MINUTES

for the

GENERAL MEETING

1st October, 2010.

held at the

Berri Barmera Council Chambers, 19 Wilson Street
Berri, SA.

which commenced at

10.00am.

The Meeting was open to the Public.
MINUTES

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association (M&MLGA) which commenced at 10.00am on Friday 1st October, 2010 at the Berri Barmera Council Chamber, 19 Wilson Street, Berri, SA.

ATTENDEES:

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

Coorong District Council (CDC): Deputy Mayor Paul Simmons, Cr. Sharon Bland (proxy) and David Mosel, Director Infrastructure and Assets (observer).

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

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Cr. Bert Haslam (proxy) and Nathan Wishart (proxy).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Cr. Inez Bormann (proxy) and Dean Gollan, CEO (proxy).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, OAM.

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson and Robert Wood, Director Corporate and Community Services (proxy).

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Mayor George Gum, Cr. John Ramke (proxy) and Rod Ralph, CEO (proxy).

M&MLGA – Peter Campbell, CEO.

Guests: Chris Russell, LGA SA.
          Brenton Lewis, CEO, RDA (Murraylands and Riverland) Board.
          Terry Banks, Senior Project Officer, SA MDB NRM Board.

As the President and Vice President were both apologies for the Meeting, in accordance with the provisions of the Association’s Charter for a Regional Subsidiary, The CEO called for nominations for a Delegate to Chair the Meeting.

Mayor Allan Arbon, RCMB was nominated by BBC and Seconded by RPC. There were no other nominations and Mayor Allan Arbon was declared Chair for this Meeting.

1. OPEN and WELCOME.

The Chair, Mayor Allan Arbon welcomed all those in attendance, making special mention of Guests present and declared the Meeting open at 10.04am. There was general agreement that the Association convey their
condolences to the President and his family on the passing away of his mother.

1.2 **Open and Welcome** - Mayor Peter Hunt, BBC welcomed all attendees to the Berri Barmera Council area.

He made mention of the following:

- Relocation of the Berri Bowling Club to Glassey Park.
- Development of Executive Style Residential Housing & Tourism Accomodation over-looking the Berri Riverfront from the Hotel to the Caravan Park.
- The receipt of funding from the Federal Government of $1.084 Million as part of the National Water Security Plan for the installation of subsurface drip irrigation to our parks, reserves and medians throughout our towns saving 3b litres of water over 10 years. Council’s contribution being $ for $.
- Council has just gone through a consultation process to change various parcels of land within the district from community land to operational. This will then allow the land to be developed.
- The downside during the year has been the closing of two of our longest and biggest employers those being National Foods and Fletchers Freighters.
- For the up and coming elections Council has two nominations for Mayor and sixteen for eight positions as Councillors.

He wished all members who are and are not seeking re-election all the best for the future.

2. **APOLOGIES.**

An attendance list was circulated. Members and Attendees were asked to record any additional apologies.

Mayor Dean Maywald, DCLW, Peter Ackland, CEO, DCLW, Barry Hurst, CEO, RPC, Cr. Barry Laubsch, RCMB, Damien Moloney, CEO, RCMB, Cr. Robert Sexton, SMDC, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky, President DCLW, Cr. Dave Burgess, MMC, Patrick Secker, MP, Member for Barker, Tim Whetstone, MP, Member for Chaffey, John Dawkins, MLC, Cr. Trevor Chapple, BBC, Adrian Pederick, MP, Member for Hammond, Mayor Roger Strother, CDC, Mayor Ian Mann, MMC, Mayor Kevin Burdett, DCKEM, Cr. Louis Dimou, RPC and John Page, Digital Switchover Liaison Manager.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the M&MLGA General Meeting held on Friday, 6th August, 2010 held at the Pinnaroo Football Club Facility, Cnr. Homburg Terrace and Gilbert Avenue, Pinnaroo, SA. Were previously electronically circulated, and
Motion resolved: That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Friday, 6th August, 2010 be accepted as a true and correct record.
Moved: MMC Seconded: CDC Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING.


Motion resolved: That:

1) the Report be received, and
2) the actions of the CEO be endorsed, and
3) following consultation and agreement by the President on contractual arrangements within budgetary constraints, that the CEO be authorized to execute contract documents with Adelaide University, and or their nominee management party.

Moved: BBC Seconded: SMDC Carried.

Item 4.2 – (4.2 – 8/10) & (4.2 – 6/10) & (4.3 – 4/10) & (4.3 – 2/10) & (4.4 – 12/09) & (8.1 – 10/09) - Digital TV – CEO, M&MLGA.

No further comment was made on this Item.

Item 4.3 – (8.1 – 8/10) - Reinstatement of Tourism Road grants for Rural Councils – Coorong District Council (CDC) – Correspondence.

Motion resolved: That the Report be received.
Moved: CDC Seconded: BBC Carried.

Motion resolved: That the Item be noted.
Moved: MMC Seconded: BBC Carried.

Item 4.5 – (4.5 – 8/09) & (4.2 – 2/09) & (4.2 – 12/08) & (4.2 – 10/08) & (4.3 – 6/08) & (4.1 – 6/07) & (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.

