



Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee

AGENDA

19 July 2023 10.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

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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), Aaron Curtis (Barossa), Lynette Seccafien (Adelaide Plains), Glen Growden (Wakefield Regional Council) and Andre Kompler (Yorke Peninsula).

Non-Members: Mayor Rodney Reid, Simon Millcock and Tracey Rains (Legatus Group).

3. Apologies

4. Conflict of Interest

5. Minutes of previous meeting

Draft Minutes from the previous meeting held on 13 April 2023 were distributed to all members and can be found at <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/DraftMinutes-April-2023.pdf>. These minutes were provided to the Legatus Group at their 19 May 2023 meeting.

Recommendation: That the Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee minutes of the 13 April 2023 be taken as read and confirmed.

6. Business arising

6.1 Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee

Author: Simon Millcock

The Legatus Group have adopted their 2023/2024 Legatus Group Business Plan which includes Waste Management via support for (1) the Legatus Group Community Wastewater Management

Scheme Advisory Committee, (2) progress actions from the Legatus Group Waste Resource and Recovery Strategy and Action Plan and (3) delivering a Legatus Group Waste Management Forum.

The updated draft Legatus Group Strategic Plan was not approved and there will be an independent review to be undertaken of the Legatus Group Charter and Strategic Plan during September to November 2023.

There is no specific allocation of funds in the budget for project work and this may change following the review of the Charter and Strategic Plan. As such there is a hold on any new projects without gaining approval from the board.

Dr Paul Chapman's contract as Project Manager CWMS and Waste expired during June 2023 and this has not been extended and the Legatus Group CEO will take a more active role in matters associated with the Legatus Group Waste Resource and Recovery Strategy and Action Plan.

Gary Mavrinac from The Barossa Council is no longer working there and as such is no longer a member of the committee.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and recommends that the Legatus Group during the review of the Legatus Group Charter and Strategic Plan ensures that recommendations identified in the Legatus Group Waste Resource and Recovery Strategy and Action Plan are considered.

6.2 Regional SA Materials Recovery Facilities (MRF)

Author Simon Millcock

Following the recommendation from the last meeting where the committee noted the report by Paul Chapman the Legatus Group provided in principal support and that they seek to gain support from the Eyre Peninsula and Murraylands and Riverland LGA's before considering any recommendations to progress with investigating the potential for a regional MRF.

On 25 May 2023 and 7 July 2023 both Executive Officers at Eyre Peninsula and Murraylands and Riverland LGA's were contacted on this matter and at the time of developing the agenda there had been no response.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report.

6.3 Big Bag Recovery

Author Simon Millcock

Following discussions with Rob Henderson from Big Bag Recovery the company responsible for managing the National Stewardship for the recovery of Bulk Bags from the Agricultural and Mining Sectors a webinar was held on Monday 10 July 2023. This was at the suggestion of Glen Growden from Wakefield Regional Council. Invites were distributed to member councils.

Attachment A is the power point presentation provided by Rob.

Rob indicated that there are around 7,500 tonnes of the recyclable bags that are woven polypropylene and low-density polyethylene that come into SA annually. A large percentage of these would come to our region as they are associated with agriculture, horticulture and livestock industries. Nationally they have been securing around 26% of these bags which would have been

going to landfill, burnt or buried. So, for SA if they achieve these rates then close to 2,000 tonnes would be collected and reused per annum.

Big Bag Recovery is the only Australian government accredited product stewardship scheme for plastic bags over 15 kg/l of contents - sacks & bulk bags.

They are looking to gain a greater presence in SA and costs associated for councils can be compensated at varying rates depending on if collected and baled at council site or transported. Support is provided with marketing and information sessions for industry can be supported.

The Legatus Group CEO has distributed an email all member councils and to the other Regional LGA Executive Officers suggesting they make contact with Rob.

The region can also be included as part of the regional dashboard they have which monitors the progress of the recovery numbers.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and encourages member councils to be involved.

6.4 Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Author Simon Millcock

During May 2023 the Legatus Group CEO promoted to member councils the 6 May Port Augusta Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection and engaged with member councils re possible interest for something similar in the Legatus Group Region.

Justin Lang at Green Industries SA (GISA) advised that subject to interest from Legatus Group councils, GISA would be happy to support a couple of clustered regional HHW events. They advised that timely communication is fundamental to a successful event. This is best achieved with a flyer mail-out to all residents.

In the case of the Port Lincoln and Whyalla events in May 2023, these were distributed with the 3rd quarterly rates notices by each council - saves on postage and gets to a large number of residents. The timing of those events is such that the events are scheduled shortly after the mail-out (ideally ~2 weeks later). This avoids staging HHW events over the Summer months, and there's usually 3-4 months required for the planning. On this basis GISA recommend aiming for April mail-out for 2024.

