AGENDA

for the

M&MLGA GENERAL MEETING

3rd February, 2012

at the

Berri Barmera Council Chamber,
19 Wilson Street, Berri, SA
at
9.30am for a 10.00am start.

A light lunch will be provided.

The Meeting is open to the Public.

Advice to the Chief Executive Officer regarding attendances by phone or email, is requested by the 27th January, 2012
as per the Notice of Meeting.
AGENDA

Agenda for the General Meeting of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association (M&MLGA) commencing at 10.00am on Friday 3rd February, 2012 at the Berri Barmera Council Chamber, 19 Wilson Street, Berri, SA.

(Morning tea will be available from 9.30am.)

DELEGATE LIST:

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

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother, Michael Boyd, CEO, Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy), Deputy Mayor Neville Jeansch (proxy) and Tim Tol, Deputy CEO (proxy).

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

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

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor David Burgess, Deputy Mayor Kevin Myers, Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy) and Robin Bourne, Acting CEO (proxy).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, OAM, Deputy Mayor Barry Laubsch, Cr. Jerry Wilson, (proxy) and Peter Bond, Acting CEO (proxy).

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson, Deputy Mayor Maria Spano, Tony Siviour, CEO (proxy) and Nathan Haynes, Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor Gordon Hancock, Deputy Mayor Robert Sexton and Rod Ralph, CEO (proxy).

1. OPEN and WELCOME.

1.2 Open and Welcome – Mayor Peter Hunt, Berri Barmera Council.

2. APOLOGIES.

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

Adrian Pederick, MP, Member for Hammond, Brenton Lewis, CEO RDA Board, Patrick Secker, MP, Member for Barker, Mark Goldsworthy, MP, Member for Kavel, Terry Banks, SA MDB NRM Board.
3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the M&MLGA General Meeting held on Friday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} December, 2011 held at the Lameroo Golf Club, Chandos Terrace, Lameroo SA 5302 has been electronically circulated, and uploaded to the Association’s website at \url{www.mmlga.sa.gov.au} under the “Minutes” tab.

**Draft Motion:** That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Friday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} December, 2011 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. BUSINESS ARISING.


The “Practical Guide to Using the RISE Model for Economic Impact Analysis in the Murray Mallee LGA Region” Report was presented to the SAROC Committee on the 23\textsuperscript{rd} November, 2011 by Julian Morrison, Econsearch Pty. Ltd.

There was unanimous agreement that such a model that now exists for the Murraylands and Riverland would be useful for all regions across the State.

Emily White, Regional Development Policy Officer, LGA SA has advised that she has recently spoken to the RDA’s at their December, 2011 CEO’s meeting about the possibility of Local Government using the RISE model tool free of charge through their staff. Should a proposal emanate from this, a report will be provided to the next SAROC Committee Meeting in March, 2012.

By request from the SAROC Committee, Emily has spoken to the Federal Government who has indicated that they should be able to provide endorsement in writing of the acceptability of the RISE Model as an economic modeling tool.

**CEO comment:** Irrespective of the potential outcome of the local government usability of the RISE model through the RDA framework, Councils, groups of Councils or the Association would still be required to provide, or at least verify model inputs.

As such, the CEO has attached as **APPENDIX 1** a copy of Econsearch’s delivery of a RISE Modelling Tool Workshop, indicating a total fee of $4,620.
(excl. GST) for consideration. Such a fee could be applied to the Association’s Discretionary Projects line with a current balance of $21,946.

**Recommendation:** That:

1) The report be received, and
2) Subject to confirmation of the Federal Governments acceptability of the RISE Economic Modeling tool, that the CEO be authorized to complete arrangements for a regional RISE Model training workshop.

**Item 4.2 – (4.2 – 12/10) & (4.4 – 10/11) & (8.1 – 8/11) - Viterra grain waste disposal to Council's waste transfer facilities – Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC) – Con’td.**

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- Annual Business Plan √  
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- Budget Implications ×  
- Budgeted ×

During the intervening period since the Association’s December 2011 General Meeting, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie has experienced the receipt of a number of semi and or B Double loads of contaminated grain at their waste disposal facilities.

This again prompted a direct approach to the EPA, which in turn provided advice that, in general terms, grain receipt of this nature did not contravene the conditions of Council’s EPA licence.

It would now appear that Councils should consider their options to refuse contaminated grain receipts, or increase the price of receipts, potentially aiding a reported private sector initiative to receive contaminated grain, clean and recycle the product.

