LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP

A G E N D A

Wednesday 18 May 2011
5.15pm

George Robertson Room
City of West Torrens
165 Sir Donald Bradman Drive
HILTON SA 5033

The Mission of the Metropolitan Local Government Group is to work regionally, locally, and with the LGA to foster and promote sustainable and planned development and growth in Metropolitan Adelaide at the local and regional level.

(adopted by the MLGG on 24 November 2010)

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NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING:
METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP

(pursuant to the provisions of clause 10.8 of the LGA Constitution)

Membership (pursuant to the First Schedule of the LGA Constitution)

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*adjoining Council (Observers) * Metropolitan State Executive Committee Members / Observers

Copy to current State Executive Committee Members and Proxy Members:
Cr Peter Jamieson member - Adelaide Metro Zone (Port Adelaide Enfield)
Cr Jill Whittaker proxy – Adelaide Metro Zone (Campbelltown)
Cr Carolyn Wigg proxy – Adelaide Metro Zone (Walkerville)
Cr Michael Llewellyn-Smith proxy – Adelaide Metro Zone (Adelaide City Council)

Apologies / Proxies
If you are unable to attend, please arrange for a proxy to attend to represent your Council and advise carina.sawley@lga.sa.gov.au or telephone 8224 2082.

Networking
There will be refreshments available at the conclusion of the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Wendy Campana
Chief Executive Officer

12 May 2011
**AGENDA**

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<td><strong>Recommendation:</strong> That the Metropolitan Local Government Group notes the report and participates in reviewing and providing feedback on the draft ‘Climate Change Strategy Framework for Local Government in SA’.</td>
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| 6.4     | Key Result Area 4: Transport | Metropolitan Strategic Roads Committee – Recommendations To The Local Government Transport Advisory Panel For The 2011/2012 Strategic Local Roads Program

Recommendation:
That the Metropolitan Local Government Group:
1. notes that Ms Vi Nguyen has been appointed to replace Mr Mike Blythe as the officer representative of the City of Adelaide;
2. expresses its thanks to Mr Mike Blythe for his service to the MLGG Strategic Roads Committee; and
3. notes the recommendations of the Strategic Roads Committee for the 2011/2012 Strategic Local Roads Program funding round. |
| 6.5     | Key Result Area 5: Economy | No items of business |

7 OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 General MLGG Business

7.1.1 Metropolitan Local Government Group Policy/Project Officer Position – Funding Arrangements

Recommendation:
That the Metropolitan Local Government Group:
1. establish the MLGG Policy/Project Officer position as a full time pilot position for 12 months using available funding to more effectively progress the MLGG Strategic Plan; and
2. that the position be reviewed after 6 months to assess the value of the full time position. |

7.2 State Executive Committee Issues

7.2.1 Update on the Status of Ramindjeri and Kaurna Groups in Metropolitan Adelaide, and on the Work of the Advisory Committee

Recommendation:
That the Metropolitan Local Government Group notes the report and indicates its support for the Executive Officer of the Local Government Leadership Group to fill the current vacant positions on the Local Government Leadership Group.
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| **8** | **UPCOMING MLGG RELATED EVENTS** |   |
| **9** | **NEXT MEETING**  
   13 July 2011 at 5.15pm, to be held at Local Government House,  
   148 Frome Street, Adelaide |   |
| **10** | **CLOSE** |   |

**2011 Meeting Dates**  
13 July 2011  
7 September 2011  
9 November 2011
MINUTES OF THE METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2011
AT 5.15PM AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE

PRESENT
ME090311/1
Adelaide Lord Mayor Stephen Yarwood
Adelaide Hills Mayor Bill Spragg
CEO Peter Peppin
Burnside Mayor David Parkin
A/CEO Paul Deb
Campbelltown Mayor Simon Brewer
Gawler Kevin Lowe, proxy for CEO Paul Di Iulio
Mayor Brian Sambell
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Justin Commons, proxy for CEO Mark Goldstone
Salisbury Mayor Gillian Aldridge
Tea Tree Gully Mayor Miriam Smith
CEO Di Rogowski
Unley Mayor Lachlan Clyne
Christine Umapathysivam, proxy for CEO Ray Pincombe
Walkerville Deputy Mayor Carolyn Wigg, proxy for Mayor Heather
Wright
CEO Kiki Magro
West Torrens Mayor John Trainer
CEO Terry Buss

LGA Secretariat:
Wendy Campana Chief Executive Officer
Cate Atkinson General Manager, Intergovernmental Relations
Vanessa Blakelock MLGG Executive Officer
Anna Porter Senior Administration Officer
APologies
ME090311/2
Adelaide
CEO Peter Smith
Campbelltown
CEO Paul Di Iulio
Charles Sturt
Mayor Kirsten Alexander
CEO Mark Withers
Gawler
CEO Stephen Kerrigan
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City Manager Stephen Hains
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Walkerville
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The apologies were received and noted.

GUEST SPEAKERS
ME090311/3
Mr Mike Sinkunas, Director, Office of the Small Business Commissioner Project
Mr Sinkunas outlined the provisions of the Small Business Commissioner Bill, and in particular noted the proposed role of the Commissioner, how the office will operate, and the likely operation of alternative dispute resolutions in this context. Mr Sinkunas noted that a Memorandum of Understanding with the LGA is a possibility to define clear processes and future work with Local Government. Members took the opportunity to ask Mr Sinkunas a number of questions about the Small Business Commissioner Bill and the implications for both Local Government and small business.