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Motion resolved: That Member Councils be encouraged to endeavor to meet the project completion date of June 2011.
Moved: MMC Seconded: RPC Carried.

Item 4.6 – (4.5 – 8/10) & (9.2 – 6/10) - Plague Locusts – President, M&MLGA and District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM) – Discussion Item.

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As the President was an apology, no Report was provided.

General discussion ensued making reference to spraying activities in different parts of the region and the State.

Item 4.7 - Any other Business Arising.

There was no other Business Arising.

Mayor Arbon took the opportunity to present Certificates of Appreciation for contributions to the Association to:

Mayor Dean Maywald, DCLW (apology),
Cr. Louis Dimou, RPC (apology),
Mayor Ian Mann, MMC (apology),
Cr. Paul Simmons, CDC and
Mayor George Gum, SMDC.

Both Cr. Simmons and Mayor Gum responded with words of thanks.
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, provided a verbal Report and spoke to a handout, a copy of which forms part of these Minutes.

General discussion ensued.

Mayor Neil Martinson flagged that he was awaiting confirmation from the State Government of the possibility that Fruit Fly Stations at Ceduna and Kimba were to be downgraded in operations to daylight hours only and the potential devastating effect this would have on Riverland producers.

Item 5.2 – Report(s) from Representative(s) of the Office of Local Government (O of LG).

There was no representative from the Office of Local Government present at the Meeting.

Motion resolved: That the Reports at Items 5.1 be received.
Moved: MMC Seconded: SMDC Carried.

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

Item 5.3.1 – SAROC.

Motion resolved: That the Report be received.
Moved: SMDC Seconded: RPC Carried.

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

Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM provided a verbal Report referring to notes, a copy of which forms part of these Minutes. In respect to the reference to the Australian Early Years development Index website, the web address is: http://maps.aedi.org.au/lga/sa/44210
**Motion resolved:** That the Report be received.
Moved: DCKEM    Seconded: RPC    Carried.

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

- Strategic Plan: \x
- Annual Business Plan: √
- Gov’t Imposed: √
- Budget Implications: \x
- Budgeted: √

As Mayor Ian Mann, MMC, Chair of the ZEMC was an apology, no Report was provided.

Mayor Peter Hunt, BBC advised that the operations of the Committee were going to plan and that a Coordinator was soon to be employed.

Future Chairmanship of the Committee was discussed. It was generally agreed that such matters be deferred until official notification was received from the Committee.

**Motion resolved:** That the verbal Report provided by Mayor Hunt be received.
Moved: BBC    Seconded: DCLW    Carried.

**Item 5.4 – Chief Executive Officer’s Report.**

**Motion resolved:** That the Report be received.
Moved: RPC    Seconded: CDC    Carried.

6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

**Item 6.1 – Financial Statements as at 31st August, 2010.**

- Strategic Plan: √
- Annual Business Plan: √
- Gov’t Imposed: √
- Budget Implications: \x
- Budgeted: √

**Motion resolved:** That the Financial Accounts Report be noted.
Moved: RPC    Seconded: SMDC    Carried.
7. STRATEGIC ISSUES – Legend: General, Environmental, Economic, Social and Governance.

7.1 STRATEGIC ISSUES - GENERAL.

Item 7.1.1 – Federal Election – Regional Australia.

The CEO advised that the State Government’s review and update of the SA Regional Infrastructure Plan date has been set. It is to follow the December General Meeting on the 3rd December, 2010 at Tailem Bend. The State Government intend to invite only Mayors and CEO’ of Member Councils and RDA Board Members.

Motion resolved: That:

1) the Item be noted, and

2) that Member Councils provide details of their regional infrastructure preferences at the State Government’s forum review process to be held following the Association’s General Meeting on the 3rd December, 2010, and that the CEO take note of such preferences, then to be conveyed to the LGA for inclusion into any submission made under the “Commitment to regional Australia” agreement.

Moved: MMC  Seconded: BBC  Carried.

7.2 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ENVIRONMENTAL.

Item 7.2.1.1 – (ongoing) - SA MDBNRM Board. (Delegate Representation).

Rodney Ralph, CEO, SMDC provided a brief verbal Report.

At the request of the Chair, Terry Banks, SA MDB NRM Board advised that his Board has provided a response to the discussion paper circulated by the LGA in respect to Off-Road vehicle use in the region.

Motion resolved: That the Reports be received.

Moved: BBC  Seconded: SMDC  Carried.
Item 7.2.2 – (7.2.2 – 8/10) & (8.2.2 – 6/10) & (7.2.2 – 4/10) & (7.2.2 – 2/10) & (7.2.2 – 12/09) & (7.2.3 – 10/09) & (7.2.3 – 8/09) & (8.2.3 – 6/09) & (7.2.3 – 4/09) & (7.2.3 – 2/09) & (7.2.3 – 12/08) & (7.2.3 – 10/08) & (7.2.2 – 8/08) & (8.2.2 – 6/08) etc. – Regional Waste Management Strategy.

