

**Minutes of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Board Meeting held at Whyalla on Friday 2 September 2018 commencing at 10.01am.**

<b>Delegates Present:</b>	Sam Telfer [Chair]	President, EPLGA
	Allan Suter	Mayor, District Council of Ceduna
	Bryan Trigg	Mayor, District Council of Cleve
	Kim Callaghan	Chairperson, District Council of Elliston
	Michael Williams	Deputy Mayor, District Council of Franklin Harbour [Proxy]
	Dean Johnson	Mayor, District Council of Kimba
	Julie Low	Mayor, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
	Bruce Green	Mayor, City of Port Lincoln
	Travis Barber	Mayor, District Council of Streaky Bay
	Tom Antonio	Councillor, City of Whyalla [Proxy]
	Eleanor Scholz	Mayor, Wudinna District Council

<b>Guests/Observers:</b>	Tony Irvine	EO, EPLGA
	Geoff Ryan	Councillor, District Council of Ceduna
	George Karzis	Manager Corporate & Community Services, District Council Elliston
	Deb Larwood	CEO, District Council of Kimba
	Rod Pearson	CEO, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula
	Joy Hentschke	CEO, District Council of Streaky Bay
	Trevor Smith	CEO, District Council of Tumby Bay
	Chris Cowley	CEO, City of Whyalla
	Ned Luscombe	Deputy Mayor, Wudinna District Council
	Alan McGuire	CEO, Wudinna District Council
	Aina Danis	Executive Assistant, RDAWEP/EPLGA
	Dion Dorward	CEO/DoRD, RDAWEP
	Brad Riddle	Deputy CEO/DoRD, RDAWEP
	Mark Whitfield	Presiding Member, EPNRM Board
	Jonathan Clark	Regional Director, EPNRM Board
	Karen Hollamby	Regional Coordinator, PIRSA, Regions SA
	Ian Nightingale	Industry Advocate, Office of Industry Advocate
	Denise Loftus	Office of Industry Advocate
	Tony Piccolo	Shadow Minister for Planning & Local Government
	Tom Caunce	Adviser, Office of Tony Piccolo, MP
	Tim Gurney	General Manager-Operations, T-Ports
	Tim Scholz	Principle Advisory, Stakeholder Engagement, Iron Road

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**1.1 Welcome/Apologies**

Welcome by President Mayor Telfer.

Apologies received from:

Peter Arnold	CEO, District Council of Cleve
Lyn Breuer	Mayor, City of Whyalla
Clare McLaughlin	Deputy Mayor, City of Whyalla
Stephen Rufus	CEO, City of Port Lincoln
Phil Cameron	CEO, District Council of Elliston
Ben Taylor	Ag CEO, District Council of Ceduna

**1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Confirmation of Minutes**

**040/18: Confirmation of Minutes**

**Moved: Mayor Trigg                      Seconded: Mayor Green**

**That the minutes of the Board meeting of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association held on Friday 29 June 2018, 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 Telfer**

**041/18: President's Report**  
**Moved: Chairperson Callaghan      Seconded: Mayor Scholz**  
**That the EPLGA Board accepts the President's Report.**  
**CARRIED**

As presented.

Special word of thanks to outgoing members Mayor Suter, Mayor Nield, Mayor Green, Mayor Low and the hard work and community leadership that is often under-estimated, in addition to their commitment to the Eyre Peninsula community during their tenure with the EPLGA.

### **3.2 Individual Council Activity Reports [2 minute summary]**

› As presented.

Ian Nightingale and Denise Loftus joined the meeting at 10.35am.

Shadow Minister Tony Piccolo presented on various Local Government issues, focussing on rate capping.

Tony to set up time for Minister Piccolo meeting in Adelaide around the time of the LGA of SA Annual General meeting.