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

**Item 4.3 – (4.3 – 12/10) & (4.2 – 10/11) & (4.2 – 8/11) & (4.5 – 6/11) & (11.1 – 4/11) – Broomrape Eradication Program.**

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- Annual Business Plan √  
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In accordance with the resolution at the Association’s 2nd December, 2011 General Meeting, the CEO wrote to Hon. Gail Gago, MLC Minister for Agriculture, Food and Fisheries on the 6th December, 2011 – copy attached as APPENDIX 2.

As at the date of formulation of this Agenda, no reply has been received. The CEO will follow up this matter as appropriate.

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

In accordance with the resolution 10.1 – 12/11, the CEO wrote to all LAP’s (copy to Hugo Hopton, SA MDB NRM Board, a sample copy of which is attached as APPENDIX 3.

Two LAP Chairpersons subsequently contacted the CEO just prior to Christmas, indicating their in principle support for the proposal and Hugo Hopton indicating that he would pass the information to the SA MDB NRM Board’s LAP Coordinator for potential facilitation and to seek funding support.

Further update reports will be provided as information comes to hand.

Recommendation: That the update Report be received.

Item 4.5 - Any other Business Arising.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

Item 5.1 – Report(s) from Representative(s) of the Local Government Association of SA (LGA SA).

Chris Russell, LGA SA, will provide a verbal Report and speak to a handout, a copy of which will be retained for the Minutes.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

Item 5.2 – Report(s) from Representative(s) of the Dept. Planning and Local Government (DPLG).

Recently, the CEO received correspondence from the Acting CEO, DPLG, copy attached as APPENDIX 4 advising of further changes to departmental representations to Member Councils through the Association. The changes replace previous arrangements which included the assignment of regional liaison officers and the prioritization of DPA’s.
The DPLG members of the Regional Planning team attending this General Meeting include both Andrea Jorgensen and Katie Taylor, who will provide a Presentation on the role of the team and an update on the latest planning matters relevant to the Murray and Mallee region.

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

**Item 5.3 – Reports of Delegates. (other than those applicable to Strategic Issues - Environmental, Economic, Social and Governance).**

**Item 5.3.1 – SAROC.**

There was no bi-monthly SAROC Meeting held in January 2012.

**Item 5.3.2 – Murraylands and Riverland Regional Coordination Network (RCN).**

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The CEO has not been advised of any RCN meeting held during the period. It is understood that the newly appointed Chair, Superintendant Ian Parrott, Officer in Charge, Murray Mallee Local Service Area (212), South Australia Police will be in attendance at the Meeting and may provide a verbal update.

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

**Item 5.3.3 – Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee (ZEMC).**

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As reported in the Minutes of the Association’s December, 2011 General Meeting, Ms. Pippa Pech has been appointed as Regional Officer of the Murray and Mallee Zone Emergency Management Committee and is currently compiling the Zone Emergency Management Plan.

Pippa, in tandem with Superintendant Ian Parrott, will provide an update presentation on progress to date.

**Recommendation:** That the presentation be received.
Item 5.4 – Chief Executive Officer’s Report.

The Chief Executive Officer’s Report is attached as APPENDIX 5.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Item 6.1 – Financial Statements as at 31st December, 2011.

Attached as APPENDIX 6 are the Association’s Financial Statements to the 31st December, 2011 which includes the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statement, Operational Actual Expense/Budget Statement, and Account Transactions list. All accounts have been reconciled.

Recommendation: That the Financial Accounts Report be noted.

7. STRATEGIC ISSUES – Legend: General, Environmental, Economic, Social and Governance.

7.1 STRATEGIC ISSUES - GENERAL.

Item 7.1.1 – (7.1.3 – 4/11) - Murray and Mallee Local Government Association (M&MLGA) Strategic Plan (Plan) 2011-2014 Review – CEO, M&MLGA.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 and the provisions of the Association’s Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, the Association’s Strategic Plan 2011-2014 is due for a review, which allows for the compilation of the Association’s Annual Business Plan and Budget for 2012-2013 to be presented for adoption at the Association’s June, 2012 AGM.

Delegates would be aware that the current Strategic Plan was recently revamped and comprehensively reviewed. Following discussions with the President, it was considered that the content of the existing Plan should remain and that:
- Delegates have the opportunity to provide comment at this Meeting and put forward any further inclusions for consideration, and
- That the actions to be undertaken by the Association as detailed in Recommendations 6, 7, 10 and 15 of the “Managing for the Future” CEO’s forum, be included.

