

Minutes of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board Meeting held at Ceduna Foreshore Hotel on Monday 29 February 2016 commencing at 1.05pm.

Delegates Present:	<p>Bruce Green [Chair] Allan Suter Roger Nield Kym Callaghan Michael Williams Dean Johnson Julie Low Andrea Broadfoot Robert Stephens Sam Telfer Tom Antonio Eleanor Scholz</p>	<p>President, EPLGA Mayor, Ceduna Mayor, District Council of Cleve Chairperson, District Council of Elliston Deputy Mayor, District Council of Franklin Harbour Mayor, District Council of Kimba Mayor, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula Councillor, City of Port Lincoln [Proxy] Deputy Mayor, District Council of Streaky Bay Mayor, District Council of Tumby Bay Deputy Mayor, City of Whyalla Chairperson, Wudinna District Council</p>
Guests/Observers:	<p>Tony Irvine Geoff Moffatt Bryan Trigg Peter Arnold Nola O'Connell Dave Allchurch Phil Cameron Michael Williams Graeme Baldock Brian Cant Peter Rayson Megan Lienert Daryl Cearns Debra Larwood Rod Pearson Rob Donaldson Joy Hentschke Dion Watson Laurie Collins Helen Kroemer Hanna Allen-Jordan Trevor Smith Alan McGuire Ned Luscombe Jo Callis Aina Danis Howard Coote Bob Ramsay Dave Burgess Matt Pinnegar Diana Laube Jonathan Clark</p>	<p>Executive Officer, EPLGA CEO, District Council of Ceduna Deputy Mayor, District Council of Cleve CEO, District Council of Cleve Manager Corporate Services, District Council of Cleve Deputy Chairperson, District Council of Elliston CEO, District Council of Elliston Deputy Mayor, District Council of Franklin Harbour Deputy Mayor, District Council of Kimba Councillor, District Council of Kimba Councillor, District Council of Kimba Councillor, District Council of Kimba CEO, District Council of Kimba Manager Corporate Services, District Council of Kimba CEO, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula CEO, City of Port Lincoln CEO, District Council of Streaky Bay Deputy CEO, District Council of Tumby Bay Councillor, District Council of Tumby Bay Councillor, District Council of Tumby Bay Councillor, District Council of Tumby Bay CEO, District Council of Tumby Bay CEO, Wudinna District Council Deputy Mayor, Wudinna District Council Regional Resources Coordinator, LG Risk Services Executive Assistant, RDAWEP/EPLGA Indigenous Economic Development Manager, RDAWEP Special Projects Manager, RDAWEP President, Local Government Association of SA CEO, Local Government Association of SA Presiding Board Member, EPNRM Board Regional Manager, DEWNR & EPNRM Board</p>

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Welcome/Apologies

Chair Bruce Green welcomed Board Members, Council representatives and guests.

Apologies received from:

Dion Dorward	CEO, RDAWEP
Neville Starke	Deputy Mayor, City of Port Lincoln
Jim Pollock	Mayor, City of Whyalla
Geoff Stewart	Deputy Mayor, District Council of Tumby Bay
Paul Yeomans	Superintendent, Eyre & Western Local Service Area, SAPOL
Vaughn Elsworth	Acting Regional Commander-Region 6, Country Fire Service
Alex Hart	Manager, Office of Local Government, DPTI
Don Millard	Deputy Mayor, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
Sherron McKenzie	Mayor, District Council of Streaky Bay

President Bruce Green congratulated Joy Hentschke in her recent appointment as CEO, District Council of Streaky Bay and announced that Peter Peppin, CEO, City of Whyalla has provided notification of resignation, effective following completion of his leave. President Bruce Green recognised the contribution Peter had made to EPLGA over his time at Whyalla, and thanked him for his assistance to member councils

1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Amendments:

- › Deputy Mayor Pedler, DC Wudinna to be added to the attendees list.
- › Deputy Mayor Don Millard to be added to the attendees list.

