



**NORTHERN AND YORKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes**

**Ordinary Board Meeting**

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**District Council of Mount Remarkable**

**Venue: Melrose Institute, Melrose**

**and online via MS Teams**

**OPENING OF MEETING**

The President Mayor Rodney Reid opened the meeting at 10:41 am and welcomed all attendees.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY & WELCOME**

**1 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**Present:**

Mayors: Rodney Reid, Keith Pluckrose, Deputy Mayor Alan Zubrinich, Ruth Whittle OAM (online), Kylie Gray (online), Stephen McCarthy, Roslyn Talbot, Mark Wasley (online), Ken Anderson

CEOs: Sean Holden, Marc Gardner, Darren Star (online).

Others: Bridget Ransome (N&YLGA), Angela Ruddenkai (PIRSA), Hon Geoff Brock MP, Daniel Willson (RDA), Morne Kruger (Big Bag Recovery), Charlotte Edmunds (Limestone Coast LGA, online), Vanessa Miller (LGA, online), Lorraine Pitman (Kilo), Kirsty Mead (Kilo), Katherine Russell (LGA, online).

## Welcome

### 1.1 Apologies

Mayor Bill Gebhardt, Mayor Leonie Kerley, Mayor Allan Aughey, Mayor Grant Chapman, Mayor Bim (Michael) Lange, Mayor Bill Close.

Andrew Cameron, James Miller, David Stevenson, Martin McCarthy, Stephen Rufus, Tamara Harrison, Mark McShane, David Stobbe, David Stevenson, Chris Davey, Ross McNeil, Dylan Strong, Penny Pratt MP, Hon Tony Piccolo MP.

### 1.2 Leave of Absence Nil

### 1.3 Conflict of Interest Nil

### 1.4 Previous meeting minutes Northern and Yorke LGA

**Motion: That the minutes of the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association Board Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

Moved: Mayor Talbot                      Seconded: Mayor McCarthy                      CARRIED

Mayors Whittle and Gray were not present for the vote.

### 1.6 N&YLGA Action List

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Item	Topic	Action	Status	Comment
4.2	Advocacy Plan / consultation with member councils	An updated Advocacy Plan has been prepared.	On-going	Reviewed 6-monthly
	Roads / Transport Plan	HDS has been working on the Regional Transport Plan update.	On-going	Presentation scheduled for the June Board Meeting
4.7	Waste & Resource Recovery Strategy	The review is progressing and a final report due.	On-going	Presentation scheduled for the June Board Meeting

## **1.7 Report Title: Deferred / Adjourned Items**

Item 4.1 N&YLGA Banking Provider. This item has been deferred to a later meeting as there is a need to conduct a thorough procurement process to determine a recommendation to bring to the N&YLGA board to change the association's banking provider from BankSA to another banking provider.

## **2 PRESENTATIONS**

### **Big Bag Recovery (Morne Kruger)**

Morne Kruger the Operations Manager for Big Bag Recovery presented their proposal for recovery and recycling of used plastic packaging.

### **Commissioner for Agriculture (Charlotte Edmunds, Executive Officer Limestone Coast Local Government Association)**

Charlotte Edmunds is seeking a State Government commitment to investigate options for an ongoing independent and statutory Commissioner for Agriculture. She is currently seeking regional LGA support for her proposal.

### **Local Government Association SA (Katherine Russell)**

Katherine Russell provided an update to the meeting on behalf of the LGA SA, including the CEO recruitment process; Special Local Roads Program funding which is now open for applications; and the recent Federal Government Inquiry into the Fiscal Sustainability of Local Government.