Ms Gail Sulicich, Chair, Metropolitan Adelaide Regional Development Australia Board
Ms Sulicich gave an overview of the role of the Metropolitan Adelaide Regional Development Australia Board, its funding arrangements which differ from the country Regional Development Boards in South Australia. Ms Sulicich informed members that Federal Regional Development fund applications need to have a synergy with RDA plans and gave an overview of the RDA evaluation framework for such funds. Members asked Ms Sulicich a range of questions about the role of the Board, the process for Local Government to become involved in the Regional Development Australia Fund and Local Government metropolitan representation on the Board.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
ME090311/4
Confirmation of Minutes 27 January 2011
ME090311/4.1
Moved Onkaparinga and seconded Tea Tree Gully that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2011 be confirmed as an accurate record.
CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes
ME090311/4.2
No items of business.
Resolutions from Previous Meeting 27 January 2011
ME090311/4.3

Moved Onkaparinga and seconded Salisbury that the progress report on the resolutions from the previous meeting be noted. CARRIED

REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS AND UPDATES
ME090311/5

Report from LGA President
ME090311/5.1

Moved West Torrens and seconded Gawler that the report be received and noted. CARRIED

Update from MLGG Chairperson
ME090311/5.2

The Chairperson noted the success of the workshop held with Professor Wegman, Thinker in Residence, held on Wednesday 23 February 2011.

Report from CEO Committee
ME090311/5.3

In the absence of the Metro CEO’s Committee Convener, the LGA President noted available positions on the Kaurna Local Government Group and urged Members to contact Tony Lawson if they wish to join the Group.

Moved Tea Tree Gully and seconded Unley that the MLGG receive the written report. CARRIED

MLGG STRATEGIC PLAN 2009-2011
ME090311/6

Key Result Area 1: Climate Change
ME090311/6.1

No Items of Business

Key Result Area 2: Water
ME090311/6.2

No Items of Business

Key Result Area 3: Housing
ME090311/6.3

6.3.1 Draft National Urban Policy – Local Government Response

Moved Walkerville and seconded Adelaide that the MLGG notes the report and the LGA Submission. CARRIED
Key Result Area 4: Transport
ME090311/6.4

6.4.1 Metropolitan Adelaide Regional Submissions to the Strategic Infrastructure Plan for South Australia 2010 Discussion Paper

Moved Salisbury and seconded Onkaparinga that the MLGG notes the four metropolitan region submissions on the Strategic Infrastructure Plan.

CARRIED

6.4.2 Bus Shelter Infrastructure Funding

During discussion on this item, the LGA Secretariat agreed to provide further information to Council CEOs on issues such as the costs for replacement/new shelters and DDA requirements. Members were reminded that the LGA and the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure are hosting a forum on 18 March 2011 for Council engineering and infrastructure staff to learn more about the funding process.

Moved Adelaide and seconded Mitcham that the MLGG notes the report.

CARRIED

6.4.3 Forum with Thinker in Residence Professor Fred Wegman

Moved Onkaparinga and seconded Marion that the Metropolitan Local Government Group notes the forum held with Thinker in Residence Professor Fred Wegman on Road Safety and the follow up work to be undertaken on potential demonstration projects.

CARRIED

Key Result Area 5: Economy
ME090311/6.5

6.5.1 Business Enterprise Centres and the Metropolitan Adelaide Regional Development Australia Board

Moved Salisbury and seconded Campbelltown that the MLGG:
1. notes the letter from the Minister for Small Business dated 30 December 2010 in response to a letter from the LGA President in relation to concerns about the State Government’s withdrawal of BEC funding;
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CARRIED
OTHER BUSINESS
ME090311/7

GENERAL MLGG BUSINESS
ME090311/7.1

7.1.1 Solid Waste Levy and Waste Management

Ms Atkinson introduced the item and reiterated the need for Councils to provide feedback on the Alternative Solid Waste Levy Models discussion paper and the role of Local Government in Waste Management discussion paper.

Moved Onkaparinga and seconded Gawler that the MLGG notes the Report

CARRIED

State Executive Committee Issues
ME090311/7.2

No Items of Business

Suggestions for Guest Speakers for Future Meetings
ME090311/7.3

Members gave suggestions for guest speakers for the consideration of the MLGG Executive Committee.

Suggestions for Agenda Reports for Future Meetings
ME090311/7.4

Members gave suggestions for agenda reports for the consideration of the MLGG Executive Committee.

Moved Onkaparinga Seconded Gawler that the request be noted.

CARRIED

Upcoming MLGG Related Events
ME090311/8

The Chairperson noted that a forum with Thinker in Residence Fred Hansen is planned for March. The date will be confirmed as soon as possible.

A Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure feedback session for Metropolitan Councils on the Strategic Infrastructure Plan, hosted by Tony Piccolo MP, will be held on Thursday 12 May at LG House. Consideration will be given to rescheduling the next MLGG meeting to this date.

NEXT MEETING
ME090311/9

Wednesday 11 May 2011 at 5.15pm to be held at Local Government House, 148 Frome St, Adelaide.

CLOSE
ME090311/10

The meeting closed at 7:30 pm.
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The MLGG Executive Committee met and considered the future direction of Metropolitan RDA membership. The LGA President then wrote to the Federal Minister for Regional Development seeking formal representation on the Board. The LGA has since been advised that the Board’s membership will be reviewed in November 2011. Prior to this time the LGA will be in communication with the Minister again. The time constraints of the Regional Infrastructure Fund deadline meant it was not possible to develop priority project proposals. However, the LGA liaised closely with the Metro RDA Board, DTED and Councils. The LGA wrote to the Minister for Small Business seeking an extension of time to make submissions on the Small Business Commissioner Bill. Following consultation the LGA made a submission.
President’s Report to the Metropolitan Local Government Group

To: Metropolitan Local Government Group

I have prepared this report as the Acting President of the Local Government Association. The LGA CEO Wendy Campana has advised all Councils of the process ahead to elect a new LGA President for the next two year term. Councils have four weeks to nominate their nominee for the position and the voting process will take a further four weeks. We expect to be able to announce the new President by the end of June.