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

The CEO advised that ZWSA is proposing to give the LGA $260,000 to assist regional Councils recycle analogue television following the digital television switchover. The LGA prepared a draft discussion paper, a copy of which forms part of these Minutes, which recommends that that LGA accepts this offer. This discussion paper also goes on to proposal a model for how the LGA might assist regional Councils, given the limited budget.

It was generally agreed by the affected Councils that the Association advise the LGA of their recommendation for the LGA to accept ZWSA’s offer and propose the program as per the details provided in the Discussion Paper.

Motion resolved: That the Report be received.
Moved: BBC  Seconded: MMC  Carried.

Item 7.2.3 - (7.2.4 – 4/09) & (7.2.3 – 8/08) & (8.2.2 – 6/08) & (7.2.3 – 4/08) & (7.2.3 – 2/08) & (7.2.3 – 12/07) & (7.2.3 – 10/07) & (8.2.3.1 – 6/07) - Zero Waste SA (ZWSA) Funding – Regional Implementation Program 2010 – 2011.

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

Motion resolved: That the Item be noted.
Moved: SMDC  Seconded: BBC  Carried.

Item 7.2.4 – (7.2.4 – 8/10) & (8.2.4 – 6/10) & (7.2.4 – 4/10) & (7.2.4 – 10/09) & (7.2.4 – 8/09) & (8.2.4 – 6/09) & (7.2.5 – 4/09) & (7.2.4 – 2/09) & (7.2.5 – 12/08) & (7.2.5 – 10/08) & (7.2.4 – 8/08) & (8.2.4 – 6/08 etc. – Regional Drought.

Motion resolved: That the Report be received.
Moved: DCKEM  Seconded: SMDC  Carried.

Item 7.2.5 – (7.2.4.1 – 8/10) - Murray Darling Basin Plan update – CEO, M&MLGA.

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

The CEO advised that advice has now been received that Community Information sessions will be conducted at Renmark on the 15th October (2
meetings am and pm) and Murray Bridge on the 26th October (am only) both with venues TBA.

**Motion resolved:** That the Report be received.  
Moved: RPC  Seconded: DCLW  Carried.

### 7.3 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ECONOMIC.

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

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Brenton Lewis provided a verbal Report. He made mention of the following:

- He expressed sympathy to the President and his family at the passing away of his mother.
- Congratulated Dean Gollan and MMC on getting the PS Marion up to the dry dock at Berri to be followed by the PS Princess in November.
- Tabled a copy of the RDA Board’s response to the draft Murray and Mallee Regional Plan, following wide consultation with regional Councils.
- Advised of the appointment of Rob Kerin as the independent Chair of the RDSA.
- The transition from RDB to RDA framework is all but complete and is working well.
- There have been cuts to current projects and also loss of current projects but the Board is pleased that the $20m Riverland Futures Fund survived the cuts.
- The RDA Board has received no funding that is due from the State Government since the 1st July, 2010. He encouraged Councils to consider payment of their subscriptions to the RDA in full rather than by installment.
- The RDA Board is hopeful that that State Government will agree to 50% funding of the Lower Murray Flood Plain Futures Study, in partnership with MMC, RCMB, CDC, SA MDB NRM Board, PIRSA and RDA and encouraged Councils to work in harmony with the RDA Board on economic opportunities.

The CEO advised that he will raise the matter of the State Government’s nonpayment of partnership funding to the RDA Boards at the next SAROC Meeting.

**Motion resolved:** That the Report be received.  
Moved: RPC  Seconded: SMDC  Carried.
CDC requested information as to what external bodies in their region were or are scheduled to be consulted on the review of the M&MLGA RTS Plan.

The CEO took the question on notice and will reply directly to CDC.

Motion resolved: That the Report be received.
Moved: BBC Seconded: DCKEM Carried.

Brenton Lewis, RDA advised that all that could be done to forward the project has been done. The project was not fully supported by the State Government and as such, Federal support was not forthcoming. It was suggested that this Item will remain in abeyance until the next Federal election.

7.4 STRATEGIC ISSUE – SOCIAL.

Item 7.4.1 – (7.4.1 – 8/10) & (8.4.1 – 6/10) & (7.4.1 – 4/10) & (7.4.1 – 2/10) & (7.4.1 – 12/09) & (7.4.1 – 10/09) & (7.4.1 – 8/09) & (8.4.1 – 6/09) & (7.4.1 – 4/09) & (7.4.1 – 2/09) & (7.4.1 – 12/08) & (7.4.1 – 10/08) & (7.4.1 – 8/08) etc. – Community Transport Needs and Access (Status Report).

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This Item was discussed at length at the recent Regional Coordination Network Meeting held on the 7th September, 2010 at Murray Bridge and the M&MCTS on the 9th August, 2010, attended by Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM.

Peter provided a brief verbal Report and spoke to notes, a copy of which forms part of these Minutes.

**Motion resolved:** That the Report be received.
Moved: CDC Seconded: DCKEM Carried.

### 7.5 STRATEGIC ISSUE – GOVERNANCE.

**Item 7.5.1 – 8/10) & (7.5.3 – (8.5.1 – 6/10) & (7.5.1 – 4/10) & (7.5.3 – 10/09) & (8.5.1 – 6/09) & (7.5.1 – 4/09) etc. - Changes to M&MLGA Charter.**

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

The CEO provided a further handout detailing updated information and matters for delegate’s consideration for this Item. A copy of the handout forms part of these Minutes.

