AGENDA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1st June, 2007.

Coffee served from 9.30am
for a 10.00am start.

A light lunch will be provided.

TO BE HELD AT THE MID MURRAY COUNCIL OFFICES,
MAIN STREET CAMBRAI. SA.

Advice to the Chief Executive Officer regarding attendances by phone or email, is requested by the 25th May, 2007,
as per the Notice of Meeting.
AGENDA

Agenda of the Annual General Meeting of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association (M&MLGA) commencing at 10.00am on Friday 1st June, 2007 in the Mid Murray Council Offices, Main Street, Cambrai, SA.

(Coffee will be served from 9.30am.)

DELEGATE LIST:

Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Deputy Mayor Rhonda Centofanti and Stephen Rufus, CEO (proxy).

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Keith Scobie, Deputy Mayor Roger Strother and Tim Drew, CEO (proxy).

District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM): Mayor Kevin Burdett, Peter Smithson, CEO and Deputy Mayor Margaret Size (proxy).

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Mayor Dean Maywald, Deputy Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, President, and Peter Ackland, CEO (proxy).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor Ian Mann, Vice President, Deputy Mayor David Burgess, Cr. Kevin Myers (proxy) and Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, Cr. Barry Laubsch, Cr. Milton Weinert, (proxy) and David Altmann, CEO (proxy).

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Barry Hurst, CEO and Deputy Mayor Louis Dimou (proxy) and Robert Wood, Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor John Ramke, Deputy Mayor George Gum, Cr. Robert Sexton (proxy) and Trevor Gordon, Acting CEO (proxy).

1. OPEN and WELCOME

1.2 Open and Welcome by Mayor Ian Mann, OAM.

2. APOLOGIES.

Hon. Karlene Maywald, MP, Member for Chaffey, Hon. Mark Goldsworthy MP,

An attendance list will be circulated. Members and Attendees are asked to record any additional apologies.
3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the M&MLGA General Meeting held on Thursday, 5th April, 2007 held at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton, SA, have been circulated, via uploading to the Association’s website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au under the “Minutes” tab.

Draft Motion: That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Thursday, 5th April, 2007 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING.

Item 4.1 – (4.1 – 4/07) & (4.1 – 2/07) & (5.1 – 12/06) & (4.1 – 10/06) & (4.1 – 8/06) & (4.2 – 6/06) etc. – Rural Property Addressing Standard.

Strategic Plan ×  Annual Business Plan ×  Gov’t Imposed √  Budget Implications ×  Budgeted N/a

The CEO advises that there is nothing further of substance to report on this Item.

Item 4.2 – (4.2 – 4/07) & (4.2 – 2/07) & (5.2 – 12/06) & (4.2 – 10/06) & (4.2 – 8/06) & (4.3 – 6/06) & (8.2 – 4/06) - Review of the Impounding Act 1920 – MMLGIG.

Strategic Plan ×  Annual Business Plan ×  Gov’t Imposed √  Budget Implications ×  Budgeted N/a

The LGA are continuing the process of pursuing PIRSA to commence the review of the Impounding Act 1920 but at this stage have not received advice as to when a review may commence.

The CEO will again forward this matter at the next SAROC Meeting scheduled for the 18th July, 2007.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

Item 4.3 – (4.3 – 4/07) & (4.4 – 2/07) & (5.4 – 12/06) & (10.1 – 10/06) - Broomrape Program.

Strategic Plan √  Annual Business Plan ×  Gov’t Imposed √  Budget Implications ×  Budgeted N/a

Minister Gago has replied to the Association’s follow-up letter, attached as APPENDIX 1.

For Consideration.
Delegate’s attention is drawn to APPENDIX 2. On receipt of the LGA SA’s request to provide a nomination(s) and proxy nomination(s) to the Native Vegetation Working Group, the CEO emailed each Member Council to provide nomination(s) by the 21st May, 2007 advising that if more than one (1) nomination is received, that an electronic ballot would proceed.

Prior to the close of Agenda Items for this Meeting, the CEO has received one nomination from Mid Murray Council for Cr. Inez Bormann, whose Curriculum Vitae is included in APPENDIX 2.

