MINUTES

of the

GENERAL MEETING

4th December, 2009.

held at the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council
Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton, 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 4th December, 2009 in the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council Chamber, East Terrace, Loxton, SA.

ATTENDEES:

Berri Barmera Council (BBC): Mayor Peter Hunt, Deputy Mayor Trevor Chapple, Cr. Bruce Richardson, (observer) and David Beaton, CEO (observer and proxy).

Coorong District Council (CDC): Mayor Roger Strother.

District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM): Peter Smithson, CEO.

District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW): Deputy Mayor Leon Stasinowsky, (President), Cr. Mark Ward (proxy) and Tom Avery, Director, Infrastructure (presenter).

Mid Murray Council (MMC): Mayor Ian Mann, Deputy Mayor David Burgess, Cr. Inez Bormann (observer and proxy) and Dean Gollan, CEO (observer).

The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB): Mayor Allan Arbon, Cr. Barry Laubsch.

District Council of Renmark Paringa (RPC): Mayor Neil Martinson and Barry Hurst, CEO.

Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC): Cr. Robert Sexton, and Rodney Ralph, CEO (proxy).

M&MLGA – Peter Campbell, CEO.

Guests:

Barry Parsons, LGA SA.
Jane Gascoigne, OS/LGR
Peter Triantafilou, DFEEST
Paul Muskett, Regional Broadband Project Officer
Brenton Lewis, CEO, MRDB
David Ball, InTrinsic
1. **OPEN and WELCOME.**

The President welcomed all those in attendance, making special mention of guests present and declared the Meeting open at 10.06 am.

1.2 **Open and Welcome -**

Tom Avery, Director, Infrastructure Services, District Council of Loxton Waikerie, on behalf of Mayor Dean Maywald provided a welcome to Delegates to the Loxton Waikerie area by way of a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which forms part of these Minutes.

At this point in proceedings, the President took the opportunity to present a Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Tim Drew, CDC to Mayor Roger Strother, CDC. He spoke of the support provided to the Association provided by Tim Drew over the past years.

Tom Avery left the Meeting at 10.20 am.

2. **APOLOGIES.**

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

John Dawkins, MLC, Hon. Karlene Maywald, MP, Member for Chaffey, Tim Drew, CEO, CDC, Ivan Venning, MP, Member for Schubert, Cr. Paul Simmons, CDC, Peter Sellar, Acting CEO, DCLW, Mayor Dean Maywald, DCLW, Patrick Secker, MP, Member for Barker, Terry Banks, SA MDB NRM Board, Ray Najar, MDA, Des Schliebs, DCLW, Mayor George Gum, SMDC, Mayor Kevin Burdett, DCKEM, Damian Moloney, CEO, RCMB and Cr. John Ramke, SMDC.

3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

The Minutes of the M&MLGA General Meeting held on Friday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} October, 2009 held at the District Council of Karoonda East Murray Council Chamber, Railway Terrace, Karoonda, SA, were previously electronically circulated, and uploaded to the Association’s website at [www.mmlga.sa.gov.au](http://www.mmlga.sa.gov.au) under the “Minutes” tab.

**Motion resolved:** That the Minutes of the General Meeting held Friday, 2\textsuperscript{nd} October, 2009 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: BBC    Seconded: MMC    Carried.
4. BUSINESS ARISING.


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No further comment was made on this Item.

Item 4.2 – (4.2 – 10/09) & (4.2 – 8/09) & (4.2 – 6/09) & (4.3 – 4/09) & (4.3 – 2/09) & (4.3 – 12/08) & (4.3 – 10/08) & (4.3 – 8/08) & (9.2 – 6/08) - Regional Development Australia (RDA) – previously Area Consultative Committees (ACC’s).

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Mayor Neil Martinson, RPC spoke to this Item and advised that the formation meeting of the RDA is scheduled for the 15th December, 2009.

The CEO advised, for the matter of record, that he was generally dissatisfied with the integration timetable and process undertaken by DTED and the Commonwealth Government, where such processes provided significant delays in essential document production and appropriate consultation periods required by Local Government.

Questions and answers ensued.