**Motion resolved:** That:

1) In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 – Part 2, 19 – Clause (4) that the Association notes that the statutory review of the Charter for a Regional Subsidiary has been completed, and

2) Delegates confirm that for this review, no changes to the Association Charter for a Regional Subsidiary are deemed necessary.

Moved: RPC Seconded: MMC Carried.

### 8. BUSINESS/AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED.

(including CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES OF MOTIONS, DISCUSSION ITEMS etc.)

**Item 8.1 – Cost Shifting to Local Government – Southern Mallee District Council – Discussion Item.**

Rod Ralph spoke to the Item, following which, Chris Russell provided a response from the LGA SA perspective.
It was generally agreed that this Item be the subject of a future Notice of Motion to be provided by the SMDC.

**Item 8.2 – Frequency of M&MLGA General Meetings – District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM) – Discussion Item.**

Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM spoke to this Item. Consideration was given to the suggestion that this matter should be considered by the new Delegates to the Association, following the November, 2010 periodical Local Government Elections.

RPC spoke to their position on the Association meeting 4 times in August, November, February and the May of each year.

General discussion ensued.

**Motion resolved:** That the CEO provide a Report on the practicality or otherwise of the quarterly meeting cycle proposal to be considered at the next General Meeting of the Association.
Moved: DCKEM Seconded: RPC Carried.

**Item 8.3 – Term of Office for Elected Members – District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM) – Discussion Item.**

Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM spoke to this Item.

General discussion ensued with Chris Russell, LGA SA providing a LGA perspective.

Moved DCKEM: That the Item be referred to the SAROC Committee for resolution and subsequent referral to the LGA State Executive in support of 3 year terms.

General discussion ensued.

The Motion was withdrawn.

**Motion resolved:** That the CEO write to each Member Council seeking the opinions of both current and new Councilors on the merits or otherwise of both 4 year and 3 year terms of office for elected members and that the Report be provided for discussion to Delegates at the next appropriate General Meeting of the Association.
Moved: DCKEM Seconded: DCLW Carried.
9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED LISTING.

Item 9.1 – Correspondence received – Listing – other than that dealt with separately.

Motion resolved: That the Correspondence Listing be noted.
Moved: CDC  Seconded: BBC  Carried.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

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

BBC advised Delegates that Council has recently undergone an extensive Workcover audit review which covered new provisions and standards. The review consumed considerable resources and time and was perceived as a difficult process.

As a result of the audit, BBC considers that there is still substantial work to be undertaken to comply with the new standards and provisions.

Council will have a completed Report to hand in November which will be distributed to Member Councils for their information and assist in their readiness for their Workcover audit reviews.

11. GUEST SPEAKERS.

As John Page, Digital Switchover Liaison Manager – RDA, Murraylands and Riverland Board Inc was a belated apology, there was no presentation provided.

12. CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The Chair, Mayor Allan Arbon thanked all those who attended the Meeting and declared the Meeting closed at 12.16pm.

Next Meeting: General Meeting 3rd December, 2010 – Tailem Bend area to be followed after lunch by DTEI review forum of the State’s regional Infrastructure Plan

State Budget 2010

We have assessed the direct impact on Council budgets in aggregate as positive given the preservation of agreed programs and substantial increases in relation to recreation and sport facilities and the rural road safety and State Blackspots programs.

However there are three areas of immediate concern:
- a further increase in the solid waste levy;
- a proposal for metropolitan beachside Councils and/or the NRM Board to help fund coast protection works; and,
- a proposal for a lodgement fee of $15 payable to the Courts Authority for expiation enforcement work.

In addition forward estimates indicate a $1m cut to library funding in 2013/14. Given we are still in negotiation with the State for the next five year funding agreement (2011/2016) this will clearly challenge negotiations.

While this is not direct funding to Councils, the forward estimates also propose the removal of State funding to RDA Boards ($4m p.a.) at the end of the current agreement in 2013/14. Business Enterprise Centres are also affected, with State Government funding also ceasing at the end of this financial year.

While we are continuing to assess the aggregate impact of the budget and see a number of positives for Local Government, it is also not clear how these proposals will impact on individual Councils, particularly given some programs are dependent on competitive application processes. The questionnaire of State Government grant funding to Councils completed by over 30 Councils is of great assistance in undertaking this impact analysis and the LGA thanks Councils that responded.

The LGA is continuing to work through the impacts of the Budget to respond on behalf of Councils. The LGA State Executive Committee, at its meeting on 16 September 2010, authorised the President and Executive Director to respond in consultation with the Senior Executive Committee, and gave approval for expenditure of up to $30,000 beyond budget in doing so, if required.

Local Government Elections 2010

The logo “Your Neighbourhood Means the World to You” with the sub-themes ‘Your Park, Your Street’ and ‘Your Library’ are being widely promoted in the ‘lead up to the Elections. ‘Your Park’ encouraging enrolment to vote was successfully launched in Richards Park, Norwood earlier this month and I have noted the banners and Adshel promotion decorating the city.

