



## Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee

### AGENDA

16 February 2023 10.30am

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Meeting ID: 862 2604 3300 Passcode: 702038

#### 1. Welcome / Open meeting

Chairman Mayor Mark Wasley to open the meeting.

#### 2. Attendance:

Members: Mayor Mark Wasley (Adelaide Plains), Stephen Rufus (Peterborough), Ivan Nolte (Copper Coast), Tom Jones (Adelaide Plains), Gary Mavrinac (Barossa), Lynette Seccafien (Adelaide Plains) and Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula).

Non-Members: Mayor Rodney Reid, Simon Millcock, Paul Chapman and Tracey Rains (Legatus Group) and Justin Lang (GISA).

#### 3. Apologies Nil

#### 4. Conflict of Interest

#### 5. Minutes of previous meeting

Draft Minutes from the previous meeting on 25 November 2022 were distributed to all members and can be found at <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Draft-Minutes-Legatus-Group-Waste-Management-Advisory-Committee-25-November-2022.pdf>. These minutes were provided and noted at the 16 December 2022 Legatus Group meeting.

**Recommendation: That the Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee minutes of the 25 November 2022 be taken as read and confirmed.**

#### 6. Business arising

##### 6.1 Waste Management Authorities Workshop

Author Paul Chapman

This last meeting heard that support for a discussion about Waste Management Authorities was widespread among Legatus Councils and moved that the Legatus Group deliver a facilitated workshop to consider WMAs and that Upper Spencer Gulf Cities and the Riverland and

Murraylands LGAs be invited to attend. Discussions with those Regional LGA Executive Officers is occurring on Thursday 16 February 2023 to further progress this matter.

The Legatus Group CEO has recommended that this matter also be discussed by the Legatus Group Regional Management Group (CEOs) they have yet to meet and the Legatus Group Chairman is meeting with this group in early March.

**Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.**

## **6.2 Regional SA Materials Recovery Facilities**

Author Paul Chapman

At its last meeting the Advisory Committee supported the development of a funding application to investigate regional MRFs following discussions with other Regional Local Government Areas.

Inquiries into funding sources have shown that the Australian Government's major initiative is the Recycling Modernisation Fund which provides resources to State governments and so applications are made through GISA programs. GISA has three schemes, as follows: a Council Modernisation Grant which is currently focussed on trialling innovative collection regimes; Kerbside Performance Plus focussing on subsidies for introducing organics collection; and, the Circular Economy Market Development Grant which is primarily focussed on enhancing reuse, with 50% of the decision weighting going to 'increasing markets' for recycled material. Only the last intersects with work to undertake a study of MRFs but the link is weak.

That makes the LGA's Research and Development Scheme the most likely source of funding for the intended initial work. The LGARDS also fits with the idea that regional MRFs would be intended to reduce Council costs rather than reduce waste.

Discussions with other RLGAs will be occurring on 16 February 2023.

**Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and recommends to the Legatus Group that the investigation of Regional SA Materials Recovery Facilities be included into their 2023/2024 Business Plan.**

## **6.3 MoU with Lions / working with community groups.**

Author Simon Millcock

The Legatus Group and Lions International District 201 CI Australia signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Wednesday 18 January 2023 in Watervale.

Both parties have mutual interests and wish to develop opportunities to undertake cooperative activities associated with the 2021-2026 Legatus Group Waste and Resources Recovery Strategy and Action Plan and District 201 CI commitment to conservation, environmental sustainability and waste reduction, through activities that further the care and/or protection of the environment.

Mayor Reid said "The identification of key community led priorities regarding a regional approach to waste management is of strong interest to our member councils. This partnership will lead to increased awareness and reduced levels of waste whilst supporting Lions with their engagement on waste management with councils, regional waste organisations and other community organisations."

Zig Osis the District Governor 201 CI says, “Through the leadership of Patrick Williams from the Gilbert Valleys Lions Club and 201 Environment Coordinator there has been a strong focus in the Clare Valley region by Lions in waste reduction. This MoU provides recognition and support for developing and increasing volunteer based solutions across a broader region.”

The signing of the MoU was conducted at the Watervale Hotel whose philosophy and practices in waste reduction were recognised when they won the Australian Hotels Association 2021 Best Environmental and Energy Efficiency Practice in the National Awards for Excellence.

On 2 February 2023 a workshop was held in Two Wells with invite to Barossa, Light, Clare and Gilbert valleys and Wakefield Regional Councils along with Lions International and Fathers Farm from Nuriootpa. Barossa Councils sent an apology and there was no representative from Light.

An initial meeting was held in Dec 2022 with Legatus Group CEO, Lynette Seccafien and Pat Williams Lions Club the following points formed the basis of the workshop which explored potential projects / collaborations:

- Awareness / Education – consistency in what is available across the various parties – where and when e.g., Community Events – markets / shows / concerts
- Staging of events – workshops / forums / displays e.g., composting.
- Council requirements with grant funding for waste
- Community container programs

This workshop focussed on role of volunteers / community groups and councils with possibility of working at regional level. There were 3 keys areas discussed:

1. Education: Assistance to help educate / promote the initiatives that councils and community groups are doing. Discussed the role of KESAB in being able to support with proposal being sought by some councils and the Legatus Group. Areas identified included new bin systems being introduced, community based approaches to green waste (composting), recycling and separation of waste at source. Need for not only printed online but also face to face interaction as part of education and noted the ageing of many volunteers. Noted that there would be value in a central coordination – information hub awareness of who was doing what including in the volunteer space.
2. Container Return and Earn: Discussions centres on what is the current return rate for cans and bottles in the Legatus Group – does this open up opportunities for collective – community led alliances is there opportunity for reverse vending machines. With around 76% return rate for SA not clear on the rate for the Legatus Region or Regional SA with many towns not having a depot. Further investigation required – audit of what we do have in the region in supporting waste reduction / recycling etc. Investigate the wine bottles – how much is going into land fill – can communities use these for footpath material have their own crushers.
3. Micro – material recovery facilities – micro factories: Following the success of Fathers Farm with e-waste can this be replicated across the region with not just e-waste but other types of waste. Discussions on what facilities are there currently – council or community owned. Can councils support not for profits with some of these – have a regional sub-regional approach with different community groups taking on different waste streams. E.g. Two Wells Waste facilities sitting idle and could provide base for community group.