I would like to pay tribute to our Immediate Past President, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis. I look forward to working with her closely as we progress matters of importance to Local Government in South Australia, in my short ‘acting’ role as a member of the Executive.

I look forward to working with you and with the State Executive Committee as we work through issues of importance to Local Government in South Australia.

I would like to turn to the issues as they have affected our sphere of government over the past two months and also take a look at what is in store for us for the immediate future.

New State Executive Committee
The State Executive Committee, for the next two years is:

Metropolitan Representatives: Mayors John Trainer, Lorraine Rosenberg, David O’Loughlin, Miriam Smith, Gillian Aldrige, Brian Sambell, Lachlan Clyne and Cr Peter Jamieson.

Metropolitan Proxies: Mayor Michael Picton and Councillors Carolyn Wigg, Jill Whittaker and Michael Llewellyn-Smith.

Regional Representatives: Mayors Ann Ferguson, Bruce Green, Julie Low, Leon Stasinowsky, Dave Burgess, Richard Vickery, James Maitland and Allan Aughey


John Legoe Awards
Congratulations to Barossa Mayor, Brian Hurn and Campbelltown Councillor Jill Whittaker – the winners of the John Legoe Award for Excellence and the John Legoe Encouragement Award, respectively.

The annual John Legoe Awards are named in honour of a former LGA President, who passed away more than five years ago after a life dedicated to his community and to Local Government. He strongly backed the need for improved education, training and development of Council Members as community leaders and representatives.

“Local Excellence Program”
In one of her final duties as President, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis unveiled the exciting new program “Local Excellence – Councils working together for communities” at the LGA Conference ‘Growing the Future’ on 28 April. This Program will place Local Government in a much better position to embrace the future.
The “Local Excellence” program will incorporate some new reform programs and some continuing activities. The program is designed to bring together a number of elements of LGA activity to make what we do more visible to Councils, to government and Members of Parliament, to the Community and to other stakeholders.

Under four themes of Community Engagement, Financial Reform, Service Efficiency and Effectiveness and Governance it will include a range of projects, programs and activities.

An “expert group” will be convened to help identify any gaps and to provide advice to the LGA including representation from the national Australian Centre of Excellence in Local Government (ACELG). The Director of ACELG, Professor Graham Sansom, who spoke at the LGA conference, said the initiative was one of the most far reaching he had seen and built on SA’s work in leading the nation on financial sustainability.

2011 Conference “Growing the Future” and General Meeting
The 2011 Conference and General Meeting was a well executed event with a great array of speakers including national political and social commentator, Dr Keith Suter, the Mayor of Hastings and President of Local Government New Zealand, Lawrence Yule, Professor Graham Sansom, Graeme Hugo, Rachel Botsman, Jon Dee and Ben Heard.

The new Minister for State Local Government Relations, Patrick Conlon has demonstrated his interest in strengthening the relationship between the State and Local Government attending part of the Conference on the Thursday and the General Meeting on Friday. The Minister was represented by his Parliamentary Advisor, former Mayor of Victor Harbor, Mary-Lou Corcoran, at parts of the Conference and the Conference dinner which was unable to attend. The Opposition and minor Parties were also represented on both days.

At the General Meeting delegates voted on a record 32 Notices of Motion with 26 being assented to. Minutes and a Key Outcome Summary are available on the LGA website.

Risk Management Success
A report to members highlighted the ongoing success of the LGA Workers Compensation scheme, delivering reduced claims for 18 years in a row, estimated savings to Councils at $18.1m for 2009/10, winning a commendation award in Self Insurer of SA Awards, and forecast rebates to Councils of almost $10m for the current year.

The recent distribution to Councils of a $2.5m bonus from the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme resulting from ongoing effective management of risks by Councils was highlighted at the General Meeting. The scheme is continuing to focus on risk areas including the importance of asset and infrastructure management, the outcomes of the LGA’s Independent Tree Inquiry and an ongoing Climate Change Adaptation program.

Regional Development and Supporting Country SA
The General Meeting received a report on the LGA draft Policy and Key Actions paper regarding ongoing work to finalise an LGA policy for Regional Development and Growing Country Communities.

Emergency Management
The General Meeting noted the LGA Emergency Management Report outlining how the LGA CEO and staff were responding to emergencies and disasters that have been experienced across SA communities in recent months. Issues that are being addressed are: the National Flood Levy and Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements; the operation of the LG Disaster Fund; assistance and support to flood affected Councils; Council preparedness for possible flooding along the River Murray; the Review of the Emergency Management Act an the definition of the role of Local Government in Emergency Management; support of the COAG Natural Disaster Resilience Strategy with particular emphasis on better land use planing, greater focus on mitigation and appropriate insurance cover of assets.
Waste Management
The General Meeting recorded the considerable concern within Local Government over the recent increase in the Solid Waste Levy along with the proposal for further increase and the limited provision of funds for waste management reform from the Waste to Resources Fund. I will be engaging with the Minister for Environment and Conservation for better recognition, by the State Government, of the investment Local Government has made in progressing waste management services and facilitating new sector wide approaches to waste management.
Council of Capital City Lord Mayors submission on the National Urban Policy
Mr Smith presented the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCLM) submission on the National Urban Policy to the Committee for information. Mr Smith drew members’ attention to the proposal for an Integrated Movement Strategy demonstration project for the City of Adelaide as one of three priority topic areas identified in the CCLM submission.

