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NOTICE OF MEETING

Legatus Group Regional Management Group

Thursday 12 August 2021 1pm via Zoom

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AGENDA

1. **Welcome** Chair Colin Byles / **Apologies**

2. **Update / Topical issues from members**

Members invited to provide update on topical issues.

3. **Actions from previous meeting 14 May 2021**

1. The notes from the meeting were distributed to all Legatus Group Councils CEOs and formed the report for the 3 June 2021 Legatus Group meeting who noted the report.
2. Joint Planning Boards refer item 4
3. Public Transport refer item 5

4. **Joint Planning Boards (For discussion)**

Following the Legatus Management Group meeting this matter was discussed with Stephen Smith from the LGA and other Regional LGA EOs a letter was sent to all councils from the Minister re agreements looking to be in place by early October 2021. The Legatus Group CEO sought responses from the relevant 11 councils who make up the Yorke Mid North Region re a JPB & Regional Plan and Flinders Ranges who is part of the Upper Far North Region. Note the Barossa, Light and Adelaide Plains are not included.

Feedback received:

- PPRC are not looking to participate with the development of any joint planning board, at this point in time.
- CCC not proceeding with JPB - lack of independence and cost.
- CGVC's evaluation of the request for JPB and the development of regional plans is that this is another attempt to shift the State Government costs to local government. State Government have to do these plans regardless and, in an attempt, to suggest that regions might have a level of control over the plans they are looking to us to put in place a mechanism to do those plans. Council gets the privilege of paying the cost of establishing and running joint planning boards and to employ the consultants to do the work to create regional plans that the state government will own and control. In my experience the regional plans are very high level and occasionally useful when applying for grants. Having said that, CGVC have never referred to a regional plan when applying for funding in the past 3.5 years.
- FRC Our view is the same, at this stage we would not be progressing with a joint planning board. The cost v benefit is simply not there.
- GRC would be happy to listen to what they have to say, most particularly, to better understand the JPB value to us.

- PRC interested in discussion at a regional level with regards to the formation of JPB

The Legatus Group CEO offered to coordinate a workshop with Stephen Smith LGA & Anita Allan Director, Planning and Development with Legatus Group along with invite to RDAYMN and N&Y Landscape Board.

Instead, there has been an invitation to Mayors and CEOs to attend an online LGA information session on 12 August 2021 10am – 11.30am to assist councils in their deliberations on this matter that in association with the Planning and Land Use Services, Attorney Generals Department.

Background:

The *Planning Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* (Act) allows the Minister to enter a planning agreement (s35) with entities including councils. A planning agreement must outline the purposes of the agreement, the outcomes sought, the delegation of powers and functions and may (s35 (3)) provide for the constitution of a joint planning board (membership, criteria for membership, procedures). A planning agreement has a 10-year term but may be varied or terminated by agreement between parties or by the minister (termination only). A joint planning board (JPB) (s36) is constituted by the relevant planning agreement, carries the name assigned to it within the agreement and has the powers and function as defined within the Act (establishment of and delegation to committees and subsidiaries) or conferred within the agreement. The JPB must take the form of Body Corporate and will be required to produce annual reports in accordance with the regulations.

Regional Plans (s64) are high level documents (no direct influence on planning assessments) that must be prepared for each planning region. In the absence of a JPB the State Planning Commission is responsible for the preparation of a regional plan for each region. The State Planning Commission will also prepare plans for any part of a region that falls outside of the area of a JPB. A regional plan must be consistent with state planning policy and set a 15–30-year vision that includes provisions for integrated land use, transport, infrastructure and public realm. Such a plan is expected to provide:

- spatial information relevant to the region and provide context (forward projects and statistical data analysis) as may be determined by the commission.
- Recommendations about the application and operation of the planning and design code
- A framework for the public realm or infrastructure located in the region
- Other information required by the Act or regulations or the State Planning Commission

Planning Regions (s5) are made by proclamation by the Governor and informed by a recommendation from the Minister; having sought advice from the State Planning Commission and given notice (providing the Commission's advice) to relevant Councils. Proclamations published on the SA Planning Portal identify the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North have separate volumes despite being part of the same region.

The Hon Vickie Chapman MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Planning and Local Government recently wrote to councils seeking their consideration of establishment of a JPB. Moreover, the Deputy Premier also requested that a planning agreement be submitted by 4 October 2021 to allow regional plans to be developed within the statutory timeframe of March 2023.

