

Minutes of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board Meeting held at Wudinna Community Club on Friday 24 June 2016 commencing at 10.02am.

Delegates Present:	<p>Bruce Green [Chair] President, EPLGA Bryan Trigg Deputy Mayor, District Council of Cleve [Proxy] Kym Callaghan Chairperson, District Council of Elliston Robert Starr Deputy Mayor, District Council of Franklin Harbour Dean Johnson Mayor, District Council of Kimba Julie Low Mayor, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula Neville Starke Deputy Mayor, City of Port Lincoln Sherron MacKenzie Mayor, District Council of Streaky Bay Sam Telfer Mayor, District Council of Tumby Bay Tom Antonio Acting Mayor, City of Whyalla Eleanor Scholz Chairperson, Wudinna District Council</p>
Guests/Observers:	<p>Tony Irvine Executive Officer, EPLGA Peter Arnold CEO, District Council of Cleve Phil Cameron CEO, District Council of Elliston Michael Williams Deputy Mayor, District Council of Franklin Harbour Robert Walsh Councillor, District Council of Franklin Harbour Daryl Cearns CEO, District Council of Kimba Rod Pearson CEO, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula Rob Donaldson CEO, City of Port Lincoln Joy Hentschke CEO, District Council of Streaky Bay Trevor Smith CEO, District Council of Tumby Bay Alan McGuire CEO, Wudinna District Council Aina Danis Executive Assistant, RDAWEP/EPLGA Howard Coote Indigenous Economic Development Manager, RDAWEP Brad Riddle Tourism Development Manager, RDAWEP Bob Ramsay Special Projects Manager, RDAWEP Dion Dorward CEO, RDAWEP Alex Hart Office of Local Government Michael O'Neil Associate Professor, SA Centre for Economic Studies Simone Reinertsen Stakeholder Specialist, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator Hon Geoff Brock Minister for Regional Development Paul Ryan Minister's Chief of Staff, Regions SA</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Welcome/Apologies

President, Mayor Bruce Green welcomed Board Members, Council representatives and guests. He then sought the passing of the following resolution as presented by the Executive Officer.

489/16: Life and Services of Mr Jim Pollock

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Low

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, in honour of the life and services of the former President and Delegate of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association and Mayor of the City of Whyalla, Mr Jim Pollock:

- › *expresses its deep felt condolences to Jim's family, the City of Whyalla Elected Members and staff and the entire Whyalla community on Jim's passing; and*
- › *holds a 1 minute's silence in respect of Jim's passing.*

CARRIED

A one minute silence was held in honour of the life and services of the late Mr Jim Pollock.

President Bruce Green requested permission from the Board to allow the Deputations/Presentations to address the meeting prior to commencement of the business of the day, due to their additional commitments/travel arrangements for the day.

Following agreement of the Board the following presentations were undertaken:

- 5.1.1 Rosemary Craddock and Julie Dnistraianski, Solicitors - Native Title issues.

- 5.1.2 Simone Reinertsen, Stakeholder Specialist, National Heavy Vehicle Regulator – responsibilities of the Department/ working with stakeholders.
- 5.1.3 Associate Professor Michael O’Neil - Regional Economic Development Plan.
- 5.1.4 Minister Geoff Brock/Alex Hart, Office of Local Government – Legislative update & other matters.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.55pm and reconvened at 1.25pm.

Apologies received from:

Roger Nield	Mayor, District Council of Cleve
Eddie Hughes	Member for Giles
Peter Treloar	Member for Flinders
Geoffrey Moffatt	Chief Executive Officer, District Council of Ceduna
Diana Laube	Presiding
Allan Suter	Mayor, District Council of Ceduna

1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

490/16: Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Deputy Mayor Starke Seconded: Mayor Scholz

That the minutes [with amendments] of the:

1. **Board meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association held in Wudinna on Monday 29 February 2016, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings, subject to the following change:-**

Motion # 499/16: Exemption from Audit Committee Requirements – insert not having an audit committee in lieu of having an audit committee.