As the request for nomination advices were to be received following the closure of Agenda Items for this Meeting, the CEO will provide a Verbal Report.

**Discussion Item – Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC) – Native Vegetation.**

**Background:**

With the formation of the Native Vegetation Working Group, Council feels that this will be a good venue to discuss the power of the Native Vegetation Council in an endeavour to resolve the difficulties that some Councils are experiencing when dealing with the Native Vegetation Council.

**CEO Comment:**

The LGA SA is aware of the some of the difficulties that Councils are experiencing with the Native Vegetation Council and that these matters will be addressed by the Native Vegetation Working Group.

**Recommendation:** That the Report(s) be received and that the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association reaffirms with the LGA SA that the Native Vegetation Working Group discusses and endeavours to resolve the power and control that has been entrusted to the Native Vegetation Council.

**In the event that a clear nomination(s) for one member and one proxy has been determined, the CEO requests a motion from the floor endorsing those appointments.**

**Item 4.5 - Any other Business Arising.**
Item 5.1 – President’s Annual Report.

Since being elected President of the Association in December 2006, I have become conscious that the Association has been very busy in pursuing the required outcomes of the Association’s Strategic and Annual Business Plans during this past year.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the past President, Mayor Allan Arbon for his efforts and guidance provided to the Association over the past years. I am very pleased that he has continued on as an active Delegate. As a result of the Local Government periodical elections in December, 2006, I warmly welcome new Delegates and thank the past Delegates for their time and hard work in forwarding the goals of the Association.

I will now summarise the main program of events and issues addressed over the past year, some of which have now been completed and others, ongoing.

Projects completed:

Legal Review of the Association’s Charter including Member Council’s endorsement and gazettal.
The receiving of the Association’s Regional Waste Management Strategy Report as a basis of moving forward with reforms and the completion of a regional funding assistance application to Zero Waste SA.
Expansion of the Association’s website providing greater information availability and transparency.
Completion of submissions to Auslink and the Special Local Roads Program for road construction and improvements resulting in $2.89m funding assistance for the year.
With partners, both intra and interstate, successfully lobbied for the shelving of the Hattah Lakes/Nowingi Toxic Waste Dump proposal.
With partners, completion of the Irrigation Pathways Program.
Completion and endorsement of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association/Murray Darling Association River Murray Policy Document.
Coordination of Motorhome waste dumping points throughout the region.
Completion and adoption of an Assessment Tool to determine the value of undertaking various activities across the region.
With partners, determination of a preferred regional provider for broadband infrastructure and completion of a BDF Funding Application for assessment.
Assistance provided and provision of local government representation on Regional Drought Committees including successful region wide Exceptional Circumstances Applications.
Provision of facilitation services and comment provided to the review of the State Strategic Plan.
Financial assistance provided for the completion of the Xtreme Leadership Program, now embraced state-wide by PIRSA.
Projects forwarded:

Rural Property Addressing Standard and implementation program.
Provision of Local Government representation on the SA MDB NRM Board and recent consideration of a replacement nomination.
Provision of representation on the Murray and Mallee Strategic Task Force including the potential transfer of operations to Regional Facilitation Groups or like organisations.
Ongoing assistance provided to the region’s community transport schemes including the seeking of State Government Agency assistance to provide integrated services.
Provision of input into the region’s Infrastructure Plan.
The receiving of ongoing Native Title advice and the commencement of negotiations towards ILUA’s.
The forwarding of River Murray environmental issues with the EPA.
Determination of the program for electricity reticulation upgrades for the Tailem Bend to Pinnaroo line.
Support provided to Member Councils on storm-water management issues.
The review of the Impounding Act.
Consideration and input provided to the Heavy Vehicle Access Framework Revised Draft.