### **3.3 Executive Officer's Reports**

#### **3.3.1 Report No 1-0918: General Report**

**042/18: General Report**  
**Moved: Mayor Johnson      Seconded: Mayor Scholz**  
**That the EPLGA Board accepts report # 01-0918 from the Executive Officer.**  
**CARRIED**

**043/18: EPLGA Workforce Study**  
**Moved: Mayor Suter      Seconded: Mayor Green**  
**That the EPLGA endorses and supports the LGA Research & Development funding applications for an Eyre Peninsula Local Government workforce study.**  
**CARRIED**

**044/18: Acknowledgement of the passing of Mr. Merton Hodge**  
**Moved: Mayor Low      Seconded: Mayor Barber**  
**1. That the EPLGA Board acknowledges the passing of Mr. Merton Hodge on 13 July 2018, a former Councillor of the City of Whyalla for 17.5 years and great supporter of the EPLGA.**  
**CARRIED**

**045/18: Endorsement of SAROC Nominations**  
**Moved: Mayor Suter      Seconded: Mayor Low**  
**2. That the EPLGA Board endorses the SAROC nominations of the President, Mayor Sam Telfer and Deputy President Mayor Dean Johnson.**  
**CARRIED**

#### **3.3.2 Report No. 02-0918: Charter Alteration**

**046/18: Charter Alteration**  
**Moved: Mayor Scholz      Seconded: Mayor Suter**  
**1. That the EPLGA Board accepts Report # 09-0618 from the Executive Officer.**  
**2. That the EPLGA Board recommends to member Councils to support the following altered clauses of the EPLGA Board Charter reading as such:**  
**CARRIED**

## 1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

### 1.1 Definitions

“**absolute majority**” means a majority of the whole number of the members of the Board or Constituent Councils, as the case may be.

“**Act**” means the Local Government Act 1999, as amended from time to time.

“**Board**” means the board of management of the EPLGA.

“**Board Member**” means at any time a member of the Board and, where the context so admits, includes a Deputy Board Member.

“**Budget**” means a budget that conforms to Clause 25 of Schedule 2 to the Act and last adopted by the Board.

“**Business Plan**” means a business plan that conforms to Clause 24 of Schedule 2 to the Act and last adopted by the Board.

“**Constituent Council**” means any Council that is from time to time a member of the EPLGA.

“**Council**” means a council as constituted under the Act.

“**Deputy Board Member**” means at any time a person appointed and holding office as a Deputy to a Board Member.

“**EPLGA**” means the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association.

“**Executive Officer**” means at any time a person appointed and holding office as Executive Officer of the EPLGA and includes that person’s deputy or a person acting in that position.

“**LGA**” means the Local Government Association of South Australia.

“**SAROC Committee**” means the SA Regional Organisation of Councils committee formally established through the LGA constitution.

“**SAROC Committee Representative**” means the representative of the EPLGA on the SAROC Committee.

## 10 LGA Board Membership and SAROC Committee Representative

10.1 Upon being elected the President and Deputy President shall automatically be appointed as SAROC Committee Representatives. .

10.2 If the President or Deputy President decline either or both of the appointments in clause 10.1 the Board shall call for nominations from persons for appointment to the vacant position and if there is more than one nomination for a position then the Board will elect a nominee to that position following a preferential election process.

10.3 The term of the SAROC Committee Representative positions will be the same as the term of the President and Deputy President who declined the position.



- d. *What budget would be required (have additional project funds available – see budget v actual report – projects – rubble royalty funding)?*
- e. *Are all Councils committed – if not who is in, who is out – to possibly save the investigation time and effort?*

**LAPSED for want of a Seconder.**

Waste reduction deemed to be an individual Council issue, not regional.

### 3.3.8 Annual Report and Financial Statements

**052/18: Annual Report and Financial Statements:**

**Moved: Mayor Low**

**Seconded: Mayor Johnson**

1. *That the EPLGA Board accepts report # 08-0918 from the Executive Officer.*
2. *That the EPLGA Board adopts the 2017/18 EPLGA Annual Report.*

**CARRIED**

### 2.3.9 Transport Strategy Review

**053/18: Transport Strategy Review**

**Moved: Mayor Trigg**

**Seconded: Deputy Mayor Williams**

1. *That the EPLGA Board receives report # 09-0918 from the Executive Officer.*
2. *That the EPLGA Board engages SMEC to undertake a review of the EPLGA Transport Strategy at the quoted price of \$44,640, and that this project be funded through the 2018/19 budget allocation of \$10,000 and the balance up to \$45,000 from the current unallocated Regional Capacity Funding (ie Rubble Royalties).*

*Further that the EPLGA resolves, pursuant to its Purchasing and Tendering Policy that other quotations need not be called for in this circumstance due to the following:*

- *SMEC, through previous work in this planning area (i.e. since 2013), has accumulated substantial intellectual property, other data and information related to this project that other companies likely to be invited to quote would not possess and, as a result, would include added project costs associated with gaining such data. Further gleaning of this information by other companies would add to the timeline for the project and may not allow the region to have the regional road priorities before the SLRP application process, thus putting it at a disadvantage.*
- *SMEC's previous work has been of a high standard and to the satisfaction of the EPLGA.*
- *SMEC has far more knowledge of the region's road network due to previous work in comparison to other companies like to quote for the work.*
- *SMEC has developed good working relationships with all member Councils' operational staff and is familiar with their operations and road network.*
- *SMEC has recently been working with DPTI and the EP Freight Strategy, which adds to their understanding of the regional context and future network demands.*

**CARRIED**

### 3.4 Local Government Association of SA

No report tabled.