Mr Smith also proposed the concept of a metropolitan wide Integrated Movement Strategy, as discussed at the last meeting of this Committee, and members noted the linkages with the Metropolitan Local Government Group Strategic Plan. After some discussion members indicated general interest in the idea and it was agreed that Mr Smith will discuss the matter with the Chief Executive Officer of the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure. Members agreed that this will be considered on a metropolitan wide basis and that they will co-ordinate the appropriate Council officers to come together and formulate a project and a submission. All agreed that the time frame is short and will need to be aimed towards that of the upcoming federal budget.

Metro CEOs agenda planning for 2011
After some discussion it was agreed to retain the Terms of Reference for the Committee with some minor editing to ensure its currency.

Members agreed to maintain a focus on progressing the initiatives of the MLGG Strategic Plan, while leaving sufficient flexibility to pursue matters of interest to CEOs, either at the strategic level or management level. It was agreed that the LGA will seek feedback from CEOs on their top five MLGG Strategic Plan initiatives for action through this Committee. The LGA in conjunction with the Convenor will work through this feedback to plan future meeting agendas.

Members will be asked periodically to contribute ideas and briefing papers for agenda items.

Other Business
Members acknowledged the significant contribution that Stephen Hains has made to the Local Government sector in South Australia and to this Committee and wished him well in his future endeavours.
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO: Metropolitan Local Government Group

FROM: Chief Executive Officer
      (Contact – Adam Gray)

KEY RESULT AREA 2: Providing Leadership and Building Capacity

STRATEGY 2.6: Provide support and leadership to Councils to develop strategic approaches and effective Federal/State/Local collaboration on relevant current issues.

ANNUAL PRIORITY 2.6: Work with Councils to prepare for the social, economic and environmental impacts of climate change, including the legislative requirements of the National Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Act (NGERS) and proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS).

MLGG KRA 1: CLIMATE CHANGE

MLGG INITIATIVE: Member Councils of the Metropolitan Local Government Group seek to support climate change initiatives.

RE: LGA CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

RECOMMENDATION

That the Metropolitan Local Government Group notes the report and participates in reviewing and providing feedback on the draft ‘Climate Change Strategy Framework for Local Government in SA’.

DISCUSSION

The likely impacts of climate change on South Australian Councils are varied and numerous.

Increased temperatures and the prevalence of heatwaves will increase heat stress on infrastructure and shorten expected life-spans of buildings, sealed roads and pavements and other exposed infrastructure.

Heatwaves can also result in heat stress in our communities (and in animals) and will likely increase demand for access to air-conditioned facilities such as libraries and community centres. An increase in the number of catastrophic fire days and anticipated voluntary evacuations from hills areas will also have similar responses from residents.

Increased demand for electricity in hot conditions can overload electricity supply chains and result in blackouts such as experienced across metropolitan Adelaide in the last few years. Water demand also increases in hotter weather. In conjunction with reductions in rainfall and increasing populations, stricter water allocation measures will need to be put in place and
efficiencies of water harvesting improved. Heat and water stress on plants can result in increased water demand and mortalities.

Sea level rise will be a problem for coastal Councils and impact on storm water drainage, sewage disposal and coastal infrastructure in general. These impacts will affect every aspect of Council operation including, but not limited to:

- maintenance schedules and energy costs for vehicle fleets;
- infrastructure;
- parks and gardens;
- the provision of community services;
- liability and risks associated with insurance; and
- legal obligations.

A climate change strategy and action plan can identify a suite of steps for Councils to implement that both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help adapt to the climate changes that will occur. If undertaken in an inclusive manner, the process of developing a climate action plan will raise awareness across Councils and ensure that, as with occupational health and safety, energy efficiency and climate adaptation become part of the culture of organisations.

The process of developing a whole of Council Climate Change Strategy can be considered a daunting task, in particular when the strategies action plan requires the consideration of a number of options, opportunities and challenges.

For the MLGG to consider undertaking any joint approach on climate change it is essential for each Council to understand the environment in which they are operating, have a thorough and comprehensive Council endorsed strategy and an awareness of the resource and capacity requirements of delivering particular objectives.

To assist Councils in this regard, the LGA is developing a Climate Change Strategy framework tool for Councils. The key elements of the framework include:

1. Why would Council undertake to develop a climate change action plan?
2. What are others doing about the problem?
3. So what is included in a climate action plan?
   a. Mitigation actions
   b. Adaptation actions (which include the outcomes of the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme Climate Adaptation Program (CAP))
4. So what do we need to do to develop a climate change action plan?
5. What should we be aware of before undertaking a climate change action plan?

The draft framework attached is provided to the MLGG for preliminary information. Formal feedback from Councils will be sought via LGA circular during May 2011.
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO: Metropolitan Local Government Group

FROM: Chief Executive Officer
      (Contact – Adam Gray)

KEY RESULT AREA 2: Providing Leadership and Building Capacity

STRATEGY 2.6: Provide support and leadership to Councils to develop strategic approaches and effective Federal/State/Local collaboration on relevant current issues.

ANNUAL PRIORITY 2.6: Work with Councils to prepare for the social, economic and environmental impacts of climate change, including the legislative requirements of the National Greenhouse Emissions Reporting Act (NGERS) and proposed Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS).

MLGG KRA 1: CLIMATE CHANGE

MLGG INITIATIVE: Member Councils of the Metropolitan Local Government Group seek to support climate change initiatives.

RE: UPDATE ON LGA CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Metropolitan Local Government Group notes the report.

DISCUSSION

The MLGG Strategic Plan KRA 1 on climate change recommends that the MLGG support Metropolitan Climate Change initiatives at the Federal and State level and facilitate the dissemination of relevant information to metropolitan Councils.

This information report provides an update on the recent State and Federal initiatives consulted with SA Councils and the communication networks utilised.