New Issues Addressed:

Addressing the issue of Grain Transport from Silos.
Revisitation on the re-naming of the B55 Highway.
Provision of input into the Elected Members Allowances discussion paper.
Provision of input into the draft Landfill Guidelines.
Comment provided for the CFS Fire Danger Permit Policy.
Addressing the funding maintenance for the Broomrape Eradication Program.
Infrastructure Changes on the River Murray below Lock 1.
Successful recommendations provided to the LGA through the SAROC Committee to reconvene a Native Vegetation Working Group to address the review of legislation and administration of the Native Vegetation Act 1991.
I would like to thank our CEO, Peter Campbell for his efforts, commitment and support over the past year and I look forward to working with him into the future.

Vice President, Mayor Ian Mann OAM deserves special mention for his assistance along with all other Member Council Mayors, Delegates and CEO’s.

I would like to recognise the service and timely information provided by the Local Government Association of South Australia, especially from Barry Parsons and the Office of State/Local Government Relations. Many thanks.

Over the past six months, I have enjoyed being your President. I thank you all for that opportunity.

Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.
At this point in the Agenda, the President will vacate the Chair, to be assumed by Barry Parsons, LGA SA, who will call for nominations for the position of both President and Vice President. In the event that more than one (1) nomination is received for either position, a secret ballot will be conducted.

Item 5.2 – Election for the positions of President and Vice President.

Item 5.3 – President’s Annual Allowance.

CEO Report: Historically, in the Association’s Accounts, a budgeted expense item termed “President’s Travelling Allowance” has been approved and paid annually in arrears. The Annual Budget 2007/8 has a provision of $635.00 for Presidential activities undertaken during 2006/7.

It has become clear throughout my term as CEO that this provision has not been made specifically for traveling purposes, but represents a small recompense for the extra time and effort that the President provides to the Association in carrying out the role of President.

The CEO requests that Delegate’s consideration be undertaken on the following:

- That Delegates determine whether or not the Allowance should apply, and if so,
- Determine and or confirm the amount of annual amount applicable.

For Consideration.


The Policies of the Association are listed on APPENDIX 3. (also included on the Association’s website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au under the “Policies” tab) for endorsement / amendment for the forthcoming business year.

Recommendation: That the Association re-affirms the Policies established as listed on APPENDIX 3.

Item 5.5 – Representation, Association Committees and Working Parties.

The Charter provides for the Association to review its representation on outside bodies, Committees and Working Parties at an Annual General Meeting. There are a number of outside body representatives as well as representatives nominated to Association Committees and Working Parties that support the work and objectives of the Association – refer APPENDIX 4.
Representatives, Committee and Working Party Members listings are also available on the Association’s website at [www.mmlga.sa.gov.au](http://www.mmlga.sa.gov.au) under the “Committees” tab.

As per the resolution at the Association’s General Meeting held on the 5th April, 2007, the vacancy on the Fruit Fly Standing Committee was referred to the Riverland Group of Councils to provide a nomination. Berri Barmera Council advised that they will not be putting forward a nomination.

**Recommendation:** That the Association confirms the appointments as per APPENDIX 4, with any noted alterations and additions for a further twelve months.

**Item 5.6 – Appointment of Auditor.**

At the Association’s General Meeting held on the 3rd February, 2006, Tilley Murphy and Hughes were appointed as the Association’s Auditor for a further three financial year period from the 1st July, 2006 to 30th June, 2009.

### 6. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

**Item 6.1 – Report(s) from Representative(s) of the Local Government Association of SA (LGA SA).**

Barry Parsons, LGA SA, will provide a verbal Report.

**Item 6.2 – Report(s) from Representative(s) of the Office of State Local Government Relations (OSLGR).**

John Hanlon, Executive Director, OSLGR will provide a verbal Report.

**Recommendation:** That the Reports at Items 6.1, and 6.2 be received.

**Item 6.3 – Reports of Delegates. (other than those applicable to Strategic Issues - Environmental, Economic, Social and Governance).**

**Item 6.3.1 – SAROC.**

Vice President Mayor Ian Mann and CEO, Peter Campbell attended the SAROC Meeting held in Adelaide on the 16th May, 2007.

The Meeting’s Key Outcomes Summary is attached as **APPENDIX 5.**

**Recommendation:** That the Report be received.
Item 6.4 – Chief Executive Officer’s Report.

The Chief Executive Officer’s Report is attached as APPENDIX 6.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS.