LGA Topical Reports as distributed to all member Councils by the Executive Officer.

### 3.5 Regional Development Australia Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula (Dion Dorward)

As presented.

Ian Nightingale presented on the South Australian Industry Participation Policy Framework.

**054/18:**

**Moved: Councillor Antonio**

**Seconded: Mayor Barber**

*That the CEOs' Committee investigate actions necessary to support the implementation of the South Australian Government Industry Participation Policy and Guidelines and report on the outcomes of the investigation to the EPLGA Board*

**CARRIED**

**055/18: Procurement Process**

**Moved: Mayor Trigg**

**Seconded: Mayor Johnson**

*That the EPLGA Board supports unbundling of State and Federal Government supply contracts, e.g. education, health, defence, etc. to enable greater local industry participation and supply.*

**CARRIED**

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.34pm and reconvened at 1.10pm.

Tim Gurney presented an update on the Lucky Bay Port facility.

**3.7 Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board** (Jonathan Clark)

As presented.

**3.8 Other Reports/Minutes**

**3.8.1 South Australian Regional Organisation of Councils**

Minutes as distributed to all member Councils by the Executive Officer.

**4 COMMITTEES**

**4.1 CEO's Committee**

**056/18: CEOs' Committee – Actions/Notes**  
**Moved: Mayor Green** **Seconded: Mayor Johnson**  
**That the Actions/Notes from the Chief Executive Officers' meeting dated 28 June 2018 be noted.**  
**CARRIED**

Overview of the meeting held on Thursday 6 September 2018 by CEO Deb Larwood.

**4.2 Engineering & Works Committee**

**057/18: Engineering & Works Committee – Actions/Notes**  
**Moved: Chairperson Callaghan** **Seconded: Mayor Johnson**  
**That the Actions/Notes from the Engineering & Works Committee dated 28 June 2018 be noted.**  
**CARRIED**

**4.3 EP Mineral and Energy Resources Community Development Taskforce**

**4.4 Executive Committee**

No report tabled.

**5. FINANCE REPORTS**

**10-0918: Financial Report**

**Receipt of Finance Reports**

**058/18: Finance Reports**  
**Moved: Mayor Suter** **Seconded: Mayor Low**  
**1. That the EPLGA Board receives report # 10-0918 from the Executive Officer.**

- 2. That the EPLGA Board adopts the financial accounts for the year ending 30 June 2018 and further declares that:**
- **the financial statements and notes present fairly the association's financial situation as at 30 June 2018 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements;**
  - **in the Board's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable; and**
  - **the Board authorises the President and Executive Officer to sign the Board Certificate contained within the financial statements.**
- 3. That the EPLGA Board notes the 2017-18 Budget Performance Statement as at 30 June 2018 (after audit).**

4. ***That the EPLGA Board receives the Balance Sheet, Budget Comparison Report and the Budget Comparison Summary Report 2018-2019, all as at 24 August 2018 with amended estimated budgets.***

**CARRIED**

**6. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**6.1 Deputations/Presentations**

6.1.1 Ian Nightingale, Industry Advocate, Office of Industry Advocate

As presented earlier in the meeting.

6.1.2 Tony Piccolo MP, Shadow Minister for Planning & Local Government

As presented earlier in the meeting.

6.1.3 Tim Gurney, General Manager-Operations, CEO, T-Ports

As presented earlier in the meeting.

**6.2 Petitions**

Nil.