2. **Special meeting of the Board of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association held on Wednesday 16 December 2015, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.**
3. **Special meeting of the Board of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association held on Friday 11 March 2016, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

3. GENERAL REPORTS

3.1 President’s Report – Mayor Bruce Green

President Bruce Green reported on the following:

- › EPLGA submission on oil and gas exploration in the GAB.
- › Trip to Shandong
- › Mutual Liability Scheme/trip to London.
- › Executive Officer performance review.
- › Working being undertaken by Tony Irvine with the Whyalla City Council.

3.2 Individual Council Activity Reports [2 minute summary]

- › As presented.

3.3 Executive Officer’s Reports

3.3.1 Report No 1-0616: General Update

Resolved that the Chief Executive Officer of the Regional Development Australia Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Board & Executive Officer of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board arrange a joint Board workshop to further discuss the regional economic development plan and necessary actions.

491/16: *Executive Officer's Report/Letter to Jim Pollock/Letter to SA Ambulance*
Moved: Mayor Low Seconded: Deputy Mayor Trigg

1. *That the Executive Officer's report be received.*
2. *That the letter of appreciation forwarded to Mr Jim Pollock on his past achievements and contributions to the Eyre Peninsula Region be endorsed by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board.*
3. *That correspondence is sent to SA Ambulance Service, the Minister for Emergency Services and the Premier of South Australia expressing the concerns of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board regarding the planned move to not cover South Australian Ambulance Service member residents when travelling interstate.*

CARRIED

3.3.2 Report 2-0616: EPLGA Corporate Plan 2016-2019.

492/16: *Corporate Plan 2016-2019 [Draft]*
Moved: Chairperson Callaghan Seconded: Mayor Johnson
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board adopts the 2016-2019 Corporate Plan.
CARRIED

3.3.3 Report 3-0616:2016-2017 Budget/Subscriptions/Sundry Information

493/16: *2016-2017 Budget/Subscriptions*
Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Chairperson Callaghan
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board adopts:
1. *The EPLGA Member Council subscriptions pursuant to its charter clause 5; and*
2. *The 2016-17 financial year budget pursuant to:*
 > *LGA Act Schedule 2 Part 2 clause 25; and*
 > *Clause 13 of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Charter.*

CARRIED

3.3.4 Report 4-0616: Meeting Actions Report

494/16: *Meeting Actions Report*
Moved: Mayor MacKenzie Seconded: Mayor Scholz
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board notes the Meeting Actions Report.
CARRIED

3.3.5 Report 5-0616: Meeting Procedures and Proceedings

495/16: *Meeting Procedures and Proceedings*
Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Deputy Mayor Trigg
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board adopts the meeting procedures as presented by the Executive Officer, with any amendments as determined by the Board.
CARRIED - MOTION LOST

Resolved that the Executive Officer re-present Report No. 5-0616 - Meeting Procedures with amendments to permit individual member Council Chief Executive Officer's being able to participate in Board Meeting debate & discussions.

3.3.6 Report 6-0616: Policy Reviews

496/16: *Policy Reviews*
Moved: Deputy Mayor Starke Seconded: Mayor Johnson

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board, having reviewed the following policies, adopts the policies as written in the report [subject to any further amendments by the Eyre Peninsula local Government Association Board]:

- 1. Code of Conduct for Board Members [including the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board Executive Committee "Code of Conduct for the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Office Bearers Complaints Handling Procedures"];*
- 2. Environmental Protection Policy [renamed Environmental Sustainability and Resource Efficiency Policy];*
- 3. Human Resource Policy;*
- 4. Public Consultation Policy;*
- 5. Regional Economic Development Policy; and*
- 6. Media Policy.*

CARRIED

3.3.7 Shadow Minister's Visit re Rate Capping/Sundry Matters

497/16: Rate Capping

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Scholz

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board is opposed to the introduction of rate capping.

CARRIED

3.4 Local Government Association of SA – [David Hitchcock]

As presented – update of LGA business relevant to the region.

3.5 Office of State/Local Government Relations

As presented during agenda item 5.1 Deputations/Presentations. –being brought forward in the meeting.