‘Your Street’ to indicate the start of the nominations phase was launched in Unley on 7 September and we were very pleased that the SA Governor, His Excellency Kevin Scarce officiated at the launch. Nominations have now closed with a record 1274 nominations to fill 714 Council positions, including a record 28.41% of women candidates. Fourteen Mayors were elected unopposed. A full list of candidates is available on the LGA website at www.lga.sa.gov.au/goto/elections and by October 5 a dedicated Candidates website will be available on www.lgcandidates.sa.gov.au.

The key messages will continue to feature on LGA and Electoral Commission SA media releases and advertising and in Council promotions. ‘Your Library’ will be used to underline the postal voting stage of the elections process in late October through to the close of polls on 12 November

Important dates to work to are:
Mail out of Ballot packs – Monday 25 to Friday 29 October 2010
Close of voting – Friday 12 November 2010 (5pm)
Federal Election Campaign
The 2010 Federal Election resulted in an ALP Government with the support of the Greens and Independents. The new Parliament sat for the first time on Tuesday 28 September with wrangling still occurring over the Speaker/Deputy Speaker positions and the convention of ‘pairing’ MPs for voting, amongst other things. The establishment of a Parliamentary-type committee on carbon reduction and tax related issues is also an issue on the LGA’s ‘watch list’.

The LGA’s Federal Election campaign and our discussions with the major parties resulted in some good commitments particularly the commitment from the Coalition for $16 million in supplementary local road funding until 2014. We will continue to lobby the new Government to ensure that supplementary funding is continued. The commitment with the Greens and the Independents for a referendum in this term of Government for Constitutional Recognition of Local Government is a vital commitment for our sector.

The LGA’s Election website was successful, receiving several hundred hits during the campaign and our platform announcements received significant media attention. We commissioned a quantitative analysis of Local Government’s media share, compared with other peak groups, over the five week campaign see graph below.

Ministerial meetings
The President Executive Director and senior LGA staff are continuing to meet with a wide range of Ministers and are meeting regularly with Ministers Caica and Gago. Meetings have also been held with Ministers Weatherill, Wright, Holloway, Hill, Rankine, Conlon, Portolesi, Rau and Snelling, Koutsantonis and O’Brien. They have also met with the Premier and the Deputy Premier/Treasurer. The election commitments contained in our State Election 2010 strategy and its reception from the Government, Opposition, Independents and minor parties has allowed the LGA to come from a position of strength when holding these meetings. The President and Executive Director have also met with Opposition Members, Steven Griffiths, Mark Goldsworthy and Duncan McFetridge as well as the new Government Member for Mitchell, Alan Sibbons. These have been constructive and useful meetings across a wide range of State/Local Government matters.
Council Member Allowances – Remuneration Tribunal decision
To view the full Tribunal determination, go to the Remuneration Tribunal’s website (http://www.remtribunal.sa.gov.au/localgov.htm) or see LGA Circular 35.2.

The new allowances start from the day of the first ordinary meeting of the Council after the November elections.

Development (Regulated Trees) Variation Regulations 2010
The draft Development (Regulated Trees) Variation Regulations have been released for comment by 30 September 2010. These Regulations support the operation of the Development (Regulated Trees) Amendment Act 2009 which was passed by Parliament in November 2009. The LGA is intending to provide a submission and is seeking feedback from Councils. To View a copy of the draft Regulations and an explanatory letter from the Minister for Urban Development and Planning can be accessed via Circular 35.3

Local Government Reform Fund – SA Application
The LGA is working on the ‘Improving SA Councils’ Asset and Financial Management Practices’ project under the Federal Government’s Local Government Reform Fund. The LGA has developed a draft audit tool for the A&FM Audit and has tested this with the assistance of 10 pilot Councils (Barossa, Alexandrina, Prospect, Norwood, Payneham & St Peters, Tea Tree Gully, Onkaparinga, Grant, Pt Lincoln, Northern Areas and Campbelltown). Roll out to all 68 Councils is expected to start shortly and continue through to the end of November 2010. Senior LGA staff are working with the regions on the project. The outcome of the audit process will be the preparation of a Continuous Improvement Plan for each Council which will guide their individual Local Government reform programs with technical and other support provided utilising $1.65 million funds from the Federal Government.

Libraries issues
The LGA has consulted with Councils on the proposal to adopt One Library Management System across SA. The State Executive Committee has authorised the Secretariat to prepare a response for the Libraries Board of SA, based on feedback received during consultation with Councils. The LGA report will indicate our support of the continued development of the One Library Management System, subject to each of the conditions being approved by a majority of Councils. We have also written to the Premier and the Minister Assisting the Premier in the Arts stressing the importance of State support for the project for the future development of the public libraries network in SA. The Secretariat will also hold detailed discussions with Public Library Services on the future directions of the project.

