



Minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting

3 September 2021

Orroroo Memorial Hall

I Meeting Preliminaries

An acknowledgement of country was provided.

Present

Board members: Mayor Phillip Heaslip – Chair (Mt Remarkable) Mayor Peter Matthey OAM (Goyder), Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains), Mayor Bim Lange OAM (The Barossa), 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) and Mayor Darren Braund (Yorke Peninsula).

In Attendance

Mr David Stevenson (CEO Goyder), Mr Colin Byles (CEO Northern Areas), Mr Dylan Strong (CEO Orroroo Carrieton), Ms Lynne Walden (Acting CEO Port Pirie), Mr Andrew MacDonald (CEO Wakefield), Mr Russell Peate (CEO Copper Coast), Mr Eric Brown (CEO Flinders Ranges), Mr Stephen Rufus (Peterborough), Mr Sam Johnson (CEO Mt Remarkable), Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West), Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDAYMN), Ms Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA), Mr Tony Fox (Landscape Board), Ms Penny Pratt and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group)

State MP's: Hon Geoff Brock MP and Hon Dan van Holst Pellekann MP.

Apologies

Mayor Wayne Thomas (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) and Council CEO's Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr Brian Carr (Light), Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula) Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie) and Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys). MP's Hon Stephan Knoll Member for Schubert, Mr Fraser Ellis Member for Narrunga, Hon Tony Piccolo Member for Light and Mr John Gee Member for Taylor. RDA CEOs Ms Claire Wiseman and Ms Anne Moroney

Opening

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 11.38am and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Welcome

District Council of Orroroo Carrieton Mayor Kathy Bowman welcomed everyone to Orroroo.

Mayor Bowman outlined the small size of the council's population base and the large geographical size when compared to member councils in the Legatus Group. She acknowledged the small resources they have including their dedicated staff which have gone through a recent generational change.

The meeting was provided with informed of the great success that the council has recently achieved and the focus they have had on resilience due to the impacts of the drought. The size of the council road network and the significant level of D class roads was discussed.

Mayor Bowman outlined recent projects being undertaken which included (1) Price Maurice Road and the SLRP funding for the Bypass of Orroroo, (2) Drought Community Fund and several upgrades to local buildings, visitor information services and emergency water tanks, (3) Black Rock Heritage Wool Press with opening on 22 October (invite to all to attend) as this will be a hub for tourism and (4) Canteen and Officials upgrades at the Oval.

3 Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 11 June 2021.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 11 June 2021 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

Mayor Ben Browne left the meeting at 12 noon

The Chair then invited speakers listed in agenda item 5 to speak.

5 Presentations

5.1 Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP – Noted the positive work being undertaken across the region and acknowledged as the meeting was in Orroroo the delivery of water via the SA water project in 2019. He noted the respect the Legatus Group has by the Government and the proactive approach the Legatus Group takes. Discussion held on the positioning of the check points for the border closures with NSW. He outlined his previous comments re Rating Equity and his belief that the rating of wind and solar farms would not impede further development although he would not support rates being retrospective. He noted that a response is coming from Minister for Local Government to the Legatus Group but that it is a matter for the Treasurer who is not supportive.

5.2 Hon Geoff Brock MP – Noted the resilience of the communities in regional SA and the leadership being provided by local government. He outlined his frustration with the boundary reform which has resulted in 1 less regional MP at the next state election. Acknowledgement was made of the great response by the SA public to COVID. Port Pirie Meats has his support and he noted the regions support for this development. He indicated his support for rating of wind and solar farms.

5.3 Tony Fox GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board outlined the board has been operating for over 12 months and he provided some background and their 5 key priority areas. Their strategic and business plan will be distributed to member councils and he outlined the current grant funds. Whilst acknowledging the important of the Yorke Mid North Alliance and the continuation of building stronger relationships with councils.

Mayor Bim Lange left the meeting at 12.40pm and the meeting broke for lunch

The meeting resumed at 1.15pm

5.4 Kelly-Anne Saffin RDA Yorke Mid North – The Economic Summit has been moved to 2022 and the Alliance Regional Forum will be held in March 2022 with focus on Workforce. Looking into the issues around affordable housing. Provided information on the regional tourism indicators and

tourism investment pipeline. The region has received funding to support workforce projects including indigenous employment. Telecommunication upgrades are being investigated and a new funding program will be out soon. The RDA board membership renewal is coming up and will be looking for 3 local government representatives. The impacts of COVID-19 vaccinations will need to be considered re workforce issues.

5.5 Angela Ruddenklau PIRSA – The international Ag-Tech conference postponed until 17-18 October. 18 Legatus Group towns are listed for the Ag Town of the Year. Acknowledged the support by councils around fruit fly information. Survey being undertaken on early adoption for Ag-tech. Commercial fishing reforms, charter fishing grants and new recreational fishing program. 2 new water infrastructure projects occurring in the region. Fox bounty scheme, tracking wild dogs and baiting program continues. Support for reducing pest and weeds is being increased. Cellar door expansion grants and farm water infrastructure. Eco housing and rural female leadership programs.

4 Business arising not otherwise on the agenda

4.1 Rating Equity

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda and Mayor Matthey provided an update and noted Minister Dan van Holst Pellekann and MP Geoff Brocks responses to the meeting.