Currently there is a lack of clarity on:

- Delegation to Regional LGAs
- Funding for the development of JPB and Regional Plans (could be at cost exceeding \$300K)
- Sub-regional JPB and Subregional plans and where they fit into the broader regional plan
- If some clusters of councils undertake theirs and others don't where do the Commission step in and develop the Regional Plans
- Lack of clarity on the value of forming JPB

Note that the Eyre Peninsula and Limestone Coast LGA who have been progressing these discussions for past couple of years are now questioning what the value proposition is. Also, the Murraylands Riverland LGA CEO is working with the LGA SA to convey a message to the State Planning Commission that:

1. Notes support from constituent councils to being involved and providing input to the development of a regional plan through partnership with the Commission.

2. Seeks clarity from the State Planning Commission on the rationale for Joint Planning Boards and whether the same role could be supported by existing regional structures such as MRLGA.
3. Requests more information on the purpose (including its relationship to other regional plans) of a Regional Plan, the current commitment from the Commission to developing a Murray and Mallee Regional Plan and the ongoing commitment to implementation

5. **Public Transport (For discussion)**

The Legatus Group June meeting approved the formation of a reference group to help in scoping and identifying the data set and needs for a review of the regions public transport. The Legatus Group CEO called for expressions of interest through all councils and the following responded.

Organisation	Contact name
Care in Motion – Community Care and Transport Inc	David McDonald
Goyder Regional Council	David Stevenson Barb Button
Light Regional Council	Darby Schultz
Port Pirie Regional Council	Mayor Leon Stephens

An approach has been made to Jo Parker CPN Coordinator for Barossa and Light & Board Member for SACTA and Mark Benson Operations Manager – YP Coaches. The first meeting is scheduled for 3pm 12 August 2021.

6. **Presentation 1.30pm ESCOSA Inquiry into regulatory arrangements for small-scale and off-grid water, gas and electricity services**

The Commission's CEO, Adam Wilson and the Energy and Water Ombudsman, Sandy Canale will join the meeting to discuss the outcomes of the Commission's Inquiry into regulatory arrangements for small-scale and off-grid water, gas and electricity services.

7. **Presentation 2.00pm Council Business Problems Workshop**

Rhys Moulton from FOUR will join the meeting to discuss the workshop on Friday 17 September 2021 in Port Pirie. This will identify and explore solutions via a workshop that brings council teams and regional partners together to uncover common problems.

Purpose: To identify common problems and explore solutions via a workshop that brings council employees and possible regional partners together to uncover common problems. This workshop will take a novel approach to collaboration on technical problem solving for member councils.

Background Legatus Group 2019 Digital Maturity Index Report which included:

- Digital Technology project to guide all councils in appropriate digital technologies to enhance their business operations.
- Provide access to relevant expertise and investigate opportunities to address resource limitations which is the major barrier to adoption of digital technologies.
- Assess customer (business and community) needs for digital interaction with councils.
- Develop template strategies and policies that can be readily adopted by councils and modified to suit their level of digital maturity.
- Investigate opportunities and barriers to shared expertise and shared services around digital technology across the group.

8. Legatus Group Strategic Plan Review (for information)

The Legatus Group accepted the 6 Key Findings and the Legatus Group CEO is providing a detailed response to each of the 6 Key Findings, along with developing a draft 3-year action plan and update to the long-term financial plan for consideration at the Legatus Group Annual General Meeting on 3 September 2021.

9. Business Plan update (for information / discussion)

9.1 Recent reports published on the Legatus Group Website

- Wellbeing Gap Analysis Legatus Group Northern Councils: This report identifies the gaps in knowledge to better understand what the future and current wellbeing needs and issues are. Wellbeing as an issue has been identified throughout Regional South Australia and the Legatus Group raised this as a matter as one of high significance in 2019 because relevant communities continued to be affected by the Drought.
- Inclusive and Accessible Tourism Experiences Yorke Peninsula: This report provides a critical analysis of the literature and identifies Opportunities and Gaps in the Yorke Peninsula as a destination of choice for people with a disability. Inclusive Tourism Report Final
- Expansion options for CWMS: This report describes CWMS in regional SA, current wastewater treatment technologies, it discusses the expansion options of each stage of the wastewater treatment process, compares the different wastewater treatment options and provides conclusions and recommendations.
- The Circular Economy in Regional South Australia / The potential for making and using organic compost: This project builds on a previous study of biosolids and septage waste within Legatus Group councils which found that there was insufficient volume of this material to establish a composting plant. This study identifies additional sources and volumes of compostable organic waste from primary producers in the Mid North and potential users of locally produced compost within Legatus council region. It also discusses challenges and opportunities of combining compost feedstocks, potential contamination and stakeholder engagement.
- Creative Industries: Website updated including videos from conference and release of showreel and music video.