Depending on the timing of the issue(s) and the target audience within Local Government the LGA secretariat uses the following methods for communicating climate change initiatives:

1. LGA News Climate Issues column.
2. LGA Circulars.
3. emails – targeted at specific networks such as CEO’s or Environmental Sustainability Network (every metropolitan Council has one or more officers on the ESN).
4. the LGA State Executive is provided with either recommendation or information reports.
State Adaptation Framework
In December 2010 the South Australian Government released its *Draft Climate Change Adaptation Framework* as a first step to developing a coordinated and integrated response to climate change in South Australia. Action to address climate change will allow communities, businesses and individuals to minimise any negative impacts but also to identify and benefit from opportunities presented by climate change.

The LGA submitted a response to the draft framework following a workshop with Councils in March 2011.

Carbon Farming Initiative
On 25 March 2011 the Senate referred the following bills to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 May 2011:
- Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Bill 2011;
- Carbon Credits (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2011; and
- Australian National Registry of Emissions Units Bill 2011.

LGA SA in collaboration with ALGA prepared a submission to the Senate Inquiry with a focus on the policy intent of the bills. The submission noted:
1. short timeframes for projects and methodologies (currently set for only three years before projects or methodologies need to be re-appraised);
2. potential disadvantage to “early movers” such as local Councils that have sought to avoid emissions by redirecting putrescible organic waste away from landfills, thereby avoiding methane production (some landfills that have not undertaken avoidance may also be credited for continued acceptance of putrescible organics where methane is captured and destroyed);
3. potential disadvantage to other government and private agents who have undertaken management actions that have caused reduced emissions (relative to business-as-usual) or increased carbon storage for a carbon benefit (and with expectation of a future value for that action) prior to July 1, 2010;
4. potential failure to leverage private funding off the back of public funding, with the expectation that a market will instantly move to fill the void created once government funding ceases, and
5. a lack of clarity as to how the role of critical stakeholders, including Natural Resource Management Boards (or their equivalents) and Local Governments are to be engaged in regional projects, and how Federal programs will support NRM Boards and Local Government to develop capacity to deal with carbon projects in their region.

LGA Renewable Energy Pilot Program
The LGA Renewable Energy Pilot Program (REPP) was launched on 28 May 2010 with 6 metropolitan and 1 regional Council. ZEN Home Energy Systems were engaged to deliver the program. The LGA REPP is designed to run for 12 months, finishing in May 2011. Since the launch of the LGA program 23 additional Councils have become involved bringing the total number of Councils to 30.

The LGA REPP involves two distinct projects; the first involves a series of Council hosted forums aimed at increasing the uptake of solar energy and solar hot water systems in the community.

The second project is funded by the Local Government Research & Development scheme and will provide participating Councils with audited data and strategic advice on options for increasing solar systems on Councils' own infrastructure. The LGA will also receive a report outlining the solar energy opportunities for Local Government as a sector.

A full report on the REPP will be completed by LGCS and provided to the 19 May 2011 LGA State Executive Committee.
**State Feed in Tariff review**
The Electricity (Miscellaneous) Amendment Bill 2011 was tabled in Parliament on 6 April 2011 by the Minister for Energy, the Hon Michael O'Brien MP.

The Electricity (Feed-In Scheme Solar Systems) Amendment Act 2008 was the first solar feed-in law in Australia and pays a premium guaranteed tariff of 44 cents per unit of electricity (kilowatt-hour, kWh), to households and small customers who feed solar electricity into the grid. The draft Bill intends changes to the scheme to increase the benefits to solar customers while limiting the total cost of the scheme to all customers in the state.

The introduced Amendment Bill aims to:
- increase the bonus, from 44 cents to 54 cents per kilowatt hour;
- oblige retailers who choose to contract with solar customers to pay a minimum rate for the power that they receive from the owners of solar panels;
- limit eligibility for payment of the bonus to the first 45 kilowatt hours exported to the grid per day;
- limit eligibility to one generator per customer;
- specifically exclude generators operated primarily for the purpose of generating a profit from the scheme; and
- close the scheme to new entrants on 1 October 2011.

The LGA is currently seeking Councils comments on the proposed Bill via LGA Circular 15.1.

**LGAMLS CAP program**
The Local Government Association (LGA) and the Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (LGAMLS) are responding to the anticipated challenges of climate change through the LGAMLS Climate Adaptation Program (CAP).

This program aims to improve and maintain the resilience of local communities by assisting South Australian Councils to assess and manage climate-related risks at a local level, enabling them to make consistent policy, strategy and investment choices in an area where significant uncertainty exists.

Established in mid 2008 the program will have been delivered to all 68 SA Councils by early 2011 with the final outcomes and summary of the Climate Adaptation Program (CAP) delivered via the final Climate Adaptation Report – to be released in May 2011. The CAP, in addition to creating an adaptation strategy that can be integrated into Councils’ own individual strategic plans, has enabled the LGAMLS to develop a “climate adaptation” profile for South Australian Local Government. By virtue of the climate elements, which are likely to impact on Councils across South Australia, this data can be effectively broken down into regions. The next step in the process is to undertake regional based climate adaptation strategies, using individual Council adaptation strategies as the base. South Australia is the only State that has been able to develop a sound “whole of sector” risk profile based on the Federal Government’s Climate Adaptation criteria.