Caretaker Period
All Councils are now in the caretaker period, as required by the LG (Elections) Act. The caretaker period ends at the declaration of the polls in November. During the caretaker period, Councils are prohibited from making ‘designated decisions’, which include decisions relating to the employment, remuneration or termination of employment of a CEO and entering into contracts or agreements the total value of which exceeds 1% of a Council’s rates revenue or $100,000, whichever is greater. However, the new LG (Elections) Regulations 2010 provide a number of key exemptions from the definition of a designated decision. New Regulation 12 provides that the following types of decision can continue to be made during an election ‘caretaker’ period if it:
- relates to the carrying out of works in response to an emergency or disaster within the meaning of the Emergency Management Act 2004, or under section 298 of the Local Government Act 1999; or
- is an expenditure or other decision required to be taken under an agreement by which funding is provided to the council by the Commonwealth or State Government or otherwise for the council to be eligible for funding from the Commonwealth or State Government; or
- relates to the employment of a particular council employee (other than the chief executive officer); or
- is made in the conduct of negotiations relating to the employment of council employees generally, or a class of council employees, if provision has been made for funds relating to

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such negotiations in the budget of the council for the relevant financial year and the
negotiations commenced prior to the election period; or
• relates to a Community Wastewater Management Systems scheme that has, prior to the
election period, been approved by the council.

Further information to assist Councils deal with Caretaker issues is now on the LGA website - see
Circulars 32.3 and 35.4. The LGA will be conducting a survey of Councils, after the election, on Councils’ views of the new caretaker arrangements.

Planning Reforms Update
Work is continuing in relation to governance and implementation processes under the Plan for
Greater Adelaide. Feedback was received on the draft Memorandum of Understanding between the
LGA and the State Government from the Greater Adelaide Councils and the document has
now been provided to Minister Holloway for his consideration.

A ‘Development Act Reference Group’ comprised of senior planning officers from a selected
range of Councils, Mayor David O’Loughlin (ex officio) and LGA staff, has been established to
review a range of planning related issues with an initial focus to be on both Council and Ministerial
initiated Development Plan Amendment processes. SAROC recently requested a review of the
DPA process in regional Councils and this will be covered by this group. The LGA is also
considering the broad range of planning related reforms that are currently being driven by the
Federal Government, including the Productivity Commission study into impacts of planning, zoning
and development assessment processes, to which a submission has been provided. A joint
LGA/DPLG review of the Residential Development Code is underway, together with a review of the
operation of Council Development Assessment Panels. A re-evaluation of the system indicator
data currently required to be collected by Councils, State Agencies and the ERD Court has also
taken place, with proposed amendments to the Development Regulations recently being released
for consultation. For further information contact: victoria.gailit@lga.sa.gov.au

Public Lighting
During 2009/10 the LGA was successful in achieving $ 1.13 million savings in public lighting costs
for SA Councils. The LGA (and DTEI) have begun discussions with ETSA Utilities to establish
service level and relationship agreements to move forward with a more efficient and productive
relationship in the future (2010-2015 and beyond). Negotiations will include further discussion on
an appropriate level of Public Lighting charges to be applied. Councils will shortly receive further
detail of the LGA proposal and invitation to participate. For further information contact
david.hitchcock@lga.sa.gov.au.

LGA Renewable Energy Pilot Program (SolarCouncils) – update
The LGA Renewable Energy Pilot Program (REPP) was launched on 28 May 2010 with 6
metropolitan and 1 regional Council and engaged the services of ZEN Home Energy Systems 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 additional regional Councils have become involved bringing the total number of
Councils to 16. The Flinders Ranges Council and the District Council of Mt Remarkable
are participating in the LGA REPP following successful solar programs coordinated in their
communities during 2009.

Councils currently participating in the LGA REPP include;
• City of Marion
• City of Pt Adelaide Enfield
• City of West Torrens
• City of Playford
• Holdfast Bay City Council
• City of Onkaparinga
• Pt Augusta City Council
• Flinders Ranges Council
• District Council of Mount Remarkable
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. Since the May 2010 launch over 30 community information sessions have been held across the State, over 700 people have attended these sessions and ZEN has received substantial interest via phone and web enquiries. More information about the community program is available on the Solar Councils website at http://www.solarcouncils.com.au/

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.

An interim report on the REPP progress to date will be completed by LGCS in late 2010.

For further information or how your Council can be involved please contact Adam Gray at the LGA on 8224 2055 or at adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au

Post Election Council Members Training

The LGA Education and Training Service is holding Post Election Council Members’ training for both new and returning Council Members. This training is designed to assist Council Members after the election to quickly gain or to refresh the skills required to function well as an informed team. The training will provide participants with a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities and how to access relevant information required for good decision making. For further information, please refer to Circular 37.5 on the LGA website.

For information regarding courses and seminars organised by the LGA Education and Training Service, please visit the LGA website: www.lga.sa.gov.au/goto/training.

LGA AGM

The 2010 LGA AGM and Associated Sessions will be held on Thursday 28 and Friday 29 October 2010 at the Adelaide Convention Centre. Online registrations are now open at www.lga.sa.gov.au/goto/2010AGM. Registrations close 20 October 2010. The draft program for the AGM and Associated Sessions is available to download from the AGM webpage. The LGA AGM agenda will be available to download from early October. Councils can still update their voting delegates and send nominations for 20+ year certificates of service by contacting Danni Bailey. For further information about the 2010 LGA AGM and Associated Sessions see LGA Circulars 29.2 and 34.10 or contact Danni Bailey on 8224 2088 or email danielle.bailey@lga.sa.gov.au.

