeting noted the reports by Simon Millcock re the 21/22 Business Plan and Budget which will be considered by the Legatus Group 11 June 2021.

The meeting supported the approach being taken for (1) Forum (2) Tourism Accessibility / Mixed Realities (3) Remarkable Southern Flinders Ranges Tourism support.

6. Other Business

Destination Management Plans were discussed and need for communities to be aware of the role that tourism has in supporting their economy and the current Remarkable Southern Flinders Ranges research project is a relevant example.

7. Close and date of next meeting

The meeting was closed at 12 noon and date for next meeting to be confirmed.

17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION & SAROC

17.1 Reports for Discussion

From: Nathan Petrus.

Recommendations: For discussion.

Background:

Nathan Petrus, Executive Director Member Services will attend the meeting.

17.2 SAROC Meetings

From: Mayor Peter Matthey and Mayor Bill O'Brien

Recommendations: For discussion.

Background:

SAROC agendas and minutes can be found at: <https://www.lga.sa.gov.au/about-lga/lga-meetings/saroc>

Items of interest March 2021 and May 2021 meetings:

- Cat Management Legatus Group report was noted and supported that the request from the Legatus Group that “the Local Government Association of South Australia through the South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils to highlight to the State Minister for Environment and the Dog and Cat Management Board the need for review of cat management laws. SAROC agrees to support and inform future LGA advocacy activities regarding the forthcoming legislated review of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995; and agrees to include ‘Cat Management’ in the consultation draft of its 2021-22 SAROC Annual Business Plan

- Economic Development feedback on the joint initiatives under development between the LGA Secretariat and LGA regional executive officers, focussed on exploring options and opportunities for regional councils to assist in enabling and facilitating population and economic growth out of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Regional Tourism Update report, including information about COVID-19-related developments in the South Australian tourism industry, the scheduled March 2021 launch of the updated Regional Visitor Strategy 2025 strategic document, and opportunities for regional councils to develop nature-based tourism developments. They noted the LGA's establishment of the Council Tourism Network, including the opportunity the network provides for collaborative information sharing between regional council staff, as well as providing the intelligence needed for the LGA Secretariat to effectively advocate on behalf of regional councils.
- Regional Circular Economy, Waste, Recycling and Resource Recovery received and notes the Report on Waste Management Infrastructure for South Australian Regional Local Government plus the Regional SA Waste and Resource Recovery Background Report (Rawtec) and thanked the Legatus Group for their support via their CEO and Project Manager and the Reference Group members in the development of these reports; 5. requests that the LGA Secretariat, Regional LGA executive officers, and GISA work together to finalise a SAROC SA Regional Waste Pathways Forum, to be hosted by the Legatus Group in May 2021
- Coastal Management Issues invited the SA Coastal Councils Alliance (SACCA) Chair, Mayor Keith Parkes and SACCA Executive Officer Adam Gray, to its meeting in May 2021 to further discuss the outcomes of its consultation and proposed final funding and governance model for SACCA.
- Report / Discussion Paper summarising the SAROC Regional Development Workshop which provide advocacy and assistance options for the Committee to consider.
- Report on the Regional Health Workforce policy initiative.
- Management of Little Corellas carry over the unallocated funds to subsequent SAROC annual business plan.
- The SAROC Committee congratulated Matt Pinnegar on his recent appointment as CEO of ALGA and thanked him for his contribution to the SAROC Committee and the local government sector.

18. Other Business

18.1 Rolling 5-year average valuations for councils

From: Mayor Wayne Thomas

Recommendations: For discussion.

Mayor Thomas has asked if there could be a discussion with the Legatus Group about lobbying the Valuer General to provide a rolling 5-year average valuations for councils. In particular those properties that fall under the category of Primary Production.

The Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council has not discussed it, so it is not coming in the form of a council resolution. Mayor Thomas believes the idea might be of interest to other councils as a way of dealing with rapid and large increases in land prices and thus impacting rates. Some of these increases are smoothed out by council differentials but with a rolling 5-year average would provide for more gradual change making it potentially easier for primary producers who are often income poor and the asset rich.

18.2 Simon Millcock Conflict of interest

From: Legatus Group CEO Simon Millcock

Recommendations: For noting.

The Legatus Group CEO advises that he:

- 1) Has commenced training for a Certificate II in Medical Service First Response with the SA Ambulance Service to be a volunteer with the SAAS.
- 2) Offered to coordinate as a volunteer through the Mintaro Progress Association the 2021 Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb.
- 3) Will take 4 days leave in July and 4 days leave in August to progress at his own cost two chef exchange events in Western Australia and Queensland subject to COVID-19 travel restrictions.

19. Date of next meeting & Close

The next meeting of the Legatus Group is scheduled for Friday 3 September 2021 and will include the AGM and to be hosted by District Council of Orroroo Carrieton.

Note that the Working with Aboriginal Communities workshop is scheduled for 1pm and invites have been extended to RDA and Landscape Board members.



WORKING WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

(Cultural Awareness Training Session)

LEGATUS GROUP

DATE 11 June 2021
TIME 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
VENUE Mallala Football Club-Wasleys Road Mallala

Program

10 mins	Welcome to Country & Introduction	Simon/Valma
40 mins	Australian Aboriginal History (colonisation)	Eric
30 mins	Mission Life	Warren/Eric/Valma
20 mins	Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)	Eric
10 mins	Question & Answers	All
10 mins	Evaluation & close	All/Simon