**LGA Climate Change Strategy Framework**
Note that the details of this framework are available in a separate Metropolitan Local Government Group report.
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO: Metropolitan Local Government Group

FROM: Chief Executive Officer
(Contact – Vanessa Blakelock)

KEY RESULT AREA 3: Improving Finance, Infrastructure and Resources

STRATEGY 3.1: Continue to lobby governments and political parties, and support the work of the ALGA and other relevant bodies to ensure that an increased and equitable share of funding is apportioned to SA Councils

ANNUAL PRIORITY 8.1: Undertake such other activities as support the Strategic Plan

MLGG KRA 4: TRANSPORT

RE: METROPOLITAN STRATEGIC ROADS COMMITTEE – RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT ADVISORY PANEL FOR THE 2011/2012 STRATEGIC LOCAL ROADS PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

That the Metropolitan Local Government Group:

1. notes that Ms Vi Nguyen has been appointed to replace Mr Mike Blythe as the officer representative of the City of Adelaide;
2. expresses its thanks to Mr Mike Blythe for his service to the MLGG Strategic Roads Committee; and
3. notes the recommendations of the Strategic Roads Committee for the 2011/2012 Strategic Local Roads Program funding round.

DISCUSSION

The Metropolitan Local Government Group has established a Metropolitan Strategic Roads Committee (MSRC) to prioritise metropolitan Council applications for funds from the Special Local Roads Program (SLRP), and make recommendations to the Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (LGTAP). This report provides an update on the activities of the MSRC.

Membership
In accordance with the terms of reference approved by the MLGG, the membership of the MSRC currently comprises:

- One representative of Councils north of the River Torrens (Elected Member):
  Cr Duncan MacMillan – City of Playford
- One representative of Councils north of the River Torrens (Officer):
  Mr Harry Pitrans – City of Salisbury
• One representative of Councils south of the River Torrens (Elected Member):
  Cr George Demetriou – City of West Torrens
• One representative of Councils south of the River Torrens (Officer):
  Mr Britt Gowing - City of Onkaparinga
• One representative of the City of Adelaide (Officer):
  Ms Vi Nguyen

The MLGG has from time to time authorized the MLGG Executive Committee to appoint members to the MSRC.

Ms Nguyen has recently replaced Mr Mike Blythe as the representative of the City of Adelaide and this change in membership has been noted by the MLGG Executive Committee. Members may recall recent advice of Cr Duncan MacMillan’s appointment to the Committee.

**Strategic Roads Hierarchy for Adelaide**

In 2009/2010 a Metropolitan Strategic Roads Hierarchy was developed in accordance with the authority given by the MLGG in January 2009.

The hierarchy has now been in use for two funding rounds, and provides additional guidance to the MSRC in establishing priorities for metropolitan road funding. The hierarchy is similar to those already in place in country regions. It is interesting to note that all metropolitan applications (except for the City of Salisbury’s application for a new road in Pooraka) were for roads appearing on at least one of the three hierarchies (freight, tourist and social).

**Road Funding Scoring System**

Notwithstanding the effectiveness of the hierarchy described above, the primary method for prioritising SLRP applications is a computer based scoring system, originally developed by the SA Grants Commission. The scoring system provides a numerical score based on inputs including traffic volume and equivalent standard axle figures.

LGTAP has secured funding to review the road funding scoring system in the coming year and the MSRC has advised LGTAP that it is keen to be of assistance to develop a revamped scoring system as a primary method for prioritising SLRP applications.

**2011/2012 Funding Round**

The terms of reference of the SRC require that its recommendations to LGTAP be reported to the next meeting of the MLGG.

The MSRC received twelve applications for Strategic Local Roads Program funding for 2011/2012. The Committee has completed its recommendations for 2011/2012 and these are presented for the information of the MLGG on the attached table. The Committee’s recommendations have been forwarded to the Executive Officer of LGTAP in advance of the deadline of 30 April 2011.

**MSRC Recommendations**

Members will note that the City of West Torrens’ application for Deacon Avenue, Richmond, was given the highest prioritisation score on the table and the MSRC acknowledges the priority accorded to this application. However the MSRC is cognisant of the recent practice of the LGTAP to continue to fund continuing projects and then to consider funding for new applications. For this reason the MSRC has accorded the first three priorities (Murray Street, Gawler; Seaview Road, McLaren Vale; and King Street Bridge, Glenelg North) to continuing projects, and subsequent priorities to new projects in descending order of the prioritisation score.
In making the recommendations as above, the MSRC is aware that the funding application for King Street Bridge, Glenelg North accounts again for a large proportion of likely available funding for the metropolitan region. However, the MSRC is also aware that this is the final year for funding applications for this project and that the completion of it and the cessation of applications in future years will mean that a significant pool of funding will be released for other projects.

Members will note that the City of Playford has submitted two applications for funding for Peachey Road, Davoren Park. The applications are for two separate sections of Peachey Road and the Land Management Corporation has committed to funding significant amounts of the costs of these two projects. The prioritisation scores for the two projects are the same, at 76, and both sections appear as a 1st tier social road on the hierarchy. In order to obtain assistance in the prioritisation of projects, the MSRC sought advice from the City of Playford on its priority project, and whether, because of the likely funding pool available, the City would consider undertaking the projects if only a portion of the grant was made available.

The City of Playford has advised that its priority project is the northern most project, being that part of Peachey Road between Davoren Road and Smith Creek, and that for this priority section if only a portion of the funding amount sought is made available, the project will proceed and be staged over a number of years depending on available budget. For the second priority section, from Womma Road to Fordingbridge Road, the project is unlikely to proceed if the total funding amount is not received. This advice has been transmitted to LGTAP in the event that some funding is able to be allocated to the northern project of Peachey Road.

The MSRC is acutely aware that the Supplementary Road Funding that makes up a portion of the Strategic Local Roads Program funding will cease on 30 June 2011, and that the future for this pool of funding is not known. For this reason all its recommendations have been made to LGTAP subject to the same, if not an increased, level of funding being made available.

LGTAP will consider the MSRC’s recommendations (and those of Country Regional LGAs) before making its final recommendations to the relevant State Government Minister. Councils which have made applications will be notified when the decision of the Minister is known.