9.2 Project updates

- Coastal Management Action Plan – Implementation Stage I (Yorke Peninsula, Copper Coast & Barunga West) completed – Meeting held and consensus to form a Legatus Coastal Council Forum. Following an unsuccessful funding application, the Legatus Group Coastal Councils are willing to support a further grant application by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board for Landscape Priority Funds Grant – Coasting around the Yorke project. Brian Hales contracted to collate and updated council projects.
- Smart Irrigation - Copper Coast Council have 5 sites and Orroroo Carrieton has 1 site installed by SA Water with the air temperature sensors and report will be due in the coming months.
- Stormwater Harvesting - Site Locations (1) Adelaide Plains Drew Street, Two Wells (2) Light Regional Hare Street, Kapunda (3) Copper Coast Heritage Drive, Wallaroo. Catchment study underway and tree selection completed along with selection of infiltration units. Construction phase completed and included during construction photo monitoring and post construction monitoring (photo graphic and other types of monitoring and evaluation work for project).
- CWMS Pump Monitoring and Management (Copper Coast & Light) underway and updated report to be provided to the CWMS Advisory Committee meeting 19 August 2021
- CWMS training project moving to script development stage and investigating micro-credential opportunities
- Remarkable South Flinders Ranges Council Alliance (Mt Remarkable, Northern Areas & Pt Pirie Regional) draft report provided to member councils and meeting being held 6 August 2021 to discuss progress.
- Research project

- Implementing the Circular Economy in SA completed.
- Waste
 - Legatus Group Regional Waste Management Action Plan. Rawtec have started drafting the report with the first draft due by mid-August. The reference group will meet on 19 August with workshop invite to all councils for Monday 30 August in Clare.
 - Reference Group for Trial Compost Project initially identified at Peterborough continues to progress.
 - Application for funding to the LGA R&D Grant for a viability of Regional Materials Recycling Facilities (MRFs) submitted with funding confirmed from Eyre Peninsula, Murraylands / Riverlands and Limestone Coast LGAs.
- Stage 2 of the Yorke Peninsula Tourism Accessibility Research Project – delay for the site visits due to the consultant being from Victoria. Funding secured by Yankalilla Council re a partnership with Mitcham Council and Legatus Group for an e-trike project that provides the opportunity for people with a disability to participate in and benefit from nature-based recreation with their family, carers and peers. Reference Group formed and locations being identified.
- Drought Hub partnership initial contacts made and seeking further updates on the progress.
- Support for the two Family and Business Support Officer positions beyond the 30 June 2021 confirmed they have been contracted till 30 June 2022 and meeting being held with Ministers van Holst Pellekann and Basham to discuss the Wellbeing Gap Analysis report completed by University of Adelaide.
- Rating Equity appears to have stalled due to the responses from the Treasurer and meetings being arranged with Attorney General and Treasurer.
- Youth into Volunteering to align with waste / recycling project with videos to be developed showcasing projects in Clare and Barossa Valleys.
- Sustainability Hub Stage 1 yet to progress
- Reconciliation Awareness program yet to progress next Northern and Yorke Aboriginal Engagement Committee to occur 10 September
- Attraction and retention population / workforce approach made to LGA to look at support for Local Govt sector.
- Transport - topic at next Legatus Group Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee
 - Prioritising for 21/22 SLRP Grant Applications were submitted and announcements due soon
 - Socio-Economic Impacts Road Deficiency stage 2 yet to progress
 - Bridges Database request for quote distributed
 - Legatus Road Transport Plan update & SLRP 22/23
- Research Projects. Meeting be held with UniSA and University of Adelaide to extend current MoUs.

10 Administration

10.1 Staffing levels. The Legatus Group Project Manager for CWMS and Waste Paul Chapman following funding from the LGA will continue in a part time role until 30 June 2022. There was an advertisement for a part time Regional Facilitator (Roads & Community) and following responses Leanne Burford will commence 23 August 2021 on a part time basis as an Administration Officer to allow the Legatus Group CEO to take on the facilitation roles.

10.2 Website: Honeycomb Design have been contracted to:

- Content restructure to allow clearer presentation Legatus' projects and activities
- Build a private forum to host discussions amongst selected users
- Style overview to create a more image driven visual presentation and user interactions - Implement advanced analytics to better understand user behaviour and demographics
- Create additional tools for event promotion and post event reporting

11 Other business

12 Next meeting – Guest Speaker / Location