



NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 29 November 2024

Kadina Council Chambers Copper Coast Council

OPENING OF MEETING

The President Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at 10.30 am and welcomed Bridget Ransome the new CEO.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

The Copper Coast Council Mayor Roslyn Talbot provide an acknowledgement of Country and spoke about the many communities who make up the Copper Coast Council. This included their 3 main centres and Port Hughes and how they all have their own sense of identity. The Council has seen significant growth with a focus on controlled growth although issues around infrastructure continue especially with SA Water. There is a review occurring on Yorke Peninsula Health. The region is gearing up to triple its population during the peak tourism season. The Copper Coast economy is underpinned by a fertile agriculture sector and tourism industry. The Cornish History has a strong influence and the progress for Worl Heritage Listing continues and provides great links to our councils in the region. The Council has completed its new strategic plan 2024-2034 and this was provided for all members.

BRIDGET RANSOME, the new N&YLGA CEO, provided an overview of her experience.

I ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Present:

Mayor Roslyn Talbot, Mayor Ken Anderson, Mayor Mark Wasley, Mayor Stephen McCarthy, Mayor Grant Chapman, Mayor Allan Aughey OAM, Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Mayor Sue Scarman, Mayor Bill O'Brien, Mayor Leonie Kerley, Mayor Rodney Reid, Mayor Darren Braund, Mayor Bim Lange OAM and Mayor Leon Stephens. CEOs Dylan Strong, David Stevenson, Richard Dodson, Martin Borgas, Paul Simpson, Mark Austin and Darren Starr. Others N&YLGA CEO Simon Millcock and Bridget Ransome. Tony Fox GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, Daniel Willson CEO RDA Yorke Mid North and Angela Ruddenklau PIRSA.

1.1 Barunga West Membership

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association receives and accepts the decision by the Barunga West Council to reverse their withdrawal of membership and accepts that they continue as a member of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association.

Moved: Mayor Scarman

Seconded: Mayor Lange

CARRIED

1.2 Apologies

Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM, MPs Fraser Ellis, Ashton Hurn, Geoff Brock, Tony Piccolo and Penny Pratt, CEOs Andrew Cameron, Peter Ackland, Kelly Westell, James Miller, Sean Holden, Andrew Aitken, Maree Wauchope and Martin McCarthy.

1.3 Leave of Absence Nil

1.4 Conflict of Interest Nil

1.5 Previous meeting minutes Northern and Yorke LGA

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30 August 2024 had been distributed.

Motion: That the minutes of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Ordinary Meeting held on 30 August 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Kerley Seconded: Mayor McCarthy CARRIED

The minutes of the N&YLGA Special Meeting held on 23 October 2024 were distributed to all Mayors as they are in confidence until 7 June 2025.

Motion: That the minutes of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Special Meeting held on 23 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Wasley Seconded: Mayor McCarthy CARRIED

1.6 N&YLGA Action List

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association receives and notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor O'Brien CARRIED

1.7 Deferred / Adjourned Items Nil

2 PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Mayor Leon Stephens LGA Update

Key points: Native Vegetation, LGA Strategic Plan, Coordinator Generals Office, Local Govt Accord, Defibrillator Bill, Rating Equity re Power Generators, Cost Shifting and Support Guidelines re Council Sustainability. Mayor Stephens acknowledged the role of Mayor Reid on SAROC.

2.2 Daniel Willson CEO RDA Yorke Mid North

Key points: Board Appointments, Funding, Staffing, move of office in Port Pirie, Industry Insights – including the softening of outlook of the region. Current work includes Housing – lack of infrastructure (highlight SA Water), Childcare – work of Orroroo Carrieton, Workforce and Tourism Destination Management Zone pilot. Issue that continues are Connectivity, Regional Leadership, Drought and Business Cash Flow.

3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

3.1 Committee minutes

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with attachments of committee minutes with the agenda.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association receives and notes the Audit and Risk Management Committee minutes.

Moved: Mayor Gebhardt Seconded: Mayor Chapman CARRIED

3.2 Business Plan Update

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association notes the report.

Moved: Mayor Kerley Seconded: Mayor Talbot CARRIED

3.3 Auditors report

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association notes the report.

Moved: Mayor McCarthy Seconded: Mayor Anderson CARRIED

4 REPORTS FOR DECISIONS

4.1 Financial Reports 2024/2025

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report and attachments with the agenda.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association:

1. **Receives the report and that pursuant to Section 123(13) of the Local Government Act 1999 and Section 7 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 the Legatus Group notes the contents of the Statutory Finance Reports for the period ending 31 October 2024.**

Moved: Mayor Kerley Seconded: Mayor Stephens CARRIED

4.2 Corporate Credit Card

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report and attachments with the agenda.