The cooperation of Chief Executive Officers is requested in making relevant members of their staff aware of the MSRC’s recommendations whilst also maintaining the need for confidentiality. The ultimate outcome of Strategic Local Roads Program is a matter for the Minister to announce.
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Total 8.8748m

*Grant applications to this line on current rankings = $2.933m. SLRP metro grant allocation for 2010/2011 = $3.621m.*

*LMC will contribute an additional $1.2m.*

*Land Mngmnt Corp (LMC) will contribute an additional $1m.*

*Grant applications to this line on current rankings = $3.833m.*
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO: Metropolitan Local Government Group
FROM: Chief Executive Officer
        (Contact – Vanessa Blakelock)

KEY RESULT AREA 7: Managing LGA Governance

STRATEGY 7.1: Provide timely, effective and professional support to the State Executive Committee, Senior Executive Committee, Metropolitan Local Government Group, South Australian Regional Organisations of Councils, and other LGA Committees and Working Parties.

ANNUAL PRIORITY 8.1: Undertake such other activities as support the Strategic Plan which may arise during the year but ensuring significant resources are not diverted from the above annual priorities without the approval of the State Executive Committee.

MLGG STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE: GOVERNANCE
RE: METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT GROUP POLICY/PROJECT OFFICER POSITION – FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

That the Metropolitan Local Government Group:

1. establish the MLGG Policy/Project Officer position as a full time pilot position for 12 months using available funding to more effectively progress the MLGG Strategic Plan; and
2. that the position be reviewed after 6 months to assess the value of the full time position.

DISCUSSION

In May 2007, the Metropolitan Local Government Group (MLGG) endorsed the establishment of a part time Policy/Project Officer position at 0.5FTE. An appointment was made to the new position and commenced in September 2008.

In accordance with the rules of the Local Government Research and Development Scheme (LGR&DS), the position of Policy/Project Officer is funded from the MLGG’s Regional Capacity Fund. This fund comprises a 50/50 contribution by MLGG member Councils and the LGR&DS.
Over recent months it has become clear that the ability of the position to effectively progress the initiatives of the MLGG Strategic Plan along with the other requirements of the position, are not possible with a 0.5FTE funding allocation.

Time required to progress initiatives such as forums with the Thinkers in Residence office, liaison with related bodies (such as DTEI and DPC); guest speakers, review and implementation of the MLGG Strategic Plan; more proactive work with the Metro CEOs Committee and the MLGG Executive Committee have added to the workload of the position. Although some of this work is administrative in nature it requires an in-depth knowledge of the work of the MLGG and associated committees and therefore needs to be undertaken by the MLGG Policy/Project Officer. Also, significant amounts of time have been spent progressing responses to such initiatives as the State Infrastructure Plan (December 2010); and the National Urban Policy (December 2010 -February 2011).

These issues have placed greater pressure on the Policy/Project Officer from a sector wide perspective, and it is anticipated that this level of support will be ongoing as the Plan for Greater Adelaide is further implemented.

**MLGG Strategic Plan**

While the work undertaken on the matters outlined above has been required, the consequence of this is that priority initiatives contained in the MLGG Strategic Plan have not been able to be properly progressed.

A review of the Metropolitan Strategic Plan has identified the following initiatives need to be given the highest priority in the coming months:

- economic development and Business Enterprise Centres;
- an Affordable Housing Working Group;
- recycled water network demand study Working Group formulation and issue identification;
- a metropolitan cycling strategy; and
- a metropolitan broadband strategy.

Much of this focus requires specific investigation (with the exception of the water project which will be addressed by LGA project staff), and as such requires the Policy/Project Officer to undertake the research or engage an external resource to assist.

**Future of the role**

It is therefore proposed that the MLGG consider trialling the MLGG Policy/Project Officer as a full time position, for 12 months, in order to more effectively progress the initiatives in the MLGG Strategic Plan, with a specific focus on the matters outlined above, as well as taking carriage of the strategic future issues noted previously.

It is anticipated that at the end of the 2010/2011 financial year there is likely to be an account balance of approximately $90,000 that could be used to fund the role on a trial full time basis. This would mean that the research and policy work required to progress the initiatives in the Strategic Plan could be undertaken in house, leaving some flexibility for a small amount of consultancy. It is suggested that the role be reviewed after 6 months to assess the value of the full time position.

It would be desirable to seek expressions of interest for the role from Council officers (on secondment) and from LGA staff. This would mean that the role could be filled in the meantime by someone already familiar with the sector, and would provide an existing employee with the opportunity to gain additional experience and expertise.
Alternatively the MLGG may wish to maintain the status quo of the existing 0.5FTE Policy/Project officer and use the balance of funds at year end to engage consultants to progress the Strategic Plan. If it is considered the resourcing should remain at 0.5 FTE, a review of the work commitments will need to be undertaken as they arise. The existing saving would then be fully directed to a significant research project for 2011/2012, with some immediately directed to support work in respect of economic development and BEC’s.