3.6 RDA Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc [Dion Dorward]

As presented – update on business relevant to the region.

498/16: Funding Agreement – RDAWEP

Moved: Mayor Johnson Seconded: Mayor MacKenzie

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board strongly recommends to the 11 Member Councils that they sign the funding agreement the period 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2019 between the eleven [11] Member Councils and Regional Development Australia Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula.

CARRIED

3.7 Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board

No report.

3.8 SA Police (SAPOL)

No report.

3.9 CFS

No report.

3.10 SES

No report.

3.11 Other Reports

3.11.1 South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils – Minutes/Key Outcomes Summary of the Committee meetings held on 16 March and 19 May 2016

As tabled.

3.11.2 Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce Minutes dated 30 March 2016/Annual Report

499/16: Taskforce Minutes/Annual Report
Moved: Mayor Low Seconded: Mayor Telfer
That the Eyre Peninsula Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce Minutes dated 30 March 2016 and the Activities Report for 2015/2016 be noted.
CARRIED

4. FINANCE REPORTS

4.1 Income & Expense Statement with comparison to budget for period ending 8 June 2016 and Balance Sheet as at 8 June 2016.

500/16: Receipt of Finance Reports
Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Johnson
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board receives the Income & Expense Statement with comparison to budget for period 1 July 2015 - 8 June 2016 and Balance Sheet as at 8 June 2016.
CARRIED

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Deputations/Presentations

As presented earlier.

5.2 Petitions

Nil.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS – Motions on Notice & Without and Questions

6.1 From the floor – Motions on Notice

501/16: Proposed Alterations to Regulations/Legislations to Meetings/Gatherings
Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Acting Mayor Antonio
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association opposes Minister Brock's proposed alterations to Division 2 of Part 2 of the Local Government (Procedures at Meetings) Regulations 2000 in relation to informal discussion.
CARRIED

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence for Decision

1-0616: Ros Agate, Director, Strategy & Business, Environment Protection Authority: Copy of a letter sent to Trevor Smith, CEO, DC Tumby Bay, providing information on exemptions to the general prohibition of the burning of matter by fire in the open within Council Areas.

Received

2-0616: Joy Hentschke, CEO, DC Streaky Bay: Request for the EPLGA to prepare a motion for the 2016 National General Assembly on 19-22 June 2016 on behalf of rural Councils on the following matters:

- › Council losing control of their destiny
- › Rubble royalties
- › Food catering, e.g. hospital
- › Rural health services
- › Coastal
- › Regional infrastructure

- › National parks [no rates]
- › Planning and development
- › Regional freight and passenger bus service

Received

Acting Mayor Tom Antonio thanked the EPLGA and RDAWEP for providing ongoing support regarding the current situation in Whyalla.

7.2 Correspondence for Information

- 1-0616: City of Port Lincoln: Notification of Council's resolution in support for the proposal of continued exemption of the EPLGA from the requirement to establish an Audit Committee.
- 2-0616: City of Port Lincoln: Confirmation of Council's resolution to support and commend the draft Corporate Plan 2016-2019 for the EPLGA.
- 3-0616: Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation: The EPLGA's position on Natural Resources Management, and in particular raising the current levy; and the Coastal Protection Board and Native Vegetation Council.
- 4-0616: City of Port Lincoln: Letter of support for Council's submission for funding through the National Stronger Regions Fund towards the Stormwater Proofing Port Lincoln project.
- 5-0616: DC Cleve: Notification of Council's resolution, supporting exemption from the requirement of establishing an Audit Committee for the EPLGA.
- 6-0616: DC Elliston: Letter of support for Council's submission for funding through the National Stronger Regions Fund towards the Elliston Radio System project.
- 7-0616: Murphy Oil Australia Pty Ltd: Request for a financial contribution towards the development of a single economic development plan for the RDAWEP region.
- 8-0616: Office for the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation: Acknowledgement of receipt of a letter of concern regarding the Natural Resources management Board and Associated levy rate; and the Coastal Protection Board and Native Vegetation Council.
- 9-0616: Minister for Tourism: Letter acknowledging the informative and interesting presentation by Sean Keenihan, Chair, SATC at the EPLGA conference in February 2016.
- 10-0616: Senate Environment and Communications References Cottee: Joint submission [EPLGA/RDAWEP] on the potential environment, social and economic impacts of the planned exploratory oil drilling project by BP Australia Pty Ltd [BP], and any future oil or gas production in the GAB.
- 11-0616: DC Lower Eyre Peninsula: Confirmation of Council's resolution to support EPLGA's exemption from the requirement to establish an Audit Committee.
- 12-0616: minister for Transport and Infrastructure: Request for confirmation of support of 20% commitment from the State Government on the upgrade of the Tod highway and installation of passing lanes between Whyalla and Port Augusta.
- 13-0616: Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy: Peter Treloar, Member for Flinders: Copy of the response sent to EPNRM regarding the proposed increase in the NRM levy, including the associated resolution.
- 14-0616: Wudinna DC: Confirmation of Council's resolution to support the application by the EPLGA for exemption from the requirement to establish an audit committee.
- 15-0616: Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation: Response to EPLGA's letter of concern regarding the NRM levy, Coastal Protection Board and the Native Vegetation Council.