489/16: Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Johnson

That the minutes [with amendments] of the Board meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association held in Wudinna on Friday 4 December 2015 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 spoke on the following:

- › SAROC meetings
- › LGASA meetings, which included governance reviews and current schemes available.
- › China engagement, the flow on benefits of which is beginning to show in Port Lincoln and lower Eyre Peninsula. The Premier has scheduled a visit to Port Lincoln in April, along with other potential investors from China. Members and participants were encouraged to provide information on interested businesses/organisations. There has been an increase in tourist numbers and visiting delegations nearly every month
- › ZEMC meeting – all member Councils need to provide the required information.

3.2 Individual Council Activity Reports [2 minute summary]

- › As presented.

3.3 Executive Officer's Reports

3.3.1 Report No 1-0216: Regional Transport Strategy

Moved Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Johnson
That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board:

- 1. receives the Executive Officer's Report I#1/2216;***
- 2. adopts the Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy;***
- 3. adopts the following transitional arrangements for the 2015 Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy:***

3.1 That the partially completed Mt Wedge to Kyancutta Road be given transitional exemption based on the following:

- That the District Council of Tumby Bay be allocated the required funding [\$1.48m] to complete the Balumbah-Kinnaird Road in 2016/2017 as applied for.
- That in 2016/2017 the remainder of the funds be allocated to the Mt Wedge to Kyancutta Road.
- That after 2016/2017 a maximum of one half of any years funding granted to the region may be applied to the Mt Wedge and Kyancutta Road until completed; and

4. provides direction at a later time on the other transitional arrangements in relation to urban vs non-urban Special Local Roads Program funding allocation in future years after full transition to the new strategy.

Amendment:

Moved: Cr Broadfoot

Seconded:

- 1 receives the Executive Officer's Report I#1/2216;**
- 2 adopts the Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy;**
- 3 adopts the following transitional arrangements for the 2015 Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy:**

3.1 That the partially completed Mt Wedge to Kyancutta Road be given transitional exemption based on the following:

- That the District Council of Tumby Bay be allocated the required funding [\$1.48m] to complete the Balumbah-Kinnaird Road in 2016/2017 and the remainder of SLRP funding be allocated to the Kyancutta - Mt Wedge road.
- That after 2016/2017 a maximum of one half of any years SLRP funding for the region is applied to the Mt Wedge and Kyancutta Road until completed in a 3 to 5 year time frame.

LAPSED for want of a seconder.

Original resolution was not voted on due to leave of the meeting being granted for the following resolution (490/16) to be put based on:-

1. that the original resolution was different than the Executive Officer's Report recommendation and insufficient time was given for Council voting delegates to consider the original resolution tabled by Mayor Telfer (District Council of Tumby Bay)
2. that further information may be required to assist in setting regional priorities for the 2016/ 17 Special Local Roads Program funding applications from the region.

490/16: Regional Transport Strategy

Moved: Mayor Low Seconded: Mayor Suter

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board calls a special meeting to consider:

- 1. Executive Officer's Report I#1/2216;**
- 2. Adopting the Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy; and**
- 3. Transitional arrangements for the 2015 Eyre Peninsula Regional Transport Strategy and the funding priorities to be submitted by the region for the 2016/ 17 Special Local Roads Program application.**

CARRIED

3.3.2 Report 2-0216: Corporate Plan 2016-2019 [Draft].

491/16: Corporate Plan 2016-2019 [Draft]

Moved: Mayor Suter Seconded: Deputy Mayor Stephens

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board:

- 1. authorises the re-distribution of the draft Corporate Plan 2016-19 to Member Councils for comment, closing on Friday 22 April 2016;**
- 2. authorises the advertising of the draft Corporate Plan 2016-19 for public comment, closing on Friday 22 April 2016; and**
- 3. directs the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Executive Committee to consider all comments received and makes any amendments considered necessary to the draft plan prior to presenting it to the June 2016 Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board meeting for**

further debate and adoption, i.e. as a report from the Executive Officer, including a summation of any comments received.

CARRIED

3.3.3 Report 3-0216: LGA's - Natural Resource Management Reform Agenda

492/16: LGA's – Natural Resource Management Reform Agenda

Moved: Cr Broadfoot Seconded: Mayor Low

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board expresses concern to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation with the substantial Natural Resources Management levy increases, and supports the Local Government Association Board in investigating where the Natural Resources Management system is not working, opportunities for improvement and streamlined service delivery, and to seek a commitment from the State Government to review and implement alternate Natural Resources Management arrangements before the 2017/18 financial year.