**7. GENERAL BUSINESS – Motions on Notice & Without and Questions**

**7.1 From the floor – Motions on Notice and Without and Questions**

***Newstart Allowance***

***Moved: Chairperson Callaghan                      Seconded: Mayor Barber***

***That the EPLGA:***

- 1. notes that the low rate of the Newstart allowance is exacerbating poverty and homelessness, and the disproportionate effect this has on most regional and remote communities, including communities throughout the Eyre Peninsula;***
- 2. calls on the Commonwealth Government to increase the Newstart allowance to the level of the Henderson Poverty Line: and***
- 3. will publicly advocate in writing to the relevant Federal Government Ministers and to all South Australian Federal MHRS and Senators that the Newstart allowance be increased. Further that copies of the letter be sent to all media outlets in South Australia.***

**MOTION LOST**

***059/18: Upgrade of the Finlayson to Gawler Ranges to Kingoonya Road***

***Moved: Mayor Barber                                      Seconded: Chairperson Callaghan***

***That the EPLGA lobby the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure South Australia to upgrade the Finlayson to Gawler Ranges to Kingoonya Road to open up the Eyre Peninsula to tourism, services and freight in conjunction with the Eyre Peninsula Road Transport Strategy.***

**CARRIED**

**7.2 Motion on Without Notice/Questions from the Floor**

Mayor Green raised the issue of lobbying into the future combined view the remuneration tribunal.

Mayor Scholz declared an interest due to working at the Wudinna TAFE campus and left the meeting.

***060/18: Closure of Wudinna TAFE Campus***

***Moved: Chairperson Callaghan                      Seconded: Deputy Mayor Williams***

***That the EPLGA Board lobbies the State Government to reconsider its decision to close the Wudinna TAFE campus.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mayor Scholz re-joined the meeting.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **8.1 Correspondence for Decision**

**1-0918:** Dion Dorward, CEO/DoRD, RDAWEP: Local Council Road Manager Liability and advice received from the Eyre Peninsula Agriculture Advisory Group, along with a recommendation that a coordinated state-wide response be issued to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

**061/18:** *Road Risk Management and Funding Issues to the LGA Board*

*Moved: Mayor Green*

*Seconded: Chairperson Callaghan*

*That the EPLGA representatives on SAROC continue to bring the road risk management and funding issues to the LGA Board's notice.*

**CARRIED**

**2-0918:** Bryan Trigg, Chair, RDAWEP: Notification of the newly appointed Board of RDAWEP, including the process undertaken to select the most appropriate candidates.

**062/18:** *RDAWEP Board Membership/Regional Initiatives*

*Moved: Mayor Low*

*Seconded: Chairperson Callaghan*

*That the EPLGA Board notes the RDAWEP Board membership and encourages member Councils to engage with the new RDAWEP Board members to identify initiatives that will deliver economic growth and make a lasting difference to their communities and the region.*

**CARRIED**

**3-0918:** Stephen Smith, Director Policy, LGA of SA: Requesting advice on whether or not the EPLGA region provides in-principle support to undertake the development of local heritage listing policies and procedures in addition to providing a financial contribution towards the project.

**063/18:** *Local Heritage Listing Policies and Procedures Project*

*Moved: Mayor Green*

*Seconded: Mayor Suter*

*Due to financial pressures on the EPLGA budget as a result of reduced grant funding, it is unable to provide any funding towards the project.*

**CARRIED**

**4-0918:** Joy Hentschke, CEO, District Council of Streaky Bay: Request for inclusion in the EPLGA agenda of Council's motion, being:  
"That the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association [EPLGA] lobby the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure South Australia to upgrade the Finlayson to Gawler Ranges to Kingoonya Road to open up the Eyre Peninsula to tourism, services and freight in conjunction with the Eyre Peninsula Road Transport Strategy".

Resolved under agenda item 7.1.2.

**5-0918:** Alex Douglas, Director Works & Infrastructure, District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula: Letter of concern on the future of the Supplementary Road Funds, along with a recommendation that the EPLGA take the issue up with the Federal Member for Eyre, the Hon Rowan Ramsey MP and the LGASA through SAROC.

**064/18:** *LGTAP Current Terms of Reference, Guidelines, Policy and Processes/Continuation of Supplementary Road Funding*

*Moved: Mayor Low*

*Seconded: Mayor Trigg*

*That the EPLGA supports the LGTAP current Terms of Reference, Guidelines, Policy and Processes for the distribution of the Special Local Roads Program, which dictates how road funding is distributed.*

**CARRIED**

### **8.3 Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence**

As listed within the agenda.

**065/18:** *Letter of Acknowledgement to Roger Nield*

*Moved: Mayor Johnson*

*Seconded: Mayor Green*

*That the EPLGA write a letter of appreciation to Roger Nield for his service to the EPLGA and community of Cleve.*

**CARRIED**



