



Annual General Meeting Minutes

29th August 2025

Regional Council of Goyder

1 Market Square, Burra

OPENING OF MEETING

The President Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at 10.03 am

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME

Mayor Reid provided an acknowledgement of country, paying respects to the Ngadjuri people, the traditional owners of the land past, present and emerging and extended that respect to those attending today.

1. MEETING PRELIMINARIES

1.1 Attendance and Apologies

Members:

Mayor Ruth Whittle OAM, Mayor Allan Aughey, Mayor Ken Anderson, Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Mayor Sue Scarman, Mayor Bill Close, Mayor Michael (Bim) Lange, Acting Mayor David Patton, Mayor Rodney Reid, Mayor Chapman (10.14 am), Mayor Leonie Kerley (online), Mayor Stephen McCarthy (online), Mayor Leon Stephens (online).

Non-members:

Daniel Willson (RDA), Geoff Brock MP, Rebecca Howard (N&Y Landscape Board), Angela Ruddenklau (PIRSA), Tom Venning (Member for Grey), David Stobbe (CEO), Darren Starr (CEO), Richard Dodson (CEO), James Miller (CEO), Andrew Lamb (LGA), David Stevenson (CEO), Maree Wauchope (CEO, online), Marin Borgas (CEO, online).

Apologies:

Mayor Roslyn Talbot, Mayor Mark Wasley, Dylan Strong (CEO), Stephen Rufus (CEO), Andrew Cameron (CEO), Acting Mayor Richard Carruthers, Penny Pratt MP, Ross McNeil (CEO), Tony Piccolo MP.

1.2 Welcome

Mayor Rodney Reid, Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He extended particular welcome to David Patton as Acting Mayor at Adelaide Plains, and Mayor Bill Close as the new Mayor of Light Regional Council.

1.3 Confirmation of previous minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 30th August 2024 at Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council, Mintaro Institute, 56 Burra Street at Mintaro Institute, Burra Street, Mintaro be taken as read and confirmed.

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor Gebhardt CARRIED

1.4 Conflict of Interest

Mayor Reid informed the meeting that he would have a conflict of interest in relation to Item 2.6 Chairman's Allowance.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Annual Reports 2024-2025

Motion: That the N&YLGA Chairman, N&YLGA CEO and Chairman of Audit and Risk Management Committee Annual reports be accepted.

Moved: Mayor Stephens Seconded: Mayor Kerley CARRIED

2.2 Annual Financial Report 2024-2025

Motion:

- 1. That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association annual financial statement for the year ending 30th June 2025 presents a fair view of the state of the financial affairs of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association and that the board certifies the annual financial report.**
- 2. That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association writes to the Auditors ATA Audits advising that the board discussed the requirements of**

the Related Party Disclosures and confirms that there are no transactions that are required to be disclosed.

- 3. That the N&YLGA Chair and Audit Committee Chair certify via their signature acceptance of the 2024-2025 Northern and Yorke Local Government Association independence of the audited annual financial statement.**

Moved: Mayor Aughey Seconded: Mayor Whittle CARRIED

2.3 Election of Office Bearers

All current office bearers are within their 2-year appointment term. Hence there is no need for elections this year.

2.4 Appoint representatives to other organisations

Motion:

- 1. That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association appoints the Chairperson and CEO as members of the Northern and Yorke Regional Alliance.**
- 2. That Mayor Sue Scarman is the representative on the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Aboriginal Engagement Committee (Five Nations).**

Moved: Mayor Gebhardt Seconded: Mayor Anderson CARRIED

2.5 Delegations 2025-2026

Motion:

That the following delegations be approved for 2025-2026.

Delegation	To
Bank account signatories	Stephen Rufus, Chairman Audit & Risk Bridget Ransome, CEO, Northern & Yorke LGA Vanessa Miller, Finance Accountant, Local Government Association
Approving expenditure of budgeted items	CEO
Approving project briefs	CEO

Approving contracts within budget up to \$10,000	CEO
Approving contracts within budget over \$10,000	N&YLGA Executive Committee
Calling for tenders, contracts and consultancies	CEO after consultation with N&YLGA Executive Committee
Appointing tenders, contracts and consultancies	CEO after assessment panel / reference group and with approval from N&YLGA Executive Committee
Recruitment of staff other than Chief Executive Officer	CEO
Performance management of Chief Executive Officer	N&YLGA Executive Committee
Performance management of staff and contractors	CEO

Moved: Mayor Scarman Seconded: Mayor Anderson CARRIED

2.6 Delegate Allowance 2025-2026

Mayor Reid vacated the chair due to a conflict-of-interest materiality. Mayor Anderson assumed the chair for the meeting.

The motion relating to an annual increase was discussed and was tested at an increase from \$5,000 to \$5,200 per annum, reflecting a 4% increase.

Mayor Stephens asked that given due consideration to the requirements of the Northern & Yorke LGA Chairing duties, that an increase be made from \$5,000 per year to \$7,000 per year. Mayor Whittle supported the amendment, agreeing that the role required a lot of work on behalf of N&YLGA members.

Mayor Anderson put the motion to the meeting, and it was voted as 5 for and 6 against and thus defeated.

Mayor Anderson brought the original motion back to the meeting.

Mayor Whittle supported the amendment, adding that Mayor Reid supports many of us and does a lot of work on our behalf.

Motion: That the 2025-2026 allowance for the Chairperson's position be set at \$5,200 per annum.

Moved: Mayor Stephens Seconded: Mayor Whittle CARRIED

3. OTHER BUSINESS

3.1.1 Northern & Yorke LGA Committees

Mayor Reid assumed the Chair of the meeting.

Thanks were extended to those members who serve on the committees of the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association. Mayor Gebhardt nominated David Stobbe, CEO of Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.

Motion: The meeting supports the continuation of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Executive Committee including the nomination of Chief Executive Officer, David Stobbe.

Moved: Mayor Gebhardt Seconded: Mayor Anderson CARRIED

3.1.2 Audit & Risk Management Committee

Mayor Reid reported that the current committee membership for the Audit & Risk Committee includes Mayor McCarthy, Mayor Reid, Ian McDonald (Independent member) and Stephen Rufus (Chair). It was noted that the committee requires one more member from a CEO role at Council.

Mayor Anderson nominated Sean Holden, CEO of The Flinders Ranges Council.

Motion: The meeting supports the continuation of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Audit & Risk Management Committee including an additional member from within a council, Sean Holden.

Moved: Mayor Anderson Seconded: Mayor Gebhardt CARRIED

3.1.3 Advisory Committees

Motion: The meeting supports the continuation of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Road Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee, Waste Management Advisory Committee and Community Wastewater Management Advisory Committee.

Moved: Mayor Lange Seconded: Mayor Chapman CARRIED

3.2 Northern & Yorke LGA 2025-2026 Meetings

Motion: that the 2025-26 LGA meetings are held as follows:

- **28th November Barunga West**
- **27th February 2026 The Barossa Council**
- **12th June 2026 District Council of Mt Remarkable**
- **28th August 2026 AGM Light Regional Council**
- **27th November 2026 Northern Areas Council.**

Moved: Mayor Reid

Seconded: Mayor Lange

CARRIED

4. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 10:42 am.

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