## **3 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

### **3.1 Audit & Risk Management Committee**

**Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association receives and notes the Draft Audit and Risk Management Committee Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and Management and Bank Reconciliation reports for December 2025 and January 2026.**

Moved: Mayor Anderson      Seconded: Mayor Wasley      CARRIED

### **3.2 Northern & Yorke LGA Policies and Procedures Review**

Bridget Ransome advised that a Work Plan has been drawn up for the review of the of the Northern & Yorke LGA policies and procedures which had not been carried out for many years

**Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association notes the Work Plan and supporting documentation in relation to the review and updating of the policies and procedures of the association.**

Moved: Mayor McCarthy      Seconded: Mayor Pluckrose      CARRIED

### **4 REPORTS FOR DECISION**

#### **4.1 N&YLGA Proposed Draft Budget 2026-2027**

**Motion: That the N&YLGA Board approves the draft budget for the Northern & Yorke Local Government Association for the 2026-2027 financial year.**

Moved: Mayor Whittle      Seconded: Mayor Anderson      CARRIED

#### **4.2 N&YLGA Nomination to the Five Nations Committee**

**That the Northern and Yorke LGA nominate Mayor McCarthy as the replacement representative to serve on behalf of the association to the Five Nations Committee.**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Zubrinich      Seconded: Mayor Talbot      CARRIED

#### **4.3 N&YLGA Board Meeting Dates**

**Motion: That the Northern and Yorke LGA retain the existing schedule of dates for board meetings for the remainder of 2026 with a view to reviewing the most appropriate day for meetings from 2027 onwards.**

Moved: Mayor Talbot      Seconded: Mayor Pluckrose      CARRIED

### **5 MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS**

#### **5.1 Motions with notice**

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**

**Motion: That the Chairperson's report for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026, be received and noted.**

Moved: Mayor McCarthy      Seconded: Mayor Wasley      CARRIED

## **7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Motion: That the N&YLGA board meeting move into confidence to discuss items 7.1.1 and 7.1.2.**

Moved: Mayor Anderson      Seconded: Mayor McCarthy      CARRIED

### **7.1.1 Review of the Structure and Scope of Responsibility for the position of Chief Executive Officer**

**Motion, that the N&YLGA Board:**

- 1. Convenes a workshop as a matter of urgency to review the content and actions of the Annual Business Plan to better align with the current positioning of N&YLGA.**
- 2. Authorises the Executive of N&YLGA to engage a leadership strategist to facilitate this review with the CEO and the Board.**
- 3. Clarifies to the CEO whether regional forums and workshops (and other events), which are an income stream for N&YLGA, form part of the scope of responsibility as indicated in the Annual Business Plan.**
- 4. Authorise the CEO to:**

- Spend a maximum of \$1,500 pa for intrastate Professional Development (as approved by the Chairperson)
- Attend conferences, seminars, workshops etc. that are interstate, with approval of the Board.

Moved: Mayor Talbot Seconded: Mayor Pluckrose CARRIED

### 7.1.2 CEO Performance Review recommendations to N&YLGA Board

**Motion, that the N&YLGA Board:**

1. That the performance review was conducted in an open and frank manner and the ratings identified, accurately and fairly represent the outcomes of the process.
2. That the CEO position continues as 0.8FTE position.
3. That the remuneration for the CEO Bridget Ransome be increased by 3% from November 25<sup>th</sup> 2025.
4. That the CEO be encouraged to utilise the allocated funds in the budget to obtain administration support on a contract basis as required.
5. That the N&YLGA Executive in consultation with the CEO develop measurable KPIs.

Moved: Mayor McCarthy Seconded: Mayor Pluckrose CARRIED

**Motion:**

Pursuant to Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the committee orders that the following documents relating to Agenda Item 7.1.1 – *Review of the Structure and Scope of Responsibility for the Position of Chief Executive Officer* and 7.1.2 – *CEO Performance Review recommendations to N&YLGA Board* shall be kept confidential, being documents relating to a matter dealt with by the committee on a confidential basis under Sections 90(2) and 90(3)(g) of the Act.

On the grounds that the documents relate to information which, if disclosed may result in a breach of a law or a legal obligation or duty being confidential reports provided by consultants. This order shall operate for a period of twelve (12) months.

Moved: Mayor Anderson Seconded: Deputy Mayor Zubrinich CARRIED

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil

## **9 CLOSE – NEXT MEETING**

The meeting closed at 12.47 pm.

The Northern & Yorke LGA will meet again for an Ordinary Meeting of the association on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 10.30 am hosted by The Barossa Council (venue to be advised).

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