



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

**11 June 2021**

**Mallala Football Clubrooms Redbanks Road Mallala**

### **1 Meeting Preliminaries**

An acknowledgement of country was provided.

#### **Present**

Board members: Mayor Peter Matthey OAM – Chairman (Goyder), Mayor Roslyn Talbot (Copper Coast), Mayor Bill O'Brien (Light), Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains), Mayor Phillip Heaslip (Mount Remarkable), Mayor Ben Browne from 10.23am (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**

Hon. Geoff Brock MP. Council CEOs Mr James Miller (Adelaide Plains), Mr Stephen Rufus (Peterborough), Mr Eric Brown (Flinders Ranges), Mr Andrew MacDonald (Wakefield), Dr Helen Macdonald (Clare and Gilbert Valleys) and Council Staff Ms Jacqui Kelleher (Mt Remarkable) and Alyssa Denicola (Adelaide Plains). Ms Kelly-Anne Saffin (CEO RDA YMN), Mr Trevor Taylor (RDA BLGAP), Mr Tony Fox (GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board), Nathan Petrus (Executive Director Member Services LGA) and Mr Simon Millcock (CEO Legatus Group).

#### **Apologies**

Mayor Leonie Kerley (Barunga West) and Mayor Bim Lange OAM (The Barossa). Council CEO's Mr Colin Byles (Northern Areas), Mr Andrew Cameron (Yorke Peninsula), Mr Martin McCarthy (Barossa), Mr David Stevenson (Goyder), Mr Dylan Strong (Orroroo Carrieton), Mr Sam Johnson (Mt Remarkable), Mr Peter Ackland (Port Pirie), Ms Maree Wauchope (Barunga West), Mr Russell Peate (Copper Coast), and Mr Brian Carr (Light). Ms Anne Moroney (CEO RDABGLAP), Ms Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA), MP's Hon Stephan Knoll (Schubert), 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 10.00am

### **2 Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Adelaide Plains Council Mayor Mark Wasley welcomed everyone to Mallala.

Mayor Wasley provided a presentation which included the current population growth of 3.4% makes the second fastest growth rate for councils just behind Mount Barker. The Northern Connector has reduced the travel time to Adelaide and there are 730 new residents a year moving into the Adelaide

Plains. The predictions are for 3,500 new homes over the next 10 years. The new Xavier School was completed in 6 months and it is anticipated they will have enrolments of 1,100 by 2030. The current growth rate will have Two Wells by 2040 as the 11<sup>th</sup> largest town in South Australia. Work has commenced on the Two Wells Village Green a Mainstreet development. The Northern Area Irrigation Scheme is assisting the growth of businesses with further opportunities for the Light River area.

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

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 5 March 2021.

Motion: That the minutes of the Legatus Group Meeting held on 5 March 2021 be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

**CARRIED**

### **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.

#### **4.2 Financial Management Services**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda.

#### **4.3 SA Coastal Council Alliance**

10.23am Mayor Browne attends the meeting

The SA Coastal Council Alliance provided a report with the agenda and Mayor's Wasley and Stephens spoke on the topic.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports and funds the proposed model for the Legatus Group Councils to the SA Coastal Council Alliance as being spread equally across member councils.

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

Motion: With the consent of the seconder Mayor Stephens seeks leave to withdraw the motion.

Moved: Mayor Ben Browne Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

**CARRIED**

Motion: That the Legatus Group funds the \$12,000 plus GST for the 2021/2022 subscription fees to the South Australian Coastal Council Alliance from general reserves and that a budget adjustment is required for the Legatus Group 2021/2022 budget.

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

**CARRIED**

#### **4.4 Funding Equity for local road upgrades.**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included a media release. The video which had been produced and distributed was shown. The report also included a motion from the Wakefield Regional Council to the Australian Local Government Associations National Assembly re federal road funding.

Motion:

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 supports 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.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne

**CARRIED**

## **5 Presentations**

5.1 Hon Geoff Brock MP apologised for not being at the last Legatus Group meeting and outlined he was there to hear from member councils.