Strategic Plan √  Annual Business Plan √  Gov’t Imposed √  Budget Implications ×  Budgeted √

Attached are the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement to 30th April, 2007, Expenditure to Budget Report, Transactions Report, and Bank SA and LGFA Reconciliations for the period 1st March, 07 to 30th April, 2007, as APPENDIX 7. There is no Reconciliation for the Rosemary Craddock Trust Fund as there were no transactions since the Accounts were audited as at 30th June, 06.

Recommendation: That the Financial Account Reports be noted.

8. STRATEGIC ISSUES.

8.1 STRATEGIC ISSUES - GENERAL.


Strategic Plan √  Annual Business Plan √  Gov’t Imposed √  Budget Implications √  Budgeted √

As per the provisions of the Association’s gazetted Charter, the draft revised Strategic Plan 2005-2008, the draft Annual Business Plan 2007/8 and draft Annual Budget 2007/8 were circulated to Member Councils and Delegates more than one month prior to this AGM.

The draft Annual Business Plan 2007/8 has been extracted from the Association’s revised Strategic Plan 2005-08 (revised February, 2007).

Recommendation 1: That the revised Strategic Plan 2005/8 as presented in APPENDIX 8 (subject to any noted alterations) be endorsed as the long term Strategic Plan of the M&MLGA, to be annually updated, and that endorsement of Delegates be sought for the document.

Recommendation 2: That the draft Annual Business Plan 2007/8 as presented in APPENDIX 8 (subject to any noted alterations) be endorsed as the Annual Business Plan of the M&MLGA and that in accordance with the Association’s Charter, reviews of progress against the Annual Plan be conducted six monthly and that endorsement of Delegates be sought for the document.
Recommendation 3: That the draft Annual Budget 2007/8 as presented in APPENDIX 8 (subject to any noted alterations) be endorsed and accordingly that Member Council contributions to the Association for 2007-2008 be as historically apportioned and that the accounts for such be forwarded for payment.

Recommendation 4: That the CEO be authorised to internally transfer by journal entry the amounts of $725 from the Waste Strategy line, $113.64 from the Sport and Recreation line and $45.91 from the Website Maintenance line to the Discretionary Projects line as reflected in the (draft) Annual Budget 2007-2008.

Item 8.1.2 – (8.1.1 – 12/06) & (7.5.2 – 12/05) - 2006-2007 Business Plan Review.

This is a review indicating the present status on the strategic issues determined last year, as per the provisions in the Association’s Charter. The review and update is attached as APPENDIX 9.

Recommendation: That the Item be noted.

8.2 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ENVIRONMENTAL.

Item 8.2.1 - SA MDB NRM Board. (Delegate Representation).

At the Association’s General Meeting held on the 5th April, 2007, the following was generally agreed:

“The CEO provided a Verbal Report following which general discussion ensued with the general consensus being that Member Councils be encouraged to give consideration regarding a nomination for the position of Local Government representative on the SA MDB NRM Board.”

The CEO wrote to each Member Council on the 9th April, 2007 on this matter.

Consideration: That M&MLGA Delegates determine the Association’s Local Government Representative nomination to the SA MDB NRM Board.

Item 8.2.2 – (7.2.2 – 4/07) & (8.2.2 – 12/06) - Regional NRM/Local Government Protocol Memorandum of Understanding.

The CEO advises that there is nothing further of substance to report on this Item.
Item 8.2.3 – (7.2.3 – 4/07) & (7.2.3 – 2/07) & (8.2.3 – 12/06) & (7.2.3 – 10/06) & (7.2.3 – 8/06) & (8.2.3 – 6/06 etc. – Regional Waste Management Strategy.

Item 8.2.3.1 – Zero Waste SA Funding Application – Regional Project Officer.

The CEO has received advice from Zero Waste SA that the funding application made by the Association has, at this stage, been unsuccessful. However, mention was made that further consideration may be given to the application (which is mirrored by similar Regional LGA applications) by the newly to be appointed Zero Waste SA Board with a potential outcome to be known in approximately six (6) months.

