



CEO'S NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 21-22 May Brighter Futures Workshops (Port Pirie)
- 24 May Legatus Audit & Risk Committee (Jamestown)
- 27-28 May Regional SA Waste Forum & Workshop (Watervale)
- 9 June 'Owning our Future' Aboriginal Self-determination webinar (online)
- 10 June Legatus Group Ordinary Meeting (Melrose)
- 7-8 July Disability and Ageing Expo and Accessible Tourism Forum (Kadina)
- 22 July Community Development Workshop (venue tbc)

SA ELECTION

The Legatus Group were proactive in the lead up to the March 2022 SA Government Election with a focus on gaining responses from candidates on support for the Electricity Corporations (Restructuring and Disposal) (Rates) Amendment Bill 2021 which the Hon Geoff Brock introduced on the 1 December 2021.

Since the election we have acknowledged the re-election of Fraser Ellis MP, Hon Tony Piccolo MP and Hon Geoff Brock and newly elected Penny Pratt MP and Ashton Hurn MP offering an open invitation to attend Legatus Group meetings and seeking to work closely with them.

CAPACITY BUILDING

The past couple of months have provided great opportunities for increasing awareness on key aspects of the role of Local Government including:

- Legatus Group Annual Roads Forum
- SA Community Wastewater Management Conference
- LGA Showcase
- RDA Yorke Mid North Economic Development Summit

Registrations are open for the Regional SA Waste Resource and Recovery Forum 27 May & Community Workshop 28 May at Watervale: <https://wrrfourm.eventbrite.com.au>

Titled "Community Initiatives Supporting Waste and Recycling for a Circular Economy" this two-day conference will focus on how Council and Community can work together to reduce waste to landfill and add value to the services provided within Regional SA

DROUGHT

The working group have been active involved along with significant consultation including community workshops for the Northern and Yorke Regional Drought Resilience Plan. A report will be available for the Legatus Group meeting as the plan is to be provided to the Govt by 30 June. The Drought Hub Node at Orroroo has opened and the Node Coordinator is Joanne Ridsdale.

Following a letter of support the Leaders Institute of SA have recently advised they will be the local delivery partner for the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation – Regional Australia Institute Building Regional Resilience Initiative.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

The Legatus Group have been supporting the following projects:

- **SA Regional Road Priority** – The final report will be presented to the upcoming SA Regional Organisation of Councils.
- **Handling Customer Request Processes** – This has been progressed via the Port Pirie Regional Council with 8 member Councils on the development of a customer request solution developed by FOUR.
- **Bridge Deficiency Report** – Mace Engineering have completed and this report will be provided to the Legatus Group Road Transport and Infrastructure Advisory Committee before being presented to the board.
- **Brighter Futures Storytelling / Podcasts** – The initial workshop resulted in 9 towns progressing with podcasts with the participants under the guidance of Kristine Peters (KPPM) and Jarrod Pickford (Storytowns) now developing the stories/interviews. They include Laura, Bundaleer & Gladstone (NAC), Orroroo and Pekina (DCOC), Port Pirie, Redhill and Crystal Brook (PPRC) and Ngapala (RCG).
- **Local Govt Workforce** – Following the initial workshop coordinated by Torrens University they have recently distributed a survey to all member councils along with invite to other Regional Local Govt Associations and the final report is due in June.
- **SA Film Corp (SAFC)** – Assistance has been provided to the recent publication by the SAFC with 9 of the member councils featured as Film Friendly Councils from the Flinders Ranges, Southern Flinders and Yorke Peninsula regions. Other regions are currently providing their information to the SAFC.
- **Legatus Regional Roads Plan / SLRP** – The Regional Transport Plan 2022 Minor Updates have been completed along with the prioritising for this year's SLRP grant applications.
- **CWMS TRAINING VIDEOS** – Have been endorsed by the LGA and now moving into production.

GRANT FUNDING

- District Council of Peterborough's application to GISA's Recycling Infrastructure Grant – Food Waste for Healthy Soils grant has progressed for consideration under intake 2 of the Australian Government's Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund.
- Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Resilient Coastal Ecosystems in Northern and Yorke Caring for our Coastal Way – Sustainable ways to showcase and protect our coast application was successful with a \$969,900 grant.
- The application for a Building Better Regions Community Grant for a Cultural Awareness Project associated with native foods is on hold pending outcome of the Australian Govt election.
- The partnership approach for the Plastic Waste CRC bid lead by Griffiths University is awaiting final decision.
- The 'Best Practice Grant Guide' to get the latest tips to engage your community and create grant programs that get results has been released <https://bit.ly/3LMrK6J>

ADVOCACY

Wellbeing / Health: The MoU with Lifeline Country to Coast has been signed and includes the continued development with other service providers in the region on a centralised model for supporting the delivery of mental health services in the Legatus Group region. Plus, the identification of key priorities associated with the delivery of mental health with the view to developing, impending, reviewing and monitoring the model and identifying and articulating the role of Local Government in supporting Wellbeing.

Disability: In collaboration with Cr Vluggen from the Copper Coast Council presentations have been provided at various events including the LGA Showcase on the Accessible Tourism Report. This will be central of the upcoming Disability Ageing Lifestyle Expo and Accessible Tourism Forum, to be held in Kadina 7-8 July.

Volunteering: A statewide sub-working group has been set up as part of the Volunteering Strategy for SA – for a volunteer forum/conference date and venue to be confirmed.

LEGATUS GROUP BUSINESS PLAN / STRATEGIC PLAN / CHARTER

The draft 2022/2023 Legatus Group Business Plan and Budget has been distributed to member councils and responses are required by 27 May. An offer to meet with councils has been taken up by some. Following the March 2022 workshop, the revised draft Strategic Plan and Charter will be provided to the June 2022 Legatus Group meeting for their consideration before being distributed to member councils.

WATER RELATED PROJECTS

The following three projects will have reports ready in May:

- Smart Irrigation (Copper Coast & Orroroo Carrieton)
- Stormwater Harvesting (Copper Coast, Light & Adelaide Plains)
- CWMS Pump Monitoring and Management (Copper Coast)

PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE

Planning is in full swing for the Native Foods Aboriginal Culture Awareness Events to align with the Flinders Ranges Councils Quandong Festival in early August 2022.

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