5.2 Kelly-Anne Saffin CEO RDA Yorke Mid North provided a report on behalf of the RDAs with a focus on workforce issues in the region. This information will be provided in a more detailed report to all councils. Key points included a decline in unemployment levels and job vacancies were high. Key challenges include the lack of data for Regional SA on work readiness in the regions plus housing, HR capacity within businesses and the need for migration reform. RDA BGLAP's are hosting the Transforming Business 2021 Conference on "Innovating Your Business Model" - Re-thinking Business Conference in July and RDAYMN are hosting an Economic Summit in September.

5.3 Tony Fox GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board discussed their Annual Business Plan which is with the Minister and will then be distributed to all councils. He outlined the statutory obligations and the core functions with key priority areas of (1) Community, (2) Biodiversity, (3) Water Management, (4) Sustainable Agriculture and (5) Pest Plant Animal Control.

5.4 Kristian Le Gallou from Rawtec consultants for the Legatus Group Waste Management Action Plan provided an update including the process being undertaken and the initial observations. Simon Millcock advised there is a reference group and that along with the consultancy there are current discussions re possible trial compost site, regional material recovery facilities and community led micro-factories.

5.5 Christie Lai Lam from the University of Adelaide provided an update on the wellbeing research project being undertaken and seeking feedback before the report is finalised.

## **6 Chairman's Report**

6.1 Chair Mayor Peter Matthey advised that he had attended all the required SAROC and LGA meetings along with the SAROC workshop on Employment in Regional South Australia. He had also attended and opened the SAROC Regional Waste Pathways Forum in Tanunda held in partnership with the Legatus Group and he complimented Simon Millcock on arranging two excellent speakers Veena Sahajwalla and Herve Calmy.

### **6.2 CEO's Performance Review**

A report was provided with the agenda. The Legatus Mayors and CEOs were provided an attachment to the agenda of the external review report of the CEOs performance marked

confidential which had been approved for distribution with the agenda by the Chair and Deputy Chairs after being provided to the Legatus Group CEO.

Mayor Peter Matthey requested all persons to leave the room apart from the Legatus Group Board members so the CEOs performance could be discussed in confidence.

All non-board members then left the room.

Motion: That the Legatus Group supports a 3% increase to the CEOs remuneration commencing 1 July 2021.

Moved: Mayor Kathy Bowman Seconded: Mayor Bill O'Brien **CARRIED**

Motion: That the Legatus Group Chair and Deputy Chairs investigate the governance of moving into confidence as per the Legatus Group Charter.

Moved: Mayor Ruth Whittle Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens **CARRIED**

All those attending the meeting then returned to the room.

## **7 Items referred by Councils**

### **7.1 New Planning and Design Code**

The Copper Coast Councils provided a report with the agenda and Mayor Talbot spoke to the report.

Motion:

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.

Moved: Mayor Roslyn Talbot Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

General discussion.

Formal motion: That the motion by Mayor Talbot seconded by Mayor Reid lay on the table until the next Legatus Group meeting.

Moved: Mayor Bill O'Brien Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle **CARRIED**

## **8 20/21 Business Plan Project Updates**

The Legatus Group CEO's report on the 2020/2021 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 report titled Inclusive and Accessible Tourism Experiences for the Yorke Peninsula and publishes on the Legatus Group Website.

Moved: Mayor Darren Braund Seconded: Mayor Mark Wasley

**CARRIED**

## **9 Financial Reports**

### **9.1 2020/2021 Budget / Finance Update**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included until 30 April 2021 (1) Budget Comparison (2) Profit and Loss by job and comparison (3) Balance Sheet & (4) Profit and Loss 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 30 April 2021 including the budget review.

Moved: Mayor Kathy Bowman Seconded: Mayor Ben Browne

**CARRIED**

### **9.2 CEOs Credit Card expenditure**

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

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

**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 3 June 2021.

Motion: 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.

Moved: Mayor Kathy Bowman Seconded: Mayor Rodney Reid

**CARRIED**

## **11 2021/2022 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included the attachments of the 2021/2022 Business Plan and Budget and responses from member councils. The meeting noted the charter no longer requires approval from all member councils and that the annual membership fee will be an agenda item for the Annual General Meeting.

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

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

**CARRIED**

## **12 Legatus Group Strategic Plan Review**

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda along with an attachment for consideration by the Legatus Group.