- 16-0616: Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources: Invitation to participate on a Reference Group established to assist in the development of an updated EP Water Demand and Supply Statement.
- 17-0616: Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources: Joint submission by the EPLGA and RDAWEP for nominees x 2 [Tony Irvine and Dion Dorward] to participate in the Reference Group associated with the update of the EP Water Demand and Supply Statement.
- 18-0616: Essential Services Commission of South Australia: Release of the Commission's Strategic Plan for 2016-19.
- 19-0616: District Council of Kimba: Copy of correspondence sent to Steven Griffiths MP raising concerns on the implementation of rate capping on Local Government rates.
- 20-0616: Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board: Letter of acknowledgement of receipt of the EPLGA's submission regarding the EPNRM Board draft Business Plan.
- 21-0616: Minister for Tourism: Acknowledgement of comments on Sean Keenihan's presentation at the 2016 EPLGA Conference at Ceduna.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW REPORT [IN CONFIDENCE]

502/16: Executive Officer Performance Review
Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Acting Mayor Antonio
Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board orders that the public be excluded, except Member Council's Chief Executive Officers and Minute Secretary (Aina Danis) from the meeting for agenda item 8, being "Executive Officer Performance Review Report", on the basis that the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the Act, the information, the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person [living or dead].
CARRIED

Summary of the performance review was provided by President Bruce Green.

Resolved:

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board is to offer a new two year Contract of Employment to Mr Tony Irvine (Executive Officer) in accordance with Clause 5.4.1 of the current Contract of Employment:

- on terms and conditions similar to those of the current Contract, with base salary increased by 2% commencing 1 July 2016; and
- subject to the provision that the hours of employment may be reduced, with appropriate notice given, if required in the event that the funding of the LGA Outreach Program is not continued at any time.

That the President be authorised to complete and sign all necessary documentation associated with the entering into of the new Contract of Employment.

503/16: Employment Contract – Executive Officer, EPLGA
Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor MacKenzie
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, having considered, in confidence, the report relating to the performance review of the Executive Officer, resolves to retain the report, its attachments and the minutes in confidence as they relate to the personal affairs of a person living or dead within the parameters of Sections 90(3) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999. This Order is to remain in place until the Executive Officer and the President of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association sign a new employment contract.
CARRIED

9 FUTURE MEETINGS

504/16: Next Meeting

Moved: Mayor Johnson

Seconded: Mayor MacKenzie

That the next meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board will be held on Friday 2 September 2016 at Elliston.

CARRIED

Future Meeting dates for 2016:

Friday 2 December - Wudinna

Conference Location Rotation

2017	Lower EP	2018	Port Lincoln		
2019	Kimba	2020	Wudinna	2021	Cowell
2022	Cleve	2023	Streaky Bay	2024	Elliston

Meeting closed at 3.36pm

President

Date
