Guest Speaker - Mayor Keith Parkes - Chair of the Executive Committee of the SA Coastal Council Alliance

Mayor Keith Parkes attended the meeting to give the GAROC Committee members a verbal update on the issues that coastal councils are facing. He also answered questions the committee had in relation to this topic.

Weekly Waste Collections (City of Salisbury)

GAROC agreed to advise the City of Salisbury that this proposed item of business “weekly waste collections” is relevant only to metropolitan councils and, in accordance with the LGA Guidelines, has been considered by GAROC rather than referred to an LGA General Meeting. The committee confirmed that the LGA’s waste and recycling policies and submission do not seek to amend the Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010 in relation to weekly residential general waste collection by metropolitan councils. The committee requested that the LGA Secretariat provide a report to GAROC in the event of any future State Government proposals that have an impact on the waste and recycling services provided by metropolitan councils and will advise the City of Salisbury of this decision.

Economic Development Initiatives

The committee endorsed the draft Local Government Economic Development Activities – GAROC discussion paper as the basis for consulting with metropolitan councils and agreed to seek views from its metropolitan member councils on the potential economic development advocacy activities as part of its consultation on the draft 2020-21 Annual Business Plan.

Reports for discussion

The committee endorsed the following reports:

- Finance Update
- Future GAROC meeting dates

GAROC Casual Vacancy

The committee agreed to the following process to fill the casual vacancy on the GAROC committee, arising from the resignation of Cr Tim Pfeiffer:

- that the LGA CEO acts as the Returning Officer
- the Returning Officer will call for nominations from all councils that are members of GAROC to fill the vacancy
- the Returning Officer will send out ballot papers to all GAROC councils
- the voting/ballot papers will be as per the general GAROC election provisions outlines in clause 4.4 of the GAROC Terms of Reference; and
- the Returning Officer determines relevant timelines for conducting the election.

Smart Cities Award

Director Policy – Stephen Smith advised the committee about an award that was received for the Smart Cities project.