



# NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2023

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8 June SA CWMS Conference - Adelaide
- 23 June Regional Urban Sustainability Forum - Freeling
- Community Resilience Workshops – 4 July Eudunda – 5 July Mallala – 6 July Peterborough
- 18 July Road Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee (online)
- 19 July Waste Advisory Committee (online)
- 20 July CWMS Advisory Committee (online)
- 28 July Regional Management Group (online)
- 3-4 August Ageing and Disability Expo and Wellbeing Forum – Kadina
- 11 August Audit Committee venue TBC
- 25 August Legatus Group AGM and Ordinary Meeting – Peterborough

Mayor Ken Anderson from The Flinders Ranges Council has been appointed to fill the vacancy for one of the Deputy Chairpersons positions.

The Legatus Group will be undertaking an extensive review of the Charter and Strategic Plan commencing in September 2023.

### ROADS

The Legatus Group has undertaken priority listing for this year's Special Local Roads Program funding and provided assessments for 5 roads from the region: Yorke Peninsula Council North Coast Road Point Turton Township to Point Souttar Road - Light Regional Council Seppeltsfield Road Peter Seppelt Road to Gerald Roberts Road

- Copper Coast Council Magazine Road Spencer Highway to Sharples Road and Sharples Road Magazine Road to Bowman Road
- Wakefield Regional Council Koolunga Road.

The Legatus Group Regional Roads Plan has been updated and the Legatus Group will be discussing a report on ways to lobby for increased funding for the SLRP Program.

The Legatus Group Region has been selected for 2 trial projects via the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator via the Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project. The Legatus Regional Roads Plan has now been developed with an online format and member councils have undertaken training on the QGIS format.

### WASTE

In partnership with KESAB the Legatus Group in May held its annual Waste Management Forum in Peterborough and discussed topics such as Waste Management Authorities, Food and Green Organics, Composting and Material Recovery Facilities. The trial compost site at Peterborough drew strong interest and a KESAB Options Paper has been distributed to member councils. The board has provided in principal support to investigating the potential for a regional Material Recovery Facility subject to an approach the Eyre Peninsula and Murraylands and Riverland LGAs.

### ESCOSA FEE STRUCTURE

Following a report from the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton the Legatus Group have written to Adam Wilson, the CEO of ESCOSA, the Honourable Geoff Brock MP, Minister of Local Government and the

Honourable Susan Close MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Environment and Water advising of the Legatus Group's opposition to the model Fee Structure being set by ESCOSA. Plus, they are seeking support from other SA Regional LGAs in advocating for change to the model Fee Structure currently set by ESCOSA.

## **NORTHERN AND YORKE DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN**

The final draft was submitted for approval by the (Commonwealth) Minister for Drought. The governance of the plan is via Northern and Yorke Regional Alliance whilst ownership of the plan is by communities, represented (and engaged) by Alliance members. The monitoring, evaluation and learning framework to incorporate learnings via adaptive learning process and implementation (and maintenance) of the Plan is at the sub-regional level. The Legatus Group has taken on the role for the Upper North and East which incorporates Flinders Ranges, Mount Remarkable, Orroroo Carrieton, Peterborough and Goyder Council areas.

## **COMMUNITY CONTINUITY PLANNING**

Kristine Peters has been contracted to deliver a series of workshops across the region for member councils and their communities and to develop a toolkit that can be used by the region to assist them in continuity planning associated with disasters. Both the workshops and the toolkit will raise levels of preparedness by improving knowledge in preparing for and what to expect in the event of an emergency / disaster. The workshops will be running through the months of July and August.

## **UPCOMING FORUMS**

**Thursday 8 June South Australian Community Wastewater Management Scheme Conference** (Adelaide) <https://SACWMS2023.eventbrite.com.au> This annual event is staged by the Legatus Group and brings together Councils, Industry, Researchers and Regulators to discuss the operation and management of this important community service which is provided by Local Councils in SA.

**Friday 23 June Urban Sustainability Forum** (Freeling) <https://RegionalUrban.eventbrite.com.au> The forum will include information on several projects happening across the region – storm water harvesting - smart irrigation – composting – greening – carbon offsetting. The forum is supported by Space Down Under and hosted by the Light Regional Council.

**August 3 – 4 Ageing and Disability Lifestyle Expo and Regional Wellbeing Forum** (Kadina) Following the successful events in 2022 the Legatus Group are again partnering with the Catalyst Foundation to bring their expo to regional SA whilst the Legatus Group will coordinate the wellbeing forum.

## **OTHER PROJECTS**

**Carbon Offsetting for Local Govt Sector.** This project is moving into phases 2 and 3 - What opportunities exist for SA local governments to generate Australia Carbon Credit Units and how can Regional Councils and Metropolitan Councils partner to offset carbon emissions? There are current discussions with City of Burnside and some Legatus Group councils on support for tree planting projects.

**Local Government Career Pathways & Workforce Toolkit for Regional SA.** Torrens University are working on the case studies with a report and toolkit expected to be available by August this year.