At this point, the CEO has been advised that there are sufficient un-allocated funds available in the last funding round to accommodate all Regional LGA requests for project officers.

Recommendation: That the Item be noted.

Item 8.2.3.2 – Proposed Increases to the Landfill Levy.

A number of Councils, through their Regional LGA’s are registering their strong opposition to the proposal to increase the waste to landfill levy foreshadowed by the State Government and canvassed in the Hyder Report by Zero Waste SA. Those Councils will be requested to give urgent consideration to deferring the payment of any increase in the levy to allow a more equitable distribution of the increased levy to be made, and failing this to consider refusal to pay any increase in the levy.

This action follows the inclusion in the State Budget 2006-2007 forward estimates of a $10m increase in waste levy charges payable on disposal of solid waste to landfill. This decision by the State Government to foreshadow an increase of this magnitude occurred without consultation with the local government community.

The Hon. Gail Gago MLC subsequently advised the LGA SA that “In his budget statement on the 21st September, 2006, the Treasurer, the Hon. Kevin Foley, announced an increase of $10m in waste levy charges payable on disposal of solid waste to landfill for each of the next three years”. Treasury papers only propose a one-off $10m increase from 2007-2008, not increases of $10m in each of three consecutive years, as suggested by Minister Gago.

Zero Waste SA has released a Discussion Paper for comment, however the thrust of the paper is to canvas a justification to a political decision already taken by the State Government to increase the levy. The broad argument of the paper is that if the levy were increased, part of the additional revenue could be applied to divert waste from landfill and canvasses doubling of the levy from $10 per tonne to $20 per tonne in July, 2007 and that the levy be continuously raised to $55 per tonne by 2013 and that these increases would have very little financial impact on households.
It is proposed that the current levy gap, where the rural levy is 50% of the metropolitan levy be maintained in the medium term. Even with the levy gap, the total of annual levies collected from rural landfills will increase from currently $1.2m to $6.3m by 2013.

However, rural Councils face very significant increases in waste management relating to the establishment of waste minimisation infrastructure and the higher costs of operating landfills to meet the new EPA Guidelines Standards.

These financial impacts will be in the same timeframe as the proposed increases in the waste levy.

For Consideration.

Item 8.2.4 – (7.2.4 – 4/07) & (7.2.5 – 2/07) & (8.2.6- 12/06) – Regional Drought (Committees).

The CEO has been liaising with Adam Gray, LGA SA regarding what help the Association and the LGA may be able to provide Member Councils with the potential devastating affects on our communities considering the Prime Minister’s announcement of potential zero water allocations from the 1st July, 2007.

Both the LGA and the CEO were not sure what type assistance could be provided but was assured by the LGA that they are prepared to provide resources should they be requested.

The CEO forwarded an email to Member Councils to canvass ideas, which were collated and forwarded to the LGA SA.

A summary is as follows:

- Rate relief for eligible farmers and businesses based on the Victorian Government model.
- Greater presence and service levels from relevant State Government Agencies.
- The availability of training for Council Service Staff to handle people presenting in an agitated state.

The LGA President and Adam Gray have met with the Drought Leaders Industry Forum to discuss key issues our behalf. At the time of this Agenda’s formulation, the LGA SA are reviewing the best strategy to put forward the information provided to the State Government to achieve the best outcome.

I relation to dot point 2 above, Country Health SA is looking to appoint two (2) more drought counsellors in SA, and they are likely to service the MMLGA region, potentially one each in the Riverland and Murraylands region. Drought Counsellors are complementary to the Rural Financial Counsellors, picking up on the ‘health’ orientated issues that the Financial Counsellors are not
equipped (or allowed to) deal with. Details will be provided as they come to hand.

**Recommendation:** That the Report be received.

### 8.3 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ECONOMIC.

**Item 8.3.1** – (7.3.1 – 4/07) & (7.3.1 – 2/07) & (8.3.1 – 12/06) & (7.3.2 – 10/06) - (7.3.2 – 8/06) & (8.3.2 – 6/06) etc. – Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy.