**CEO comment:** The attached draft Plan as APPENDIX 7 contains these recommendation and are marked in “red” for identification.

**Recommendation:** That the Association’s draft Strategic Plan 2011-2014 as reviewed, with any noted alterations, be adopted.

**Item 7.1.2 – (7.1.2 – 8/11) & (8.1.4 – 6/11) & (7.1.2 – 4/11) - Review of the Murray and Mallee Regional Infrastructure Plan (Plan) – CEO, M&MLGA.**

The Association received advice from the Minister for Transport and Infrastructure, the Hon. Patrick Conlon, MP, of the eminent release of the Strategic Infrastructure Plan for SA, of which the Murray and Mallee region is expected to form a chapter.

A copy of the ill-directed letter and subsequent reply is attached as APPENDIX 8.

**Recommendation:** That:

1) the Item be noted and attachments received, and

2) the actions of the CEO be endorsed.

**Item 7.1.3 – (7.1.1 – 12/11) & (7.1.1 – 10/11) & (7.1.1 – 8/11) & (8.1.3 – 6/11) & (7.1.1 – 4/11) - Strategy for Regional South Australia.**

The South Australian Centre for Economic Studies (SACES) has commenced a Local Government Research and Development Scheme project to quantify the contribution that each region makes to the State and National economy.

Results from the project (data) will be used as a tool by the LGA and its members when preparing cased-based submissions to Government. The data also provides a secondary benefit to RDAs when preparing their “Regional Roadmaps” (strategic plans).

The Murraylands/Riverland draft profiles have been completed and the remaining regions will be addressed in the first quarter of 2012.
As an extension of the regional development and growing country communities policy work, the LGA Secretariat is preparing a discussion paper for delivery to State and Federal governments on issues, ideas and opportunities for partnering with Local Government. The first draft of the paper has been prepared and will be work-shopped with Regional LGA’s and a selection of State/Federal Government representatives before being presented to SAROC and the LGA State Executive Committee.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

7.2 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ENVIRONMENTAL.

Item 7.2.1 – (ongoing) - SA MDBNRM Board Delegate Representative Report.

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Cr. Inez Bormann, MMC will provide a verbal Report.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

Item 7.2.2 – (ongoing) - SA MDBNRM Board – Board Representative Report.

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Claire Stephenson, Manager, Community Engagement will provide a verbal Report and speak to a paper, a copy of which is attached as APPENDIX 9.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

Item 7.2.3 – (7.2.4 – 12/10) - (previous file notations archived) - Community Wastewater Management Systems (CWMS) User Group Proposal.

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On the 5th December, 2011, in accordance with the resolution 7.2.4 – 12/11, the CEO wrote to each Member Council encouraging representative participation in the CWMS Aggregation Model forum to be held at Berri on the 28th February, 2012.

Delegates may refer to the draft Program/Agenda attached as APPENDIX 10.
It is the intention of the LGA CWMS Committee to make the presentation to as many interested CEO’s, Elected Members and Officers Responsible for CWMS as possible.

To date, only two (2) Councils have provided attendance details. Such information is required for set up purposes and catering.

Member Councils are again encouraged to ensure attendances and such advices be provided to the CEO as soon as practical.

Recommendation: That the Report be received

Item 7.2.4 – (7.2.5 – 10/12) - SA Murray Darling Basin Plan (Plan) Report – CEO, M&MLGA.

The LGA Secretariat is again seeking to work with Councils on a collective submission to the MDBA. Recognising that Councils are best placed to comment on issues that may be specific to their communities, the LGA will not be looking to provide comment on individual details of the draft Plan, such as the science-based aspects.

Rather, the LGA submission will address the structure of the draft Plan, the process of implementation, the roles of State and Local Government to deliver the plan objectives and the potential resources required to facilitate transitional community changes.

To date, the following key areas have been identified and will be tested through further consultation and feedback from Councils.

These are:
- clarity of the objectives of the draft Plan;
- linkages between levels of Government and how the draft Plan will assist in partnerships;
- structure of the draft Plan and whether it provides the approach necessary to address environmental, economic and social impacts;
- implementation of the draft Plan;
- impacts of the draft Plan on Councils and communities; and
- actions beyond 2019 (the date from which there must be compliance with the draft Plan).

To date, the LGA Secretariat has developed an internal issues paper, and Councils have been provided information via LGA Circulars 48.11 and 50.9.