**Recommendation: That the Legatus Group undertakes:**

1. **Audit of the hard and soft infrastructure including community, business and council facilities and programs that are currently being undertaken.**
2. **Investigates the level of container returns in the region both for deposit and non-deposit.**

## 6.4 Co-hosting the Waste Forum with KESAB

Author: Simon Millcock

The last meeting resolved that the 2023 Legatus Group Waste Management Forum be held at Peterborough on 12 May. Members were asked to suggest topics in addition to presentations on Return and Earn technology from NSW and from Justin Lang of GISA.

Peterborough Council have confirmed they support the forum being held there and will look to provide this as an opportunity to showcase their compost trial project.

KESAB have advised they can provide the following with the budget allocation:

Full day – 12 May 2023 Agenda/Program/Speakers to be determined.

Topics could cover - kerbside green organics collection, container deposit scheme, state and federal government support for local council (grants), tourism waste, challenges of distance and waste processing, other items as decided and by agreement.

KESAB role:

Planning (in conjunction with Legatus)

- Developing scope of event & format (say 1 or 2 online meetings with Legatus)
- Identifying key topics and presenters and engaging them
- Meetings with key stakeholders

Organisation

- Development of invitation
- Co-ordinating invitations for guests and speakers
- Arranging speaker presentations and logistics
- Development of program (with Legatus)

Event Delivery

- Registration on the day
- Participate in the program as a speaker, panel member or similar.
- Joint M/C
- Networking

Legatus' role

- Develop scope/content/program in conjunction with KESAB.
- Provide attendee list and co-ordinate invitation mail out and management of registrations/rsvp's (to discuss)
- Arranging the venue & set up – jointly.
- Meeting with potential partners and supporters (sponsors)
- Joint M/C

**Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.**

## 7. Presentations

### 7.1 Justin Lang | Manager Local Government and Infrastructure Green Industries SA (GISA)

GISA is the major funding body for waste management in South Australia and Justin will update the Advisory Committee on funding opportunities and other waste management issues.

## **7.2 Marina Wagner Principal Consultant Sustainable Solutions**

Topic Eyre Peninsula Waste and Resources Strategy: Topics including:

Upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Collection

One part of the initial findings was the lack of a household hazardous waste collection for the EP and beyond; whilst GISA has improved the system significantly by installing a number of permanent facilities – the closest for the EP and your councils is at NAWMA and the AHRWMA respectively. GISA has agreed to fund a once-off mobile collection with the following dates and locations:

- 6 May 2023: Pt Augusta Resource Recovery Centre at Footner Road, and
- 13 May 2023: Pt Lincoln RRC

These collections are not council- specific and we are hoping to get a lot of customers from the wider 'catchment'. The 6 May Pt Augusta collection might be of interest to some of the Legatus Group Councils. Discussion on the potential of joining forces to look at a permanent drop off option for our wider region.

Potential for Mini-MRF(s) or similar

They are closer and in a better position to understand quantities of waste and (potential) resources on the EP. Looking at options and potential partners on or closer to the EP. Discuss thinking around a Mini MRF along the major highway.

Plus E.Waste

## **8. Other Business**

### **8.1 IWS Visit tour.**

Author: Simon Millcock

Grace Barila from IWS has invited the Legatus group to IWS to their Wingfield and Dublin site to talk and demonstrate what they do. The Legatus Group CEO has forwarded an invite for Friday 10 March 2023 and program is:

Meet at IWS Wingfield at 10:00 am

Travel to IWS Dublin – 11:30-12:30pm tour of Dublin site

Depart Dublin approx. 12:30/1pm

Lunch Two Wells 1pm

To date the following have confirmed their attendance: Mayor Wasley, Paul Chapman, Stephen Rufus, Lynette Seccafien and Simon Millcock – travel arrangements closer to the date and final numbers.

**Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.**

## **8.2 KESAB**

Author: Simon Millcock

KESAB currently provide services to a number of Legatus Group Councils and there have also been some others approach them off the back of the 2022 Legatus Group Waste Forum and the recent webinar they ran for member councils.

An approach has been made by the Legatus Group CEO to KESAB for them to consider some options in what they could provide/support re waste education across all the Councils, or for smaller geographically aligned groups within Legatus. This may provide some economies of scale for members and would complement the work they currently do in some of the member councils and the Wipe Out Waste program.

**Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.**

## **8.3 Peterborough Compost Trial**

Author: Simon Millcock – plus Stephen Rufus may wish to update the committee on the project.

The Legatus Group CEO met with Stephen Rufus and discussed the areas of assistance by the Legatus Group and this included:

- Reference Group – Legatus Group CEO will work with Stephen Rufus CEO District Council of Peterborough initial preliminary conversations including ideas around who would be relevant re Master Plan for the site. Concept of Community Enterprise / Nursey / Sustainability Hub / Complementary activities / Link with researchers / Drought Innovation hub / Schools involvement / Township a trial research site
- The Legatus Group Waste Forum on 12 May and Legatus Group AGM and Ordinary meetings on 25 August will both be great opportunities to showcase to other councils this project.

## **9. Close and next meeting.**