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The CEO received six (6) applications from Member Councils under the 2007-2008 SLRP funding program which were forwarded, along with the Association’s recommendations to the LGTAP by the 27th April, 2007.

Applications were received from:

**Murraylands Sub-region.**

CDC – Poltalloch Road – continuing project.
CDC – Granite Road – new project.
DCKEM – Karoonda to Bowhill Road – new project.
RCMB – Rathjen Road – new project.
SMDC – Lameroo to Alawoona Road – continuing project.

**Riverland Sub-region.**

DCLW – Alawoona to Lameroo Road – continuing project.

The Association and Member Councils await advice regarding successful recommendations made by the LGTAP to the Local Government Grants Commission.

**For Information.**

**Item 8.3.2** – (7.3.2 – 4/07) & (7.3.3 – 2/07) & (8.3.3 – 12/06) & (7.3.4 – 10/06) & (7.3.4 – 8/06) & (8.3.3 – 6/06) etc. – Broadband Development, Regional Enhancement.

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The Association’s Regional Broadband Steering Committee met on the 17th April, 2007 to receive a presentation from Agile Communications regarding the future, both long and short term, of the Association’s region-wide broadband program.

Minutes of that Meeting are available on the Association’s website at [www.mmlga.sa.gov.au](http://www.mmlga.sa.gov.au) under the “Committees” tab.
The upshot of the Meeting is that the project is currently on hold, pending the outcome of the Guidelines of the new Australian Broadband Guarantee Fund 2007-2008 (ABGF) and the extent of coverage to be provided by the soon to be announced Australian Broadband Infrastructure Fund (ABIF).

The draft ABGF Guidelines have now been released and the CEO, on the Association’s behalf has provided comment to the Federal Government through DFEEST. A copy of the comments is available from the CEO on request.

In addition, the CEO met with DFEEST to seek a way forward given the potential impact of the ABGF and the ABIF Programs.

However, at this stage it would appear likely that potential provider(s) may well have to redo their business plans to broadly determine the viability of only providing broadband services to sparse and remote locations and potentially, that viability would be in serious question.

The CEO’s meeting with DFEEST concluded that we, along with all other regions, await the outcome of the potential coverages and timing of the ABIF program, the receipt of the final guidelines and successful provider registrations of the ABGF program and that DFEEST undertake a review of the SA Government’s Broadband Development Fund (BDF) guidelines to accommodate fast tracked funding availability for the resultant “black holes” in regional and remote communities in the region which will be the result of the shortfall in coverage provided by the Federal Government’s ABIF and ABGF programs.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

8.4 STRATEGIC ISSUE – SOCIAL.

Through the LGA SA, SAROC and the Government Reform Commission (GRC) the CEO has been pressing the State Government and Agencies to provide Regional Community Transport Schemes with the availability of under-utilised infrastructure, such as school buses etc., to provide expanded services to those areas currently not serviced and where demand, or changes in demand, exceeds the available services.

As a result of enquiries made with the GRC, the following advice was received by the CEO on the 9th May, 2007.
“Dear Peter,

Further to our telephone conversation(s) in April,
I wanted to acknowledge the importance of the issues you have raised, especially in relation to ensuring the South Australian Government assets are used as effectively as possible for the benefit of the community. As we discussed the Tatiara Council has reached an across government agreement with Dept of Health and DECS, brokered through Public Transport Division, within DTEI, for the local school bus to be used for Senior citizens activities, and a weekly Wednesday bus service to Naracoorte. We are working across these Departments to see that this can become mainstream policy, supported and encouraged by local DECS and Health managers.

I am scheduled to talk with SAROC next Wednesday 16th May, and look forward to discuss ideas and opportunities where the State Government Departments can provide more effective outcomes for the wider community. I am working closely with Phil Saunders, the Manager of Integrated Service Planning, within the Public Transport Division in DTEI, and are committed to progressing opportunities for utilising State Government assets e.g. School Buses and vehicles, for wider community use and benefit.

I will endeavour to keep you posted on this activity, in the coming weeks.