LGA New Building

The new Local Government House will be officially opened during the LGA Annual General Meeting and Associated Sessions on 28 October 2010. The opening will include the dedication of the updated Time Capsule which is in residence in the building foyer. Council members and staff are reminded that the services of the building are available for use. Please let our Administration staff know if you would like to book a room and whether you will need support equipment such as laptops.
Council Visits
The LGA President is continuing visits to Councils, with the Executive Director or other senior LGA staff and over the past 12 months has visited (including this week’s visits):


The Secretariat is scheduling visits with remaining Councils.
Item 5.3.2 – General Meeting 1st October, 2010.

Murraylands & Riverland Regional Coordination Network

Regional Transport - Michelle Spagnoli, Passenger Transport Board advised that there are opportunities for integrated services involving DECS buses.

An example of where such a model is working is Tatiara. This is an example which needs to be explored further. Will require that at a local level there is identification of a need and then develop a proposal.

Also begs the question "Where does public transport within the Regions fit with the State Strategic Plan?" Has a total of 84 targets. The only reference for public transport being "increase the use of public transport to 10% of metropolitan weekday passenger vehicle kilometres travelled by 2018".

So 1 out of 84 and no reference to public transport in the Regions.

Meredith Feist providing information on Flinders University establishing a Rural Clinical School at Murray Bridge.

A presentation given on the Australian Early Years Development Index. Was a nationwide survey carried out in mid 2009 based on five year olds. Five areas covered within the results being physical health and well being, social competence, emotional maturity, language and cognitive skills and communication skills and general knowledge. Percentages were then provided on percentage of children on track and the percentage of children developmentally vulnerable.

Those results both informative and somewhat disconcerting for parts of the Region.

Next meeting 7 December 2010.
Item 7.2.2 – General Meeting 1st October, 2010

“THE GREAT TV MUSTER”
DISPOSAL OF ANALOGUE TELEVISIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
DIGITAL SWITCHOVER IN REGIONAL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.
RYAN VINEY
SEPTEMBER 2010
Proposal

Given the success of the e-waste collection conducted in metropolitan Adelaide on 11 and 12 September 2010, Zero Waste SA (ZWSA) is proposing to allocate their entire 2010-2011 e-waste budget ($260,000) to assist regional Councils recycle unwanted analogue TVs following the digital switchover.

To facilitate this proposal ZWSA have offered to give the LGA these funds to manage on behalf of regional Councils. Under this arrangement LGA would be responsible for managing the allocation of funds in association with Regional Local Government Associations.

Background

On December 15, 2010 the analogue television signal currently servicing regional South Australia will be switched off, replaced by a new digital signal. As a result all analogue televisions, if not upgraded with a digital decoder, will not produce a picture.

In South Australia the Digital Switchover will affect 4 of the 5 Local Government Regions, directly affecting 29 Councils across the state. This equates to approximately 106,363 households. It is important to note that not all Councils in a Local Government Region will be affected by the December 15 Switchover and this program would only be designed to assist those Councils

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Discussion

It is difficult to estimate the amount of e-waste that will be generated by the switchover, as there a number of factors affecting the disposal of analogue televisions such as:

- Upgrading of analogue televisions (digital decoder)
- Previous e-waste collections
- Deposal of analogue TVs to landfill
- Council’s hard waste collections
- Number of analogue TVs still in circulation

Given ZWSA’s recent experience it is not unreasonable to expect that the digital switchover will result in the displacement of at least one television set per household. An assumption based on households rather than population is the best way to gauge the amount of unwanted televisions following the switchover. However, the level of household participation in a collection will ultimately determine the quantity of televisions.
Example 1: City of Mount Gambier & DC Grant – ZWSA Collection

| Number of households = 14,474 (10,823 Mt Gambier, 3651 DC Grant) |
| 20/21 February 2010 collection event |
| 808 households attended (5.6% of total no of hh). |
| 56.3 tonnes of e-waste collected |
| 745 TV units collected x 26kg/tv = 19.3 tonnes |

Potential TV's remaining to be collected.
13,666 households did not attend x 1 tv/hh x 26kg / tv = 355.3 tonnes

Example 2 – City of Whyalla – ZWSA Collection

| Number of households = 10,381 |
| 30 March 2010 collection event |
| 398 households attended (3.83% of total no of hh) |
| 20.5 tonnes of e-waste collected |
| 419 TV units collected x 26kg/tv = 10.89 tonnes |

Potential TV's remaining to be collected
9962 households did not attend x 1tv/hh x 26kg/tv = 259 tonnes.

Based on ZWSA data for past e-waste collection events, participation has varied between 4-7% of the number of households (average 5.5%). Increased community awareness as the switchover date approaches in conjunction with appropriate advertising would see this participation rate at the higher end on the scale.