Current funding

The funds received from the LGR&DS are in the order of $34,500 per annum (adjusted for CPI). The LGR&DS funds are conditional on being used for funded activities that are for new ideas and activities that build regional capacity, and must not be used to fund administrative, business as usual activities. Current metropolitan Council contributions, using a population formula, equal this amount, giving a total annual income this financial year of approximately $68,000. The following figures give an indication of the Council contributions for 2010/11:

City of Adelaide $2,514
Adelaide Hills $1,366
City of Burnside $1,454
City of Campbelltown $1,414
City of Charles Sturt $2,525
Town of Gawler $ 795
City of Holdfast Bay $1,533
City of Marion $2,506
City of Mitcham $2,021
City of NPSP $1,306
City of Onkaparinga $2,538
City of Playford $2,432
City of Port Adelaide Enfield $2,528
City of Prospect $ 775
City of Salisbury $2,530
City of Tea Tree Gully $2,520
City of Unley $1,403
Town of Walkerville $ 306
City of West Torrens $2,062

Funds in the account are used to fund the salary and associated on-costs for the MLGG Policy/Project Officer; consultants fees; and catering and other incidental costs. Funds not expended in a financial year are able to be carried forward to the next year. In 2010/2011 $74,000 was carried forward to 2011/12. A project forecast surplus of approximately $16,000 (depending on the use of any further consultants this financial year) is likely for 2011/12. To date, there is $74,000 available and as such, it is anticipated that there will be a total balance at the end of 2011/12 of $90,000.

It is considered that following the 6 month review, the MLGG will be in a position to consider if the position should be retained on a full time basis. If this was to occur, Councils would need to budget for increased contributions for 2012/2013 and beyond. The review process will provide Councils with the relevant budgetary information for this decision.
RECOMMENDATION REPORT

TO: Metropolitan Local Government Group

FROM: Chief Executive Officer
(Contact – Cate Atkinson)

KEY RESULT AREA 1: Representing Local Government

STRATEGY 1.4: Ensure that Local Government is strongly and effectively represented on State and Federal Government boards and committees and other outside bodies where appropriate, and that the selection of Local Government representatives is based on merit.

ANNUAL PRIORITY 8.1: Undertake such other activities as support the Strategic Plan which may arise during the year but ensuring significant resources are not diverted from the above annual priorities without the approval of the State Executive Committee.

MLGG STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Provide a forum for sharing best practice and to work together for the betterment of the Metropolitan area

RE: UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF RAMINDJERI AND KAURNA GROUPS IN METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE, AND ON THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

That the Metropolitan Local Government Group notes the report and indicates its support for the Executive Officer of the Local Government Leadership Group to fill the current vacant positions on the Local Government Leadership Group.

DISCUSSION

The Kaurna Native Title Claim area in SA covers the area of 29 Council areas from Pt Pirie in the North, to Yankalilla in the South and East to the Adelaide Hills Council. In 2006 the LGA assisted 27 of these Councils to form a Kaurna Local Government (LG) Leadership Group comprising four elected member and four officer representatives elected by the Councils. (Note: City of Port Pirie and City of Burnside decided at the time to adopt a watching brief and not participate actively in the negotiations). This group has represented the Councils in negotiations with the State Government and the Kaurna Native Title Management Committee (KNTMC) seeking to finalise a negotiated approach to native title under the Commonwealth Native Title Act, known as an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA).
These negotiations have been extensive and have been complicated by the Ramindjeri group also lodging a Native Title Claim in relation to land overlapping with the Kaurna Native Title Claim area. To further complicate the matter, the LG Leadership Group was advised in February that the State Government was unable to continue to participate in negotiations with the Kaurna Group whilst the Ramindjeri claim exists, but would be in a position to continue if this claim was not successful. This is despite the work being undertaken on the Plan for Greater Adelaide. (Note: The Ramindjeri claim has failed the registration test of the National Native Title Tribunal)

In order to continue responding to the Kaurna Claim, the LG Leadership Group determined to continue and escalate the negotiations for a separate ILUA on the basis the State Government was not involved. It was considered that the negotiations may be getting to the point soon of putting a position to Councils to consider. In this respect, Finlaysons and Tony Lawson have been instructed to prepare a communication strategy and presentation material for use in regional presentations, and Council CEOs are to receive correspondence highlighting the importance of considering the ILUA negotiations in their regions.

On an operational basis, the LG Leadership Group has also discussed daily remuneration rates for indigenous persons who participate in heritage work. Currently the daily rate request is $720.00 which is not acceptable to Councils as a benchmark figure. Councils consider the figure should be in the order of $400, and the number of survey team members should be negotiated, with any benefits directed to an authorized organisation for the benefit of community members generally, rather than individuals. This will be an ongoing point for discussion as the ILUA draws closer. Councils will be requested to provide advice in terms of the current rates being paid for heritage work in order to determine a final position on this matter.

The LGA is keen to ensure Local Government maximises the benefits of working closely with the State Government both in relation to the Kaurna Claim and on rates for heritage work.

At the Metropolitan Local Government Group Meeting of 9th March 2011, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis requested members consider joining the LG Leadership Group, to fill existing vacancies. The Group is represented on a regional basis (Central, North, South and Country) with a Mayor, CEO and Senior Officer. It currently consists of:

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| Northern Region Representatives          | Mayor Brian Sambell |
|------------------------------------------| CEO – Vacant |
|                                          | Rosa Gagetti, Manager City of Port Adelaide Enfield |

| Southern Region Representatives          | Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis* (dual role) |
|------------------------------------------| CEO – Vacant |
|                                          | Glen Millar, Manager City of Holdfast Bay |

| Country Region Representatives           | Mayor James Maitland |
|------------------------------------------| Brian Carr (CEO) |
|                                          | Senior Officer – Vacant |

The Metropolitan Local Government Group is invited to consider representatives for the above-mentioned positions as a matter of urgency.
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<td>Kaurna relationship issues.</td>
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<td>Matthew Miles the Executive Officer is keen to address the MLGG. Suggested at MLGG on 24/11/10 that this address take place in the middle of the 2011 calendar year.</td>
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<td>Australia Day Council representative</td>
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<td><strong>Priority.</strong> Mr McTernan is unavailable. Possibly available for July 2011 – LGA is awaiting confirmation.</td>
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<td>John McTernan, Thinker in Residence (Government Reform)</td>
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