CARRIED

493/16: Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Levy

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Callaghan

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board advises the Local Government Association Secretariat that it is against the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation making regulation under section 95[309d] of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 to change the way a regional levy can be raised in the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management region.

CARRIED

494/16: Natural Resources Management Reform Project

Moved: Mayor Scholz Seconded: Cr Broadfoot

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board submits an expression of interest to the Local Government Association Secretariat to participate in the pilot, "Natural Resources Management Reform Project", which will be consistent with the Local Government Association Natural Resources Management reform program and Council of the Future regionalisation agenda.

CARRIED

3.3.4 Report 4-0216: General Update

495 /16: Executive Officer's General Update Report

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Low

That the Executive Officer's report be received.

CARRIED

496/16: Regional Capacity & Outreach Services Funding

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Low

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board supports:

- 1. Annual funding of the regions on an equitable basis.*
- 2. The consolidation of capacity building and outreach services funding streams. and*
- 3. Return of rubble royalties back to the region of origin.*

CARRIED

497/16: Executive Officer's Annual Leave

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Low

That the Executive Officer liaises with the President of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association to seek authorisation for annual leave.

CARRIED

3.3.5 Report 5-0216: Meeting Actions Report

498/16: Meeting Actions Report

Moved: Cr Broadfoot Seconded: Chairperson Callaghan

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board notes the Meeting Actions Report.

CARRIED

3.3.6 Late Report 6-0216: Exemption from Audit Committee Requirements.

499/16: Exemption from Audit Committee Requirements

Moved: Mayor Suter Seconded: Mayor Telfer

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board [regional subsidiary] seeks all constituent Councils to consider supporting it in being exempt from having an Audit Committee based on the following:

- 1. The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board has in place relevant internal control and procedures and these are periodically reviewed and updated;**
- 2. The Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board's external auditor has provided an audit opinion that its internal controls are sufficient to provide a reasonable assurance that its financial transactions are being conducted properly and lawfully;**
- 3. All reports by the auditor are [or will be in the future] circulated to each constituent Council [i.e. by the Annual Report and at a Board meeting];**
- 4. No evidence has come to light which strongly suggests that the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board is not complying with its obligations under the Local Government Act 1999 and associated Regulations in all material respects;**
- 5. The value of assets owned by the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board does not appear unduly high for one not subject to audit committee requirements;**
- 6. The level of annual operating expenses of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board does not appear unduly high for one not subject to audit committee requirements; and**
- 7. The predominant source of income of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board does not involve rates or charges levied directly on Council ratepayers.**

CARRIED

3.4 Local Government Association of SA – Regional Governance Framework Consultation January 2016 [Dave Burgess]

As presented.

3.5 Office of State/Local Government Relations

No report tabled.

3.6 RDA Whyalla and Eyre Peninsula Inc [Bob Ramsay]

As presented.

3.7 Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board (Diana Laube)

As presented.

3.8 SA Police (SAPOL)

Nil

3.9 CFS

Nil

3.10 SES

Nil

3.11 Other Reports

3.11.1 South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils – Key Outcomes Summary of the Committee meeting held on 27 January 2016

As tabled.

3.11.2 CEOs meeting – Tony Irvine

No report tabled.

4. FINANCE REPORTS

4.1 Income & Expense Statement with comparison to budget for period ending 11 February 2016 and Balance Sheet as at 11 February 2016.

As tabled.

500/16: Receipt of Finance Reports

Moved: Chairperson Callaghan

Seconded: Mayor Nield

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board receives the Income & Expense Statement with comparison to budget for period 1 July 2015 - 11 February 2016 and Balance Sheet as at 11 February 2016.

CARRIED

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Deputations/Presentations

Nil.

5.2 Petitions

Nil.

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

6.1 From the floor – Motions on Notice

6.1.1 District Council of Ceduna

501/16: Coastal Protection Board

Moved: Mayor Suter

Seconded: Mayor Nield

That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association lobby the Local Government Association [LGA] to submit a proposal to the South Australian Government that the roles responsibilities, functions and funding of the Coastal Protection Board [CPB] and the Native Vegetation Council [NVC] be divested to the current regional Natural Resources Management Boards, providing for improved efficiencies and subsequently reduced Natural Resources Management Levies.