However, the difficulty for this collection will not be a lack of material but controlling community expectations and the volume of material, so that a workable solution can be delivered within the allocated budget. A significant cost for this program, apart from recycling, will be associated with transporting aggregated televisions from the region to e-waste processors based Adelaide.

The cost of recycling, based on ZWSA experiences is about $0.80 per kg. For a 26kg television (average) this equals about $20. Based on a 7% participation rate for 106,363 households, (26kg TV/hh x $0.80 per kg) it is estimated to cost $154,864 for recycling. It is important to note that this figure is the recycling cost only and does not include the costs associated with staffing, promotion or transport, which is a significant cost in regional areas.

In terms of transport and logistics costs a preliminary investigation suggests that it would cost about $4000 per 40 ft shipping container to be delivered and collected from a regional Council for recycling in Adelaide. A shipping container can accommodate approximately 440 televisions costs about $9000 to recycle.

**Recommendations**

The LGA, in consultation with Regional Local Government Associations Executive Officers, accept the ZWSA offer and receive funds to assist Councils in recycling unwanted analogue televisions in regional South Australia.

Having considered a number of different models it is recommend that the LGA, in conjunction with regional Local Government Associations, take a lead role in coordinating a collection program on behalf of regional Councils.
The Proposed Model

Assuming the costs ascertained in a preliminary investigation are accurate, it is estimated that the budget can facilitate 20 shipping containers of analogue televisions to be collected and recycled from regional South Australia. This includes $80,000 for logistics and $180,000 for recycling, representing a 7% participation rate based on 106,363 households.

LGA will arrange for these 20 shipping containers to be delivered to Councils and then collected for processing at no cost to the community.

It is proposed that the allocation of these 20 shipping containers will be based on the number of affected households in each Local Government region.

Under this scenario:
- Eyre Peninsula Local Government Region (5 container)
- Central Local Government Region (5 container)
- South East Local Government Region (5 container)
- Murray and Mallee Local Government Region (3 container)

The LGA will seek the direction of the Regional Local Government Association Executive Officers on the location of these containers within each region.

$26,000 or the equivalent of 2 shipping containers will be held in contingency and used based on demand.

It is anticipated that the shipping containers will be located in a Council depot and members of the community can drop-off their unwanted analogue television at this point over a month, during normal opening hours.

Council staff will be responsible for promotion, stacking the televisions and liaising with the logistic provider for collection. When the regions allocation has been consumed Council will inform their community and suggest an alternative solution.
Item 7.4.1 – General Meeting 1st October, 2010.

Murray Mallee Transport Advisory Committee

Met on 9 August.

Concern that Office for the Ageing has taken over from PTD.

Was concern with the proposed new agreements which have now been addressed. Certainly a lack of empathy or what is happening out in the Regions by OFTA.

Has been said that "nothing will change" as it now coming under a different Department.

Planning to have the next meeting at Raukkun as they have transport issues down there.

Further updated information with reference to:

Item 7.5.1 – 8/10) & (7.5.3 – (8.5.1 – 6/10) & (7.5.1 – 4/10) & (7.5.3 – 10/09) & (8.5.1 – 6/09) & (7.5.1 – 4/09) etc. - Changes to M&MLGA Charter.

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

BELOW IS THE FINAL MEMBER COUNCIL ADVICES ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CHARTER.

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It is to be noted that the position of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie is that should all other Member Councils be in agreement with any particular proposed change, that they would then support that proposed change.

As such, the Presidential term of office (Item 2 above) would be potentially altered to:

Part 4.4 – Clauses 4.4.1, 4.4.2 and 4.4.3 - Chairperson of the Board namely:

“4.4.1 The Chairperson of the Board shall be appointed by the Board from amongst its members and shall hold office for a term of two years, unless he/she resigns or is removed from office pursuant to a resolution of the Board or until he/she is no longer eligible to act as a Board member.

4.4.2 There shall also be a Deputy Chairperson of the Board appointed by the Board from amongst its members and shall hold office for a term of two years unless he/she resigns or is removed from office pursuant to a resolution of the Board or until he/she is no longer eligible to act as a Board member.

4.4.3 The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be eligible for re-appointment upon their term of office expiring.”
CEO’s Part Draft Recommendation: That:

1) In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999 – Part 2, 19 – Clause (4) that the Association notes that the statutory review of the Charter for a Regional Subsidiary has been completed, and

2) **(Delegates need to consider the following)**

   a) In accordance with the provisions of the LG Act 1999 with respect to Charter changes, **ALL** Council must agree to the change(s).

   b) Currently, under these circumstances, and in accordance with the position of the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, only 1 proposed change is currently endorsed in concert by all Member Councils.

   c) The Minister has advised by letter (for which legal advice should be sought) that the Association’s Charter need not be changed and re-gazetted for the sake of making provision for an external audit committee, should the Association not be exempted by a subsequent regulation.

   d) And should point c) above be confirmed, that for the sake of alteration to the Presidential term of office, that the Association expends some $5000 to $6000 in legal and Charter gazettal fees.

   e) And that under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1999, the Charter for a Regional Subsidiary may be reviewed and altered at any time in the future.