Motion: That the meeting notes the report and waits on the response from the Minister for Local Government.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

4.2 Wellbeing / FaB Officers

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion:

1. The Legatus Group receives the Wellbeing Gap Analysis Legatus Group Northern Councils Report and notes that the majority of the Mayors supported the report being released on the Legatus Group Website.
2. The Legatus Group supports the Legatus Group CEO to continue identifying opportunities including grant funding and partnerships for the development of a better model for regional coordination to 1) assist the local communities to access mental health services; 2) support service providers align their services with the local needs, as well as; 3) collaborate with local councils to gain more resources so that there is proper investment in local wellbeing.
3. The Legatus Group writes to Minister David Basham thanking the SA Government for extending the contracts of the two Family and Business Support Officer positions until 30 June 2022 and recommends that the Legatus Group is invited to provide a presentation on a model for better regional coordination re wellbeing to the Governments Regional Development Strategy Forum.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

CARRIED

4.3 Funding Equity for roads

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report from the Wakefield Regional Council with the agenda.

Motion: The Legatus Group supports the Wakefield Regional Councils proposed agenda item for the LGA Annual General Meeting that requests the LGA to call on the South Australian Grants Commission to review its distribution formula, to ensure the allocation of federal road funding is distributed to local governments within South Australia, in accordance with the National Principles of horizontal equalisation as required by the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

4.4 New Planning and Design Code

The motion to lay the motion by Mayor Talbot from the 11 June 2021 meeting to 3 September 2021 meeting was provided with the agenda. Mayor Talbot withdrew the motion.

4.5 Legatus Group Coastal Council Forum

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: The Legatus Group supports the formation of a Legatus Group Coastal Council Forum.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

4.6 SA Coastal Council Alliance Funding

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report and confirms the payment for membership of SACCA as per the 11 June 2021 meeting.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

6 Chairman's Report Nil

7 Items referred by Councils

7.1 Auditor-General Report – Community Wastewater Management Schemes

Sam Johnson CEO District Council of Mount Remarkable provided a report with the agenda and the Legatus Group CEO provided the notes from the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee (agenda item 15). Sam Johnson spoke to the report along with Stephen Rufus CEO District Council of Peterborough. Mayor Peter Matthey advised that he had recently been appointed by the LGA to Chair the LGA CWMS Committee and that he is getting up to speed on the matter and his first meeting as chair is scheduled for 20 September 2021.

Motion: The Legatus Group CEO and Project Manager be invited to attend a LGA CWMS Committee meeting to discuss areas of operational support.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

CARRIED

8 2021/2022 Business Plan

8.1 Projects

The Legatus Group CEO's report on the 2021/2022 business plan projects was contained in the agenda along with reports from Project Officers. The Chair invited questions.

Motion:

1. That the meeting notes the report
2. That the Legatus Group receives the reports titled (1) Implementing the Circular Economy in SA research paper completed and (2) A supply chain analysis of the circular economy in regional South Australia and approves their placement on the Legatus Group Website.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien

CARRIED

8.2 Administration

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report on the current level of administration.

Motion: That the meeting notes the report

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Kathy Bowman

CARRIED

9 Financial Reports

9.1 2021/2022 Budget / Finance Update

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included until 31 July the Legatus Group Management Report and the Profit and Loss Comparison Report.

Motion: 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 31 July 2021 including the budget review.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Kathy Bowman

CARRIED

9.2 CEOs Credit Card expenditure

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report for the period 1 July 2021 – 23 August 2021.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle

CARRIED

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 24 August 2021.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group adopt the Employee Code of Conduct Policy and the Business Plan Policy.

2. That the Legatus Group reappoint Ian McDonald to the Audit and Risk Management Committee and subject to his confirmation of being willing to continue Peter Ackland is also reappointed.
3. The Legatus Group notes the comments at item 4.2 of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Peter Matthey

CARRIED

11 Legatus Group Strategic Plan Review

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda along the draft Strategic Plan

Original motion withdrawn by Mayor Leon Stephens after general discussion: That the Legatus Group receives the draft Strategic Plan 2021 – 2030 and the Long-Term Financial Plan and approves they be distributed to Constituent Councils for approval.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives the draft Strategic Plan 2021 – 2030 and the Long-Term Financial Plan and workshops these plans at the next meeting of the Legatus Group prior to them being distributed to Constituent Councils for approval.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

The meeting noted that due to the workshop there would be no guest speakers at their next meeting.

12 Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Colin Byles Chair of the Legatus Group Regional Management Group provided a report which contained the minutes of their meeting held 12 August 2021 and included the topic of Joint Planning Boards. The meeting noted the report.

13 Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee

Dr Helen Macdonald the Chair of the Legatus Road and Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee provided a report with the agenda which contained the notes of their meeting held 14 May 2021.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report and supports the committee's approach to gain greater clarity on the Special Local Roads Program.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens 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 27 August 2021.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report and that the Legatus Group CEO writes to the LGA CEO acknowledging the value and support which has been provided to the sector by Michelle Wittholz the LGA CWMS Program Manager.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Roslyn Talbot

CARRIED

15 Legatus Group Visitor Information Services Advisory Committee

Nil report

16 Local Government Association and SAROC

17.1 LGA Update

No LGA Secretariat attended meeting or report provided.

17.2 SAROC Key Outcomes report provided with the agenda.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Kerley Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

17 Other Business

17.1 Port Pirie Meats

Mayor Leon Stephens provided a report with the agenda which included the letter of support from the Legatus Group Chair for the grant application by CirPro (Australia) previously known as Port Pirie Meats.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

CARRIED

18.2 Legatus Group CEO Conflict of interest

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included his leave and conflict of interest as volunteer coordinator for the Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb.

Motion: The Legatus Group notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

CARRIED

18 NEXT MEETING

Friday 10 December 2021 hosted by Copper Coast Council and to include Strategic Plan Workshop.

19 CLOSE

Meeting closed by the Chair at 2.45 pm

Chairman _____ Dated _____