General discussion ensued.

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

The following Item did not form part of the original Agenda and was submitted to Delegates on the 26th November, 2009.

Item 4.2.1 – Regional Development Australia (RDA) – Regional Branding – CEO, M&MLGA.

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As reported in Item 4.2, the CEO attended an RDA Intergovernmental Working Group Meeting in Adelaide on the 25th November, 2009. Included in the order of business, the issue of regional branding was discussed.
Both the Commonwealth and the State indicated that from the commencement of RDA Board operations, that the appropriate and agreed shop-front signage and all other products such as letterheads, stationery items and business cards etc. and branding designs for subsequent prospectus’s, strategic plan publications and the like, be designed and in place.

It was also agreed that such branding will include logos of the funding partners to each region’s RDA Board, ie: the Commonwealth, State and Local Government.

The LGA SA is nervous about the appropriateness of usage of their logo in any context other than at a State level.

The question arises as to whether it is possible, or desirable, to attempt to include the logos of eight regional Councils, along with Commonwealth and State logos and branding requirements, on smaller items such as letterheads, business cards and some publications, for the Murray and Mallee region (and of course, the other regions in the State).

In consideration that the inclusion of eight Council logos in these circumstances would be impossible, and to ensure the prominence of Local Government as funding partners, the alternatives would be:

- For Commonwealth and State logos to appear with Local Government wording only, such as “Local Government from the region” or “8 Local Governments from the region” or the like, or
- Utilise the M&MLGA logo representing the 8 regional councils in a format similar to the following:

![M&MLGA Logo]

In partnership with
Murray and Mallee Regional Councils

Delegates may consider that there is little doubt that the second option would provide better and deserved prominence.

Motion resolved: In the event of the amalgamation of the Murraylands Regional Development Board and the Riverland Development Corporation into the newly formed Regional Development Australia, *Murraylands and Riverland* (RDA Board), that the Association recommends to the RDA Board that:

1) For branding purposes, for material which is large enough to appropriately carry all partner’s funding logos, that the RDA Board seeks the permission from each contributing Council for the use of their logo, and

2) For branding purposes, for material which is not large enough to appropriately carry all partner’s funding logos
that the Association agrees to the RDA Board’s use of the Association’s logo and if associated wording is required, that the words “Murraylands and Riverland Councils” be included.

Moved: RPC Seconded: BBC Carried.

**Item 4.3 – (4.4 – 10/09) & (8.3 – 8/09) - School Community Pool Funding – Coorong District Council (CDC).**

Mayor Ian Mann, MMC spoke to this Item advising that DECS Corporate funding for the Mannum Community College swimming pool has been withdrawn and that the school had insufficient funds for maintenance purposes.

General discussion ensued.

Brenton Lewis, CEO, MRDB advised that the MRDB had secured funding for funding of volunteer positions to supervise school/community pool use.

**Motion resolved:** That:

1) That the Report be noted, and

2) The actions of the CEO be endorsed, and

3) That the CEO seeks responses from affected Member Councils to the questions detailed in the Report.

Moved: RPC Seconded: SMDC Carried.

**Item 4.4 – (8.1 – 10/09) - Digital TV – CEO, M&MLGA.**

General discussion ensued.

**Motion resolved:** That the Report be received.

Moved: RPC Seconded: MMC Carried.
Item 4.5 – (10.1 – 10/09) - Illegal Fencing on Road Reserves – District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM).

The President advised that the LGA State Executive had included “plantings” along with “encroachments” in their resolution.

General discussion ensued.

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

Item 4.6 – (10.2 – 10/09) - Condition of the Karoonda Highway - District Council of Karoonda East Murray (DCKEM).

**Motion resolved:** That the Item be noted.
Moved: CDC   Seconded: DCLW   Carried.

Item 4.7 – (8.1 – 8/09) – Independent Youth Allowance (IYA) – District Council of Loxton Waikerie (DCLW).

**Motion resolved:** That the Item be noted.
Moved: DCLW   Seconded: RCMB    Carried.

Item 4.8 – There was no other Business Arising.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS.