On the 2nd March, 2012 a half day forum for Local Government has been organised by the LGA in order to facilitate discussions between Local Government, State Government and the MDBA. A facilitator has been engaged for this meeting, as well as an external consultant to assist in developing written materials. The Hon. Jay Weatherill, Premier of South
Australia, the Hon. Paul Caica, Minister for Water and the River Murray and Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, and Craig Knowles, Chair of the MDBA have been invited to participate.

Additionally, representatives from the different LGA regions affected by the Plan have been approached to present relevant issues as background to discussion later in the day. It is intended that the forum will provide the opportunity to contribute to the LGA submission and ensure all issues are identified.

The closing date for submissions to the MDBA is 16th April, 2012. However, the LGA Secretariat has requested feedback from Councils by no later than 29th February, 2012 in order to complete the LGA submission for consideration at the March, 2012 State Executive Committee meeting.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

7.3 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ECONOMIC.

Item 7.3.1 – (Ongoing) - Regional Development Australia, Murraylands and Riverland Board Inc. (RDA Board) – Regional Update Report.

Brenton Lewis, CEO, RDA (Murraylands and Riverland) Board is an apology for the Meeting and has provided a written Report attached as APPENDIX 11.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

Item 7.3.2 – (7.3.2 – 12/11) & (7.3.2 – 10/11) & (8.3.2.2 – 6/11) & (7.3.2.2 – 4/11) - Special Local Roads Program (SLRP) Funding Applications – 2011-2012 Funding Round – CEO, M&MLGA.

As at the date of formulation of this Agenda, the CEO has received three (3) Member Council advices of proposed SLRP Road Funding Applications for 2012-2013. Such advices (either positive or negative) were to be provided to the CEO, in name only, by the 30th January, 2012.

As a matter of Association policy, such advices are to be considered and prioritised by the M&MLGA Regional Transport Strategy Committee for recommendation to the Association for endorsement at the next General Meeting.
For those Member Councils with positive responses, the close off date for the Association to receive SLRP Applications is the 16th April, 2012.

Member Councils may access the LGTAP Funding Application form and Guidelines on the Association’s website at www.mmlga.sa.gov.au under the “Reports” tab.

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

**Item 7.3.3 – (7.3.3 – 12/11) & (7.3.3 – 4/11) & (7.3.3 – 2/11) & (8.3.3 – 12/10) & (7.3.3 – 10/10) & (7.3.2 – 8/10) & (8.3.2 – 6/10) & (7.3.2 – 4/10) & (7.3.2 – 2/10) etc. – Broadband Development - Regional Enhancement.**

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In accordance with resolution 7.3.3 – 12/11, the CEO wrote to Minister Conroy on the 8th December, 2011, copy attached as APPENDIX 12.

The Minister’s office replied to the Association under letter dated the 13th January, 2012, a copy of which is included in the Item’s Appendix.

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

**7.4 STRATEGIC ISSUE – SOCIAL.**

**Item 7.4.1 – (7.4.1 – 12/11) & (7.4.1 – 10/11) & (7.4.1 – 8/11) & (8.4.1 – 6/11) & (7.4.1 – 4/11) & (7.4.1 – 25/11) & (8.4.1 – 12/10) & (7.4.1 – 8/10) & (8.4.1 – 6/10) & (7.4.1 – 4/10) & (7.4.1 – 2/10) etc. – Community Transport Needs and Access (Status Report).**

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Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM has advised that no Transport Reference Group Meeting was held during the period.

As such there is nothing further of substance to Report.
7.5 STRATEGIC ISSUE – GOVERNANCE.

Item 7.5.1 – (7.5.1 – 12/11) - Local Government Nomination Process for selection of Nominees to represent the region on the RDA (Murraylands and Riverland) Board – CEO, M&MLGA.

As agreed at the Association’s December, 2011 General Meeting, the CEO sought the views of Member Councils on representational and procedural matters. The CEO reports that there was overwhelming support for equal sub-regional local government representation on the RDA Board.

However, procedural matters were less clear, varying from “no comment provided” to “sub-regional nomination and selection process to be entirely handled by the Association” to “Association endorsement only” to each nomination process to be handled on a sub-regional basis only (assumedly with no Association involvement).

Given the diversity of responses, the CEO will await an appropriate opportunity to discuss these matters with Member Council CEO’s to ultimately provide a completed response as resolved in the resolution 7.5.1 – 12/11.

Recommendation: That the Report be received.

Item 7.5.2 – LGA Year of Procurement Committee – CEO, M&LGA.

At the 2011 LGA Annual General Meeting in October, the LGA President, Mayor Kym McHugh, announced that 2012 would be ‘The Year of Procurement for Local Government’.

