LGA Board of Directors – Key Outcomes Summary – 21 May 2020

2020 OGM Items of Business

The Board considered a number of Items of Business that were submitted by member councils to the 2020 LGA Ordinary General Meeting before it was postponed, and:

- Approved the LGA to enter into discussions to develop a trial of a Federal or State funded subsidy scheme or incentives in South Australia, for vehicles fuelled by alternative energy sources including electric, hybrid and hydrogen vehicles;
- Approved the LGA to lobby the State Government and State Planning Commission to defer the introduction of the Planning and Design Code for all councils until problems with the Code and its implementation (including the ePlanning system) have been addressed; and
- Approved the LGA to advocate that cat management laws be consistent across local government jurisdictions and that the State Government, through the Dog and Cat Management Board, lead legislative reform on cat management issues.

Local Government Research and Development Scheme

The Board approved the Local Government Research and Development Scheme (LGR&DS) proposed Budget for 2020-21, as well as amending the 2020/21 priorities in the LGR&DS Annual Business Plan to include “projects that support local government in responding to COVID-19”. The Board also approved LGR&DS funding for nine LGA Secretariat projects for 2020/21 totalling $785,000. Approved projects will progress actions in areas such as local government reform, planning, waste, industrial relations, strategic and financial management planning and public lighting.

LGA Procurement – Constitution and Position Descriptions

The Board adopted the LGA Procurement Constitution, LGA Procurement Board Director Position Description, and LGA Procurement Board Chair Position Description. The Board also appointed Mayor David O’Loughlin as an LGASA Board Director on the LGA Procurement Board and Mayor Kevin Knight as the alternative LGASA Board Director. To ensure stability during the transition to the arrangements under LGA Procurement’s new Constitution, the Board appointed Mayor David O’Loughlin as Chair of the LGA Procurement Board. Each of these appointments expires in November 2022.

Review of the 2019/20 Bushfires

The Board received and noted the Lawson Report into the Local Government Functional Support Group’s (LGFSG) involvement in various fires and other emergency incidents over the summer of 2019/20. The Board noted the key recommendations and requested that the LGA Secretariat prepare a response, including a costed implementation plan and an options paper on a sustainable model for the LGFSG.