Motion:

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.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens      Seconded: Mayor Darren Braund

**CARRIED**

## **13 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 14 May 2021.

Motion:

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.

Moved: Mayor Mark Wasley Seconded: Mayor Philip Heaslip

**CARRIED**

## **14 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:

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

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid      Seconded: Mayor Kathy Bowman

**CARRIED**

### **15      Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee**

Andrew MacDonald Chair of the Committee provided a report which included the minutes of their meetings held on 17 May 2021

Motion:

- 1) That the meeting notes the report.
- 2) 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.

Moved: Mayor Rodney Reid      Seconded: Mayor Wayne Thomas

**CARRIED**

### **16      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 4 June 2021.

### **17      Local Government Association and SAROC**

#### 17.1 LGA Update

Nathan Petrus LGA provided an update on (1) Local Government Reform Bill that has been approved through both Houses of Parliament and now moves into the implementation phase (2) Councils in focus website due to commence in August 2021 which will allow for comparisons on performance and submissions on this topic are due by 16 July 2021 and (3) LGITSA and LGA are progressing on a cyber security framework.

17.2 SAROC Key Outcomes report provided with the agenda.

### **18      Other Business**

#### 18.1 Rolling 5-year average valuations for councils

Mayor Wayne Thomas provided a report with the agenda and general discussion undertaken on this topic.

#### 18.2 Legatus Group CEO Conflict of interest

The Legatus Group CEO provided a report with the agenda which included his commencement of training as volunteer for the SA Ambulance Service and conflict of interest as volunteer coordinator for the Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb and leave being taken for chef exchange projects.

Motion: That the Legatus Group notes the conflict of interest as outlined.

Moved: Mayor Leon Stephens      Seconded: Mayor Ruth Whittle

**CARRIED**

### 18.3 Mayor Ruth Whittle 30 years as Mayor District Council of Peterborough

Mayor Reid raised the recent milestone by Mayor Ruth Whittle of 30 years as the Mayor District Council of Peterborough.

Motion: That the Legatus Group acknowledges and congratulates Mayor Ruth Whittle on achieving the milestone of being the Mayor of the District Council of Peterborough for 30 years.

Moved Mayor Rodney Reid Seconded: Mayor Kathy Bowmans

**CARRIED**

### 18.4 Support for Regional Family and Business Support Officers

Mayor Peter Matthey advised of his conflict of interest on this matter and removed himself from the meeting prior to any discussions commencing. Deputy Chair Mayor Rodney Reid then chaired the meeting. Mayor Kathy Bowman advised the meeting that she had been advised by CEO Dylan Strong that the 2 Family and Business Support Officers Anthony North and Emma Scharkie contracts are due to expire on 30 June 2021.

The meeting noted these positions were created by PIRSA after lobbying from the 7 Northern Councils via the Legatus Group following the Legatus Group November 2019 meeting. The motion from that meeting was to support in partnership with the Councils of Orroroo Carrieton, Peterborough, Flinders Ranges, Northern Areas, Mount Remarkable, Port Pirie and Goyder a community wellbeing project for up to \$100,000 per year over the 3 financial years 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.

The meeting discussed the following: (1) that no funds were required in the financial years 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 as the State Government funded the 2 Family and Business Support Officers and (2) that the 2021/2022 Legatus Group budget approved earlier in the meeting allocates \$100,000 towards Wellbeing Officers. It was also noted earlier in the meeting at item 5.5 of the value of the Family and Business Support program and that it should be strengthened.

Motion:

1. That the Legatus Group as a matter of urgency requests for the extension of the current two Family and Business Support Officer positions beyond the 30 June 2021 by lobbying the South Australian Government.
2. That to assist with the funding for these two position the \$100,000 in the 21/22 Legatus Group budget allocated for Wellbeing Officers can be used.

Moved: Mayor Kathy Bowman Seconded: Mayor Leon Stephens

**CARRIED**

Mayor Peter Matthey returned to the meeting and continued Chairing.

## 19 NEXT MEETING

Friday 3 September 2021 hosted by District Council Orroroo Carrieton and to include the AGM

## 20 CLOSE

Meeting closed by the Chair at 12.50 pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_