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

Barry Parsons, LGA SA, provided a verbal Report, during which questions and answers ensued and spoke to a handout, a copy of which forms part of these Minutes.
Item 5.2 – Report(s) from Representative(s) of the Office of Local Government (O of LG).

Jane Gascoigne, Office for State/ Local Government Relations provided a verbal Report.

In her opening comments Jane congratulated the District Council Loxton Waikerie for the work they had done as pilot council for the Rural Addressing Project.

She said that they should be justifiably proud. Not only is the signage clear, unambiguous and well positioned but there are many unintended benefits of this project to the wider community. In particular she acknowledged the work done by the Director of Infrastructure, Tom Avery.

Questions and answers ensued.

**Motion resolved:** That the Reports at Items 5.1 and 5.2 be received.
Moved: DCLW Seconded: RCMB Carried.

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

Item 5.3.1 – SAROC.

General discussion ensued.

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

Item 5.3.2 - Regional Coordination Networks (RCN’s) – (previously Regional Facilitation Groups - RFG’s) - Riverland and Murraylands.

Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM advised that a joint RCN meeting was held on the 1st December, 2009 when the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss amalgamation to the two RCN groups.

The discussions undertaken addressed:

- Uniform regional boundaries
- That the Murray and Mallee was the only region with two RCN’s
• A single RCN would cover the region
• Would alleviate the need for dual memberships, in particular government departments and agencies
• Identify that there has been changes in governmental structure since RCN’s commenced in 2007
• Opportunities for the two RCN’s to re-address their purpose and vision
• Reconsider their terms of reference.

He also advised that there was strong support for public transport issues and that the RCN’s rejected the DECS response concerning non-use of school buses. This matter will be an Agenda Item at the next RCN meeting scheduled for the 2nd March, 2010.

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

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

Mayor Mann spoke to the Report and the subsequent ZEMC Meeting.

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Murray and Mallee ZEMC be noted and the verbal Report be received.
Moved: MMC Seconded: BBC Carried.

Item 5.4 – Chief Executive Officer’s Report.

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

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS.


Motion resolved: That the Financial Accounts Report be noted.
Moved: DCLW Seconded: MMC Carried.
Item 6.2 – Rosemary Craddock Trust Fund Account – Balance of Funds.

Motion resolved: That:

1) Rosemary Craddock LLB be provided with a copy of this Agenda Report, and

2) That the CEO makes appropriate arrangements for the return of Rosemary Craddock trust funds totaling $2,961.74 to the operating account of the M&MLGA.

Moved: RPC  Seconded: RCMB  Carried.

7. STRATEGIC ISSUES.

7.1 STRATEGIC ISSUES - GENERAL.

Item 7.1.1 – 2009-2010 Business Plan Interim Status.

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The President commented that he was pleased to see that forward movement had occurred over the past 6 months on over 90% of proposed Annual Business Plan activities.

Motion resolved: That the Status Report be noted.

Moved: RPC  Seconded: BBC  Carried.

7.2 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ENVIRONMENTAL.

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

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

General discussion ensued.

Motion resolved: That the Report be received.

Moved: BBC  Seconded: CDC  Carried.
Item 7.2.1.2 – SA MDBNRM Board – Signage Approval Request.

The CEO advised that he had received positive confirmation from all Member Councils and that this information had been passed on to the SA MDB NRM Board.

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

Item 7.2.2 – (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.

Barry Hurst, CEO, RPC provided a brief verbal Report.

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

Item 7.2.3 – (7.2.5 – 10/09) & (7.2.5 – 8/09) & (7.2.6 – 10/08) & (7.2.5 – 8/08) – Climate Change (previously Climate Change Adaptation Program – Local Government Association Mutual Liability Scheme (LGAMLS) - CEO, M&MLGA).

The CEO advised that he understood that David Beaton, CEO, BBC had received advice that the $800k “Riverland” submission has been successful, but with David checking out the conditions of approval. This was subsequently confirmed.

The CEO further advised that he had not heard about the “Murraylands” submission and if the SA MDB NRM Board hears the outcome of the lower Murray submission, they will advise.
7.3 STRATEGIC ISSUES – ECONOMIC.