Regards and best wishes,”

Chris Radbone
Government Reform Commission

The GRC’s presentation at the Regional LGA Executive Officers Meeting provided greater detail on internal governmental consideration of this issue and the consensus opinion was that the LGA SA support the efforts of the GRC to convince the State Government to provide an over-arching policy that would provide for better utilisation of state infrastructure which would provide more appropriate service delivery in regional and rural communities.

In line with this opinion, Delegate’s attention is drawn to the resolution presented in the SAROC Key Outcomes Summary presented at APPENDIX 5.

The CEO is currently in contact with both the RCTS and the MMCTS requesting information regarding their potential infrastructure requirements for expanded or increased services, which will be provided to SAROC for their submission to the GRC, in accordance with the second part of the SAROC resolution.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.
Item 8.4.3 – (7.4.3 – 4/07) & (7.4.3 – 2/07) & (8.4.3 – 12/06) & (7.4.3 – 10/06)
& (7.4.3 – 8/06) & (8.4.3 – 6/06) etc. – Murray Mallee Community Transport Scheme (MMCTS).

The Hon. Adrian Pederick MP has contacted the Minister for Transport, the Hon. Patrick Conlon on behalf of the Association and the requests previously made.

At the time of this Agenda’s formulation the Hon. Adrian Pederick had received no response from the Minister.

For Information.

Item 8.4.4 – (7.4.4 – 4/07) & (7.4.4 – 2/07) & (8.4.4 – 12/06) & (7.4.4 – 10/06)
& (7.4.4 – 8/06) & (8.4.4 – 6/06) etc. – Murray and Mallee Strategic Task Force Board (M&MSTF).

The next Meeting to discuss the future of the M&MSTF is scheduled for the 14th June, 2007.

For Information.

8.5. STRATEGIC ISSUE – GOVERNANCE.

There are no Items for this section of the Agenda.

9. BUSINESS/AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED.
(including CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES OF MOTIONS, DISCUSSION ITEMS etc.)

Item 9.1 - Change of Regional Boundaries - Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC) – Discussion Item.

That the M&MLGA be requested to ascertain how smaller Councils benefit from the change of Regional Boundaries.

Background:

The Minister Assisting the Premier and Cabinet Business has advised Council of the State Government’s decision to establish four metropolitan and eight rural regions that are to be used by all departments and agencies for planning and service delivery. The region proposed for this area encompasses the same Councils as are contained in the M&MLGA area. Council seeks
information on how the changes to existing boundaries will be of benefit to local government, in particular smaller rural Councils.

Barry Parsons, LGA SA will speak to this Item.

**Item 9.2 – Code of Conduct for Development Assessment Panel Members – District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM).**

Discussion Item was received by the CEO from DCKEM regarding the Code of Conduct for Development Assessment Panel Members which DCKEM has subsequently agreed that the Item has been addressed by a resolution at the LGA General Meeting held on the 13th April, 2007.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED LISTING.**

**Item 10.1 – Correspondence received – Listing – other than that dealt with separately.**

(Many of these will have been received by Member Councils through their mail stream. Should any delegate wish to access one or more, they will be on hand on the day. Correspondence covers the period 26th March, 2007 to 18th May, 2007.

SEGRA – Conference Invitation and Call for Papers.  
The Public Practice – Flyer on Tools and Analysis for Census 2006.  
RCMB – Planning for Mobilong Correctional Precinct – Invitation to consult.  
MDA – Invitation to 63rd National Conference and AGM.  
Mojomo Insurance Brokers – Insurance Offer Flyer.  

**Recommendation:** That the Correspondence Listing be noted.
11. GENERAL BUSINESS:

An opportunity for Members to raise items of general interest or significant issues that have arisen since the Agenda was formulated.

12. GUEST SPEAKERS.

Mayor Brian Hurn OAM, Chair, Local Roads Advisory Committee and Phil Lawes, DTEI – Reclassification of Local Roads.

13. CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The next Meeting is scheduled at Renmark Paringa Council area for the 3rd August, 2007. This will clash with the next Native Title Negotiation Meetings to be conducted on the 2nd and 3rd August, 2007 – therefore meeting date is to be considered.