The Year of Procurement is a key part of the LGA’s Local Excellence program (project number 64) and recognises the significant expenditure by Councils on procurement of goods and services and the need for proper processes and transparent decision making. A number of activities are planned throughout the year, with the assistance and advice of a working group consisting of representatives from several country and metropolitan Councils, the LGA, G6 Procurement, and Local Government Corporate services (LGCS).

The CEO has been invited to join this working group to provide a statewide regional perspective. As discussions with the President confirmed that this extra activity would impose no extra financial burden for the Association, it was agreed that the CEO accept the invitation.

Recommendation: That the Item be noted.
Item 7.5.3 – Regional Subsidiary Executive Officer training proposal – CEO, M&MLGA.

The LGA and Regional LGA officers hold regular meetings bi-monthly, prior to the SAROC and LGA State Executive Committee Meetings.

A number of Executive Officers have expressed concern that they are not sure that their Association’s are fully complying with all aspects of the provisions and regulations of the Local Government Act 1999, Financial Management and Charter provisions.

Accordingly, the LGA facilitated an appropriate training module, details of which are attached as APPENDIX 13.

On the assumption that each Regional LGA contributes to the cost and that no other participants would be involved in the training, the total unbudgeted cost to the Association would not exceed $800.00. Currently, the Association is $2,774 ahead of budgeted expenditure for 2011-2012.

In addition, Member Council may wish to consider training for their own staff.

Recommendation: That the CEO be authorized to attend the LGA Subsidiary Executive Officer and Board Member Training module and that such cost be applied to the Association’s Sundries Expense line.

8. BUSINESS/AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED.
   (including CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES OF MOTIONS, DISCUSSION ITEMS etc.) – other than those dealt with separately.

Item 8.1 – Carbon Pricing for Off-Road Fuel – Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC) – Correspondence.

Delegates are referred to APPENDIX 14 for correspondence received from SMDC.

As detailed in the correspondence, Mayor Hancock will speak to this Item.

For consideration / discussion.
Item 8.2 – Changing role of PIRSA to Primary Industries and Regions SA – CEO, M&MLGA – Correspondence.

Recently, the CEO received correspondence, attached as APPENDIX 15 from Ian Nightingale, Chief Executive, Primary Industries and Regions SA.

The letter indicates the changed role of PIRSA, now to be responsible for the continued development of regional areas through harnessing opportunities for regional industries and their communities.

The Premier has tasked PIRSA to ensure closer connection between industry growth and increased tourism.

Overall, Primary Industries and Regions SA retains all of the business units of PIRSA, aside from the Minerals and Energy Resources group and the Investment and Strategic Projects division, which have transferred to the new Department of Manufacturing, Innovation, Trade, Resources and Energy (DMITRE).

The regional focus in PIRSA is expected to be enhanced by the transition of regional development responsibilities to PIRSA from the former Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED). The APPENDIX has been provided for information purposes.

For information.

Item 8.3 – Weighting of local businesses for Federal/State Government procurement policies – Renmark Paringa Council (RPC) - Correspondence.

Delegates are referred to correspondence received from RPC as APPENDIX 16. The CEO considers this matter a state-wide issue and accordingly makes the following Recommendation:

Recommendation: That:

1) the Association receives the correspondence, and

2) the CEO provides an appropriate Report to the SAROC Committee, providing a positive recommendation to request the LGA Secretariat to undertake discussions pertaining to positive weighting of local businesses in procurement policies with both levels of government in tandem with ongoing dialogue in forwarding the LGA’s Strategy for Regional South Australia and Growing Country Communities Policy.
9. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED LISTING.**

**Item 9.1 – 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 of the Items, they will be on hand on the day. Correspondence covers the period 19\textsuperscript{th} November, 2011 to 20\textsuperscript{th} January, 2012.

ALGA Focus Magazine – December 2011 and January 2012 editions.
WHK Group – Christmas Newsletter 2011.

Christmas Cards received:

Renmark Paringa Council.
SA MDB NRM Board.
RDA (Murraylands and Riverland) Board.

**Recommendation:** That the Correspondence Listing be noted.

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

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

11. **GUEST SPEAKERS.**

There are no Guest Speakers for this Meeting.

12. **CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**General Meeting** – 30\textsuperscript{th} March, 2012 - Coorong District Council area.

Note: the normal meeting schedule would be the 6\textsuperscript{th} April, 2012 – Good Friday.