CARRIED

Tony Irvine suggested inviting Russell Seaman, Manager, Native Vegetation Board to the June 2016 EPLGA Board meeting.

6.1.2 Emergency Service Management Planning

Mayor Low raised the matter of the review of the Emergency Services Act and its impact on Councils. Councils were urged to take a keen interest in the legislative review.

Mayor Low also asked Executive Officer, Tony Irvine to provided members with an update on the regional Emergency Management Planning project and its relevance to the proposed legislative changes.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Correspondence for Decision

None tabled.

7.2 Correspondence for Information

- 1-0216: RDAWEP: Letter of support for the Transition to Work Program – South Australia, acknowledging the RDA Networks in collaborating together to address this state-wide issue.
- 2-0216: The Hon Warren Truss: Copy of letter sent to Mayor Allan Suter detailing the Australian Government’s commitment to Local Government.
- 3-0216: Paul Fletcher MP: Response to EPLGA’s letter of 15/9/15 on the issue of the Financial Assistance Grant Programme and Supplementary Road Funding in South Australia.
- 4-0216: City of Port Lincoln: Information on the outcomes of Council’s workshop on the draft Strategic Directions Plan.
- 5-0216: Iron Road: Central Eyre Iron Project Stakeholder Information Pack, including an Executive Summary and a series of new Fact Sheets designed to provide a high level snapshot of the project and how to access additional data.
- 6-0216: City of Port Lincoln: Notification of Council representation on EPLGA, being Deputy Mayor Neville Starke as the voting delegate and Councillor Broadfoot as the proxy delegate.
- 7-0216: The Hon Ian Hunter: Renewal of the EP Regional Sector Agreement, along with a copy of the signed document.
- 8-0216: The Hon Tony Piccolo: Information on an EPLGA Special Board meeting conducted by teleconference to officially record the recommendations and implementation strategies associated with the issue of speed limits on Eyre Peninsula.
- 9-0216: District Councils of Wudinna and Elliston: Joint proposal on the issue of regional roads funding.
- 10-0216: Office of the Minister for Education and Child Development: Acknowledgement of receipt of the EPLGA letter concerning the Port Neill Primary School and the impact of mining development on EP.
- 11-0216: DC Elliston: Copy of the response to EPNRM on Council’s stance regarding the EPNRM Business Plan 2016-2019 and the NRM levy.
- 12-0216: DC Cleve: Copy of the response to EPNRM on Council’s stance regarding the EPNRM Business Plan 2016-2019 and the NRM levy.
- 13-0216: DC Franklin Harbour: Information on the response sent to EPNRM regarding the proposed increase in the NRM levy, including the associated resolution.
- 14-0216: DC Lower Eyre Peninsula: Letter of concern to the Hon Ian Hunter on the issue of the proposed increase in the NRM levy, requesting that the State Government re-instate at least traditional/former levels of funding to NRM Boards as a matter of urgency.
- 15-0216: City of Whyalla: Consultation response to EPNRM on the organisation’s draft Business Plan 2016-2019, including the NRM levy. An excerpt of Council’s meeting minutes pertaining to this issue was enclosed.
- 16-0216: City of Port Lincoln: Feedback to the Hon Ian Hunter on the EPNRM draft Business Plan 2016-2019 and the Local Government levy.
- 17-0216: City of Port Lincoln: Response to Diana Laube on the EPNRM draft Business Plan 2016-2019, highlighting concerns with regard to the Local Government levy.
- 18-0216: The Royal Commonwealth Society: Request for an expression of interest from the EPLGA on establishing a Youth Group in South Australia.

Further late correspondence:

1. Hon Susan Close: Port Neill Primary School

502/16: Correspondence for Noting

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Mayor Suter

That the correspondence brought to attention for information purposes be noted.

CARRIED

Other Business:

Nil.

8 FUTURE MEETINGS

503/16: Next Meeting

Moved: Mayor Telfer Seconded: Cr Broadfoot

That the next meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board will be held on Friday 24 June 2016 at Wudinna.

CARRIED

Future Meeting dates for 2016:

Friday 2 September - Elliston

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 3.13pm

President

Date