Host councils are required to provide a suitable secure (& covered) location such as a works depot or transfer station where the site can be set-up the day prior – and to provide day labour to assist with traffic management and unloading of vehicles.

Whilst not hosting can seem a disappointment, it can be a blessing in disguise as the main event is free to all households in South Australia – and adjoining councils can still bring in material collected in the preceding days from residents who aren't able to make the journey. This involved a lower time commitment / drain on resources.

Whether there are one or two separate events, from past experience weekends are better attended – and with adequate preparation and promotion we'd be happy to schedule Saturday events (rather than weekday events and have residents miss the event). The only requirement they have is for agreement from CEO ahead of the event to meet the above labour costs, with GISA meeting the cost of contractor labour, mobilisation, set-up and processing of eligible hazardous waste material.

In the past councils have met the cost of printing, but GISA will design and print flyers for host Councils. The events are promoted as “Household” Hazardous waste days, farm chemicals are also eligible and accepted (other than empty containers which should be collected via drum muster).

This information was provided to Legatus Group Councils and Port Pirie Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council, Yorke Peninsula Council and The Barossa Council all responded with their interest.

The Legatus Group CEO advised GISA with the consideration for 3 locations Northern / Central (Yorke Peninsula) & Southern.

GISA have since advised that they have provided a single site for a region, but happy to stretch this to 2 noting the geographic spread and the cost for such events.

Previously they have provided one on a Friday then allowed time for pack-up and establishment two days later, but to do it justice they think providing an event on separate weekends is better (Saturdays seem to be more popular).

They also noted that Adelaide Plains is relatively close to NAWMA, which hosts one of the facilities that are open 7 days / week, but happy to discuss most appropriate location. There will be lots to discuss (including timing) to ensure the events are well promoted and attended.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and supports the delivery of Household Hazardous Waste Collections supported by Green Industries SA in the region and recommends that the Legatus Group supports this via a facilitation role with relevant councils.

6.5 Waste Forum

Author Simon Millcock

The 2nd annual Legatus Group Waste Forum was held on 12 May 2023 and this was the 2nd waste management forum coordinated by KESAB and the Legatus Group. In 2021 the Legatus Group and the LGA staged a Regional Waste Forum.

This year’s forum focused on the Legatus Group 2021-2026 Legatus Group Waste and Resources Recovery Strategy and Action Plan.

There were 9 member councils represented with 20 people in attendance including Mayors, CEOs and Operational Staff. There was positive feedback across the day and notes from the workshop session were e????

The presentations from the forum can be found at: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/2023-waste-management-forum-may-12/>

KESAB representatives will attend the meeting for further feedback and discussion.

The Legatus Group 2023/204 budget includes an allocation of \$3,000 towards a forum / conference associated with Waste Management. The 2021 Conference was held in the Barossa, 2022 forum in Clare Valley and 2023 forum was held in Peterborough. The Legatus Group have been staging annual Regional SA CWMS Conferences which this year was held in Adelaide and it attracted a larger audience. These conferences and forums have continued to provide opportunities for information sharing and increased awareness of the opportunities to support regional councils in their management of waste.

Recommendation: That the committee notes the report and recommends:

- 1. The Legatus Group approaches the other 5 Regional LGAs, LGA and KESAB to ascertain their interest in being involved with a 2024 SA Regional Waste Conference.**
- 2. The Legatus Group CEO provides a report for the next Legatus Group Waste Management Advisory Committee meeting on this topic.**

6.6 KESAB options paper/proposal

Author Simon Millcock

KESAB provided a Waste and Circular Economy Education Options Proposal **Attachment B**

The Legatus Group Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy 2021 – 2026 Action Plan includes the Legatus Group: Assist with procurement/implementation of the preferred education mode.

The Legatus Group CEO has distributed to member councils and the advisory committee for their feedback and these will be collated for a further report.

The Legatus Group 2023/204 budget does not include any resources for support and the review of the Strategic Plan is being undertaken during the 2nd quarter of this financial year.

KESAB have also advised that they work with the Copper Coast Council and in the past have been involved in the Paskeville Field Day and have asked if there would be support for a broader/wider regional involvement by more Councils and any possible support/promotion.

Recommendation: For discussion.

6.7 Other matters

6.7.1 MoU with Lions / working with community groups.

6.7.2 What is happening with Municipal Solid Waste

6.7.3 Investigating the level of container returns in the region both for deposit and non-deposit

These matters have been placed on hold awaiting the outcome of the review of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan.

7. Other Business

8. Close and next meeting.