



NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION Minutes

Ordinary Meeting 30 August 2024

Mintaro Institute Burra Street Mintaro

OPENING OF MEETING

The President Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at 11.00am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

The Clare and Gilbert Valleys Mayor Allan Aughey OAM provide an acknowledgement of Country and spoke about the reason for choosing Mintaro and the Institute as the meeting venue. This was due to the importance of villages across the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council. He outlined the need for their survival and the variety of experiences they provide along with it being essential they are community led initiatives as they provide unique stories. He compared this to the current urban growth occurring and the loss of identity for those areas. The costs to councils and private owners regarding heritage buildings need support to ensure that the regions retain their character. Some of the other key locations identified in the immediate area were the Slate Quarry, Martindale Hall and Kadlunga Estate which included the story of Ned Kelly and his Gang hiding out in the district.

I ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Members: 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 Ruth Whittle OAM, Mayor Rodney Reid and Mayor Leon Stephens.

Non-members: Council CEOs James Miller, David Stevenson, Richard Dodson, Martin Borgas, Kelly Wetsell, Mark Austin and Darren Starr. NYLGA CEO Simon Millcock, LGA CEO Clinton Jury, Bill Vandeppeer and Tony Fox.

1.1 Apologies

Members: Mayor Darren Braund and Mayor Bim Lange OAM. Council CEOs Sean Holden, Martin McCarthy, Paul Simpson, Peter Ackland, Dylan Strong, Helen Macdonald, Maree Wauchope and Andrew Cameron. PIRSA Angela Ruddenklau and RDA YMN CEO Daniel Willson and RDA CEO BLGAP Leonie Boothby. MPs Penny Pratt, Fraser Ellis and Geoff Brock.

1.2 Leave of Absence Nil

1.3 Conflict of Interest Nil

1.4 Previous meeting minutes Northern and Yorke LGA Special Meeting held on line 17 July 2024.

The minutes had been distributed.

Motion: That the minutes of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Special Meeting held on 17 July 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor Chapman

CARRIED

1.5 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 Kerley Seconded: Mayor Wasley

CARRIED

1.6 Deferred / Adjourned Items Nil

2 PRESENTATIONS / PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS

2.1 Clinton Jury CEO LGA

Key points:

- State Cabinet meetings including the (1) Native Vegetation Act Review – need to fast track reviews of its interaction with other acts and exemptions for Regional Townships (2) Housing crisis and role that Local Government plays – lack of focus on regions and future proofing sustainability for these developments.
- LGA Elections in full swing GAROC / SAROC and President closing 1 Nov 2024.
- LGA strategic plan survey soon for Mayors, Elected Members and CEOs plus Regional LGA CEOs and workshops with regions Feb-March 2025.
- Financial Assistance Grants focus on increased discussion re low increase and base for untied funds.
- Draft Cost Shifting Survey

General discussions were held on the impacts to regions with a lack of infrastructure, especially water.

2.2 Tony Fox GM Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Key points:

- Open invitation to meet with member councils
- Native Vegetation Act along with numerous acts under review. Landscape Act and consideration of LGAs submissions. Important section is water and pushing hard that this is reviewed.
- Their Strategic Plan review received high responses and valuable feedback. Noting the growth of urban communities in the region and its possible alliance with Green Adelaide.
- Annual Business Plan finalised and achievement report will be distributed. Budget \$10.5m and negotiating with Federal Govt. for further funds.
- Discussed feral animals and weed control as current projects occurring.
- Seeking appointments for 5 vacancies on their board.

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 and the Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee minutes.

Moved: Mayor Stephens Seconded: Mayor Kerley

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 Scarman

Seconded: Mayor Anderson

CARRIED

3.3 Advocacy Plan

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

Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association notes the report and supports their councils in holding workshops with the new CEO and Chairperson.

Moved: Mayor Whittle

Seconded: Mayor Wasley

CARRIED

3.4 CEO Recruitment

Chairman Mayor Rodney Reid provided a report with the agenda and distributed the minutes of the meeting held on 23 August 2024 by the selection committee. Update the advert is now released.

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

Moved: Mayor McCarthy

Seconded: Mayor Gebhardt

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 30 April 2024.**
- 2. Receives and adopts the revised 2024/2025 Budget Review 1.**
- 3. Notes the CEOs credit card expenditure report.**

Moved: Mayor Scarman

Seconded: Mayor Talbot

CARRIED

Report to next meeting on the need for CEO Credit Card report.

4.2 Financial Services

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

Motion: That the board notes the report and authorises the Chief Executive Officer to offer an extension to the contract with Colin Davies until 31 December 2025 for the delivery of independent financial service.

Moved: Mayor O'Brien

Seconded: Mayor McCarthy

CARRIED

4.3 Road and Transport Plan

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

Motion: That the board notes the report and requests the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Executive Committee consider the proposal by HDS to deliver a major review of the Northern and Yorke Regional Transport Plan and to include in their consideration the advocacy plan and budget.

Moved: Mayor Stephens

Seconded: Mayor McCarthy

CARRIED

5 MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS

5.1 Motions of which Notice has been given Nil

5.2 Motions without Notice Nil

5.3 Questions with Notice Nil

5.4 Questions without Notice Nil

6 MEMBERS COMMUNICATION

6.1 Chairperson's Report August 2024

Mayor Rodney Reid Chairperson of N&YLGA provided a report with the agenda.

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

Moved: Mayor O'Brien

Seconded: Mayor McCarthy

CARRIED

6.2 Member Updates

Chairperson invited members to provide updates - Nil

7 BEST PRACTICE PRESENTATION

Port Pirie Regional Council held over

8 CLOSE and DATE FOR NEXT MEETING

Closed at: 12.32pm

Next Meeting: Friday 29 November 2024 10.30am to be hosted by Copper Coast Council