Item 7.3.1 – (7.3.1 – 10/09) & (7.3.1 – 8/09) & (8.3.1 – 6/09) & (7.3.1 – 4/09) & (7.3.1 – 2/09) & (7.3.1 – 12/08) & (7.3.1 – 10/08) & (7.3.1 – 8/08) etc. – Murray and Mallee Regional Transport Strategy (RTS).

Mayor Ian Mann, MMC and Chair of the M&MLGA RTS spoke to this Item.

The CEO advised that preference for fair and equal representation would be advisable.

**Motion resolved**: That:

1) The Report be received, and
2) That the CEO write to each Member Council requesting a Council representative on the M&MLGA RTS Committee, and
3) That, upon formation of the RDA – Murraylands and Riverland, that the CEO write to the RDA Board seeking revised nominations to the M&MLGA RTS Committee.

Moved: MMC   Seconded: RCMB    Carried.

Item 7.3.2 – (7.3.2 – 10/09) & (7.3.2 – 8/09) & (8.3.2 – 6/09) & (7.3.2 – 4/09) & (7.3.2 – 2/09) & (7.3.2 – 12/08) & (7.3.2 .1 – 10/08) & (7.3.2 – 8/08) etc. – Broadband Development - Regional Enhancement.

Paul Muskett, Regional Broadband Project Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation, an edited copy of which (for commercial reasons) forms part of these Minutes.

General discussions, questions and answers ensued.

**Motion resolved**: That:

1. The Presentation be received, and
2. That in consideration of project timeframes, that in this instance that the provisions of Policy Item Number 5 (6/08/06) be suspended, and
3. That, on receipt of $2,961.74 Rosemary Craddock Trust fund monies (refer Item 6.2) that such amount be transferred to the Discretionary Project line, and
4. That the amount of $3112.27 be transferred from the Regional Broadband Project line to the Discretionary Projects line, and

5. That $20,000.00 of Discretionary Projects line funding be committed to the Murray and Mallee Regional Broadband Project, project managed by the Murraylands Regional Development Board and subsequent Regional Development Australia Board, should amalgamation occur, and

6. That, on receipt of an appropriate invoice, the CEO be authorized to pay the amount of $20,000.00 (excl. GST) as partnership funding towards the project on the condition that the project manager undertakes to return such monies should the Federal Government Digital Regions Initiative funding submission be successful.

Moved: MMC   Seconded: RPC    Carried.

Motion resolved: That the CEO follow-up with both Regional Development Boards and Member Councils in reference to further outstanding partnership funding requirements and subsequently advise both the Association and the Murraylands Regional Development Board (and or subsequent RDA Board) of the outcomes.

Moved: RPC   Seconded: MMC    Carried.

Brenton Lewis, CEO, MRDB provided a public acknowledgement of the efforts of Paul Muskett, Regional Broadband Project Officer, in securing the many outcomes of Broadband availability throughout the region.

The acknowledgement was carried by acclamation.

Item 7.3.3 – (7.3.3 – 10/09) & (7.3.3 – 8/09) & (8.3.3 – 6/09) & (7.3.3 – 4/09) & (7.3.3 – 12/08) etc. - Rail Freight Integration.

Mayor Allan Arbon provided a brief verbal Report.

Motion resolved: That the Report be received.

Moved: MMC   Seconded: RPC    Carried.
7.4 STRATEGIC ISSUE – SOCIAL.

Item 7.4.1 – (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) & (8.4.1 – 6/08) etc. – Strategic Issue – Transport – Community Needs and Access (Status Report)

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Peter Smithson, CEO, DCKEM and Chair of the Murraylands Transport Advisory Committee provided a verbal Report advising that the Murray and Mallee Transport Advisory Committee met on the 4th November, 2009 and that a community survey has commenced, seeking the involvement of all Member Councils.

Discussions on the State Strategic Plan were undertaken and consideration as to whether gaps in availability, as depicted in the Plan, were being addressed.

The Murray and Mallee Aged Care Group provided a presentation on a 3 year project concerning the interaction of technology and the “aged”. This project covers the Riverland and Murraylands with the target group being in the over 55 years of age bracket.