Motion: That the Legatus Group receives the report and:

1. **Notes the payments made for August – October 2024 and that in the future the current policy Credit Card of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association is sufficient for reporting purposes.**
2. **Notes that in accordance with the credit policy a specific report on the monthly expenditure will not come to the board.**
3. **Approves the closure of the Bendigo Bank Credit Card from 31 December 2024.**
4. **Approves the opening of a Bank SA Freedom account (Visa Debit Card) to replace the Bendigo Bank Credit Card and that Bridget Ransome is added as the signatory for this account.**

Moved: Mayor Anderson Seconded: Mayor Stephens CARRIED

4.3 Signatories for Bank

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association receives the report and approves the removal of Simon Millcock as a signatory for the Bank SA Society Cheque Account Number 021140940 from 31 December 2024 and that Bridget Ransome is approved to be added as a signatory for this account.

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor Aughey

CARRIED

4.4 Committees

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the board receives and notes the report and:

- 1. Appoints Stephen Rufus as Chair of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Audit and Risk Management Committee.**
- 2. That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association progress with the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Audit and Risk Management Committee via the current members and seeks to fill the vacancy.**
- 3. Approves Mayor Bim Lange, Andre Kompler, Lee Wallis, Steven Kaesler, Stuart Roberts, Tim Neuman and Mitchell Foote as members of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee for a period of 2 years.**
- 4. Requests the CEO to extend a further expression of interest for the vacancies of committees.**

Moved: Mayor O'Brien Seconded: Mayor McCarthy

CARRIED

4.5 Road and Transport Plan and Special Local Roads Program

The N&YLGA CEO provided a report with the agenda.

Motion: That the board receives and notes the report and confirms as per the budget an amount of 0.64 % will be set of successful Councils with SLRP funding as the levy for this year.

Moved: Mayor Braund Seconded: Mayor Gebhardt

CARRIED

5 MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

5.1 Motions of which Notice has been given Assistance Drought Affected Regions

Mayor Leonie Kerley Barunga West Council provided a letter with the agenda and discussed at the meeting.

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association urges consideration by all fifteen member councils and the Northern and Yorke LGA to advocate to the State and Federal Governments for financial assistance to support drought-affected regions.

Moved: Mayor Kerley Seconded: Mayor Anderson

CARRIED

5.2 Motions without Notice

That NYLGA in advocating to the State and Federal Govt include an expression of our gratitude and thank them for allocating \$18m funding and look forward to ongoing support for recovery in the future to assist our farming communities and local businesses.

Moved; Mayor Kerley Seconded: Mayor Aughey

CARRIED

5.3 Questions with Notice Nil

5.4 Questions without Notice

Mayor Stephens – Port Pirie Regional Council sought responses from members on their approach to Minister Local Govt for review of the Councils ability to have online meetings and discussions held.

Mayor Braund – New traffic work requirements and impacted costs to Councils to consider advocacy in the future – to be agenda item for the next board meeting.

6 MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

6.1 Chairperson's Report November 2024

Mayor Rodney Reid Chairperson of N&YLGA provided a report with the agenda and acknowledged that at the recent LGA AGM Mayor Ruth Whittle was recognised for 40 years' service and former Mayor Cr Kathie Bowman for 30 years. He also congratulated the District Council of Orreroo Carrieton for the Minister's Excellence in Public Health Awards and Barunga West Council CEO Maree Wauchope for the Joy Baluch Award. Plus, Mayor O'Brien for his contribution to SAROC and Mayor Talbot for now being on the SAROC Board. Acknowledged also the cohesion and harmony of the N&YLGA Board. Mayor Scarman - discussion held on services via LGA re workshop on wellbeing support for Mayor's and members to consider a workshop before next meeting. Board acknowledged the role of Mayor Reid in the Chairing of the N&YLGA.

Motion: That the chairperson's report for November 2024 be received and noted.

Moved: Mayor Stephens Seconded: Mayor Aughey

CARRIED

6.2 Member Updates

Chairperson invited members to provide updates

6.2.1 Mayor Scarman provided a verbal update on the 5 Nations Committee meeting and is conduit between N&YLGA and letter between N&YLGA and the 5 Nations on projects being worked on.

6.2.2 Mayor Gebhardt - Community Passenger Network Tender by DHS across the State – David Stevenson provided an update including support from the others regional council CEOs and waiting on outcomes in the new year. Possible agenda item for consideration at future board meeting.

6.2.3 Mayor Gebhardt - LGA "in-house" legal counsel – concerns re costs to be considered as agenda item at future board meeting before progressing to SAROC and through to LGA Board.

6.2.4 Mayor Wasley - Court of Disputed Returns matter regarding the 2022 periodic election still in court and commissioner reviewing the costs associated with the process.

Mayor Reid acknowledged and thanked outgoing CEO Simon Millcock who provided a brief overview of his time with the N&YLGA.

8 CLOSE / DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Closed at: 1.06pm

Next Meeting: Friday 28 February 2025 10.30am to be hosted by the Adelaide Plains Council