He provided a reminder to Councils to participate in the LGA questionnaire as provided in their Circular number 47.3.

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

7.5 STRATEGIC ISSUE – GOVERNANCE.

Item 7.5.1 – Confirmation of Contractual Executive Services Insurance Coverage – President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

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The President provided a brief verbal Report.

Motion resolved: That the Report be noted.
Moved: DCLW Seconded: RCMB Carried.
8. BUSINESS/AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED.
(including CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES OF MOTIONS, DISCUSSION ITEMS etc.)

Item 8.1 – Establishment of a Federal Office for the Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) in Murray Bridge – Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) – Discussion Item.

General discussion in support of the Item ensued, with an emphasis on putting the case for the whole of the State and the Region.

Motion resolved: That the Association provides in-principle support for the establishment of a Federal Office for the Murray Darling Basin Authority in the Murray and Mallee region, subject to the Rural City of Murray Bridge receiving a business case agreed on by Council for the establishment of the office.

Moved: RCMB
Seconded: MMC
Carried.

Item 8.2 – Centralisation of staff resources for State Emergency Service (SES) East Region – CEO, M&MLGA – Correspondence.

No further comment was made on the Item.

9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED LISTING.

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

Recommendation: That the Correspondence Listing be noted.

Moved: RPC
Seconded: DCKEM
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.

MMC raised the matter of the potential Emissions Trading Scheme and raised the question as to whether the LGA SA was playing a role in lobbying for Councils’ exemption from the provisions of the scheme.

Barry Parsons, LGA SA took the Item on notice to provide subsequent advice.

Item 10.2 – River Murray Flood Plain – Brenton Lewis, CEO – MRDB.

Brenton Lewis advised Delegates that Dean Brown has formed a River Murray Flood Plain Committee to address the future use of flood plains in the River Murray corridor.

He encouraged Member Councils to channel information to that Committee.

11. GUEST SPEAKERS.

Item 11.1 – David Ball, B.Acct, ASA, Managing Director, InTrinsic Business Planning, provided a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which forms part of these Minutes.

12. CLOSE AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

The President thanked all those who attended the Meeting, including the District Council of Loxton Waikerie Council staff for provision of venue arrangements and catering, and declared the Meeting closed at 12.42 pm.

Next Meeting: General Meeting 5th February, 2010 – Mid Murray Council area.

Signed: ..............................................................

President, Cr. Leon Stasinowsky.

Date: 5th February, 2009.
ITEM 1.2 – OPEN AND WELCOME
Your number is the distance from the start of the road divided by 10. So number 508 is 50.8 (5.08 kilometres) along Taplan Road.

Your council will provide you with your rural property number along with instructions on how you should attach it to your property.
polymer Stabilisation
GPS Lasering/Landplane
Item 5.1 – General Meeting 4th December, 2009.

LGA Murray and Mallee Region Topical Report for December 2009
In attendance: Barry Parsons

State Election Campaign
The LGA is 'running hard' at the upcoming State Election, to be held on 20 March 2010. Our campaign is themed "Our Part of SA - Playing Our Part" and focuses on issues where Local Government and the next State Government need to work together to support the communities in "Our Part of SA" wherever that is. As a part of the campaign, most Mayors/Chairs and some other Elected Members who acted as a proxies were filmed at the October LGA Annual General Meeting speaking on issues that are a high priority for their communities. The LGA thanks all those who participated and will be phasing the 'upload' of video cameos in the lead up to the Election. Currently 20 cameos, the Strategic Overview and supporting media releases are on the new website at www.lga.sa.gov.au/goto/2010stateelection. A series of four blueprint documents developing the message of the Strategic Overview will also be added to the website in coming weeks.

Regional Development Australia
Feedback on the draft model rules (constitution) for RDA bodies is being considered and a final model will be distributed shortly. An induction session for all board Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons was held on 3 December. Issues specific to each region are being worked through by staff of the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) and Mr Rob Kerin, with the LGA involved if required.

Emergency Management
A Local Government discussion group has been examining the State Extreme Heat Arrangements and considering how Local Government can best assist their communities to cope with the impacts of heatwaves. Progress is continuing with the establishment of Zone Emergency Management Committees across the State. The Eastern Metropolitan Zone Emergency Management Committee had its inaugural meeting in early December and is the second metropolitan zone to be established. A number of country zone emergency management committees are operating and developing work plans. The LGA is working with State agencies to further understand what issues will need to be considered in establishing "safer neighbourhood places" as they relate to bushfires and other emergencies. As a result of recent amendments to the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, changes have been made to delegations templates and templates for the appointment of Authorised Persons. These delegations should be re-made as soon as possible. Refer to LGA Circular 47.6 For further information contact: neville.hyatt@lga.sa.gov.au

Native Vegetation
The LGA has recently written to the Minister for Environment and Conservation, the Hon Jay Weatherill and is currently in discussions with the Native Vegetation Council and DWLBC in reviewing the guidance documentation for the development of roadside vegetation management plans and the potential for regional forums to assist Councils in their formulation. A key outcome of this review will be to redefine SEB requirements particularly for road works associated with safety. For further information contact Adam Gray on 82242055 or adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au

Renewable Energy Forum
An important part of Local Government's response to the likely impacts of climate change includes building resilience for not only Council but for the wider community. Investing in local renewable energy generation is an important part of mitigating our carbon footprint and reducing our reliance on carbon intensive energy. To support this work the LGA in conjunction with ZEN Home Energy hosted a Renewable Energy Forum on 26 November 2009. The forum covered a wide range topics on the subject of renewable energy opportunities for Local Government, including; State and Federal renewable energy strategies and targets, economic development opportunities, the costs and opportunities for retrofitting, the renewable energy certificates market, renewable energy...
technologies and bulk purchase options. Details of the forum can be found on the LGA web site including speaker notes and pod casts at http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?c=19160. For further information contact Adam Gray on 82242055 or adam.gray@lga.sa.gov.au

Local Government (Accountability Framework) Amendment Bill 2009
The LGA recently sought specific feedback from Councils on the Local Government (Accountability Framework) Amendment Bill 2009 introduced into Parliament in September 2009. At the request of the President, the Minister for State/Local Government Relations agreed to a 6 week consultation period on the Bill to allow Councils the opportunity to properly consult with their elected Members and provide feedback to the LGA. The LGA received and reviewed Council feedback; Overall 32 Councils, 2 regional associations and 2 officer associations responded with comments and feedback on the provisions of the Bill. This feedback helped inform the LGA's submission to the Minister which was has been sent. To view a copy of the LGA's submission to the Minister see Circular 45.5. For further information contact Patti Raftopoulos on 8224 2068 or patti.raftopoulos@lga.sa.gov.au.

Good Governance Assessment Program
This Program, based around the governance self assessment tool developed by the LGA and covering a range of governance topics and elements, is now up and running. All Councils will have their self assessments validated by an independent assessor over a 5 year cycle. The 13 Councils in the current year's validation sample have all commenced their self assessments and planning for the validation process is well underway. The costs for this Program are being funded through the Local Government Research and Development Scheme. Councils are encouraged to participate in the self assessment component of this program. Councils who are not included in the validation sample in any year are also encouraged to access one of the independent validators from the LGA panel, at their cost, to validate their self assessments. For further information contact Patti Raftopoulos at patti.raftopoulos@lga.sa.gov.au.

Regulatory Services SOPs and Model Enforcement Policy
The LGA has drafted a suite of standard operating procedures (SOPs) and other relevant support materials for regulatory services staff. These provide a step by step approach to carrying out common regulatory activities and are intended to foster consistency in administrative and legal processes. The SOPs have been posted on the LGA's website see Circular 46.9 of 2009.

The finished SOPs include:
- Dog Wandering
- Dog Attack and Harass
- Seizing and Impounding a Dog
- Dog Destruction and Control Orders
- Removing a Vehicle under s.237 of the LG Act
- Emergency Removal of a Vehicle under the RT Act
- Unclaimed Goods Act Procedure
- Evidence Collection
- Issuing an Expiation Notice
- Issuing a Parking Infringement Notice.

The Barking Dog procedure is in draft and it currently being trialled by the pilot Councils. The LGA welcomes further suggestions for SOPs from Councils.

A model Enforcement Policy has been made available on the LGA's website at http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=1799. The Enforcement Policy is intended to be an overarching guide to enforcement options and practices for Councils to adopt or adapt. The model policy will be launched with the SOPs. For further information, please contact Andrea Malone at andrea.malone@lga.sa.gov.au.
Draft 30 year Plan for Greater Adelaide

The LGA facilitated the preparation of a submission to the draft Plan for Greater Adelaide on behalf of the 27 Councils in the Greater Metropolitan Adelaide Region. To view a copy of the submission see Circular 41.4 of 2009. The key objectives of The Plan deal with population growth, an ageing population, climate change and environmental preservation, technological change, and maintaining economic growth. The LGA has also prepared a series of ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ (FAQs) see LGA Circular 31.7 of 2009. For further information, please contact Victoria Gailit on 8224 2067 or victoria.gailit@lga.sa.gov.au.

Out of the Ordinary

The LGA is pleased to again extend an invitation to all Councils to participate in the next series of Out of the Ordinary, presented by Rob Kelvin. Production is about to begin, and the LGA has written to all Councils seeking expressions of interest for involvement in the next series, to be televised on Channel 9 in the 2009/10 summer season. Councils wishing to participate should contact Alison Gill on 8224 2031 or alison.gill@lga.sa.gov.au immediately.

Stormwater Harvesting Projects - Round 2

In April 2009, the Minister for Climate Change and Water, the Hon Senator Penny Wong, announced details of the $200 million Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Project Funding as part of the National Urban Water and Desalination Plan. Funding is available in two rounds with round two closing on 11 December 2009. A number of major Council stormwater harvesting proposals (with support from the State Government coordinated by the Office for Water Security) were lodged in the round 1 bid which closed on 30 June 2009. We are currently waiting the announcement of the projects to be funded from Round 1. The LGA is also supporting a further group of large Council projects for Round 2. As the program has a requirement that minimum project cost must be $4 million, the LGA is also seeking interest from regional Councils that may have smaller stormwater harvesting projects that could be grouped into one bid that would meet the minimum project size. The LGA would be happy to broker this application of multiple projects in a similar way that Statewide Community Wastewater Management Systems project was managed. For further information, or to register interest the smaller projects bid please contact Michael Barry Michael.barry@lga.sa.gov.au or Richard Gayler Richard.gayler@lga.sa.gov.au.

2010 Education & Training Program

The 2010 LGA Education & Training Service Program is in the final stages of being developed. A copy of this comprehensive program will be available to download from www.lga.sa.gov.au/goto/training just prior to Christmas.

For further information please contact Sandy Semmens, on 8224 2026 or email sandy.semmens@lga.sa.gov.au.
ITEM 11.1 – GUEST SPEAKER
Stakeholder Attitude Intelligence

For organisations that want to know where they are heading...
Stakeholder Attitude Intelligence

Diagnostic Tool

Employee Engagement Survey

Section 1: Demographic Information

1. Which department do you work in?  
2. What is your operational level?  
3. How long have you been working with us?

Section 2: Importance Performance Questions

Instructions:

- **Column A**: Please rate how important you feel each question is to you.
- **Column B**: Please rate how we are performing for each question.

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<th>Professionalism</th>
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<td>2. We have a suitable range of products/services</td>
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<td>4. We deliver what we promise</td>
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<td>5. Our staff have sufficient product knowledge</td>
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Methodology

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## Stakeholder Attitude Intelligence

### Segmenting Data

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<td>2 Staff are treated fairly and equitably.</td>
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<td>3 Our organisation creates a positive work environment.</td>
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<td>4 Management recognises and appreciates my contribution.</td>
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Key Benefits

- Understanding your staff
- Identifying weakness in your organisation
- Tracking corrective strategies
- Engaging your staff
What Now?

- Do you need to better understand the needs of your Staff?
- Contact us.
  - david@intrinsicsca.com.au
  - 0409 695 134