

September 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29 Sept Austroads Road Assets Data Standard workshop (on-line)
- 19 Oct Waste Management Advisory Group (online)
- 19 Oct Community Wastewater Management Advisory Group (online)
- 20 Oct Aged Rights Advocacy Workshop (online)
- 31 Oct Road Transport Infrastructure Advisory Committee (online)
- 10 Nov Legatus Group Audit Committee (on-line)
- 15 Nov Legatus Regional Management Group (on-line)
- 24 Nov Legatus Group OGM – meeting hosted by Wakefield Regional Council

The Legatus Group welcomed newly appointed Mayor Grant Chapman District Council of Orroroo Carrieton at their AGM on the 25 August 2023. They also released their 2022/2023 Annual Report: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/about-2/>

BRM Advisory have been contracted to undertake a review of the Legatus Group Strategic Plan, Charter and CEO position in time for the 24 November 2023 Legatus Group meeting.

ADVOCACY

The Legatus Group is supporting the Copper Coast Council for the LGA to liaise with the Dog and Cat Management Board and the AWL regarding the cessation of the Management of unwanted stray, lost and surrendered pets by the AWL. Plus, any costs requested from Regional and Rural Councils to develop animal holding facilities, particularly for Metropolitan Councils be identified and information provided to Councils.

They continue to lobby the SA Govt to support a centralised model for mental health services in Regional SA. Plus, support to the LGA on gaining Rating Equity for SA Councils from Wind and Solar Power Generators.

ROADS

The 2023 SLRP applications from the region have been submitted and announcements are anticipated soon. HDS have been contracted to undertake the Legatus Group Regional Route and Road Action Plan Update 2024 Regional Roads Database and 2024 SLRP Regional Priorities List.

Following workshops held in the region by the NHVR with the Strategic Local Government Asset Assessment Project two trial sites in the region have been identified. Plus, a workshop is being held for member councils with Aus Roads on 29 Sept regarding road classifications.

The Legatus Group are writing to the LGA Board to seek their support to gain increased funding for Special Local Roads Program Funding and the Legatus Group CEO will continue to facilitate the SA Regional Road Priority Working Group.

ESCOSA FEE STRUCTURE

The Legatus Group through their support on the opposition to the model fee structure being set by ESCOSA received correspondence from the Minister for Local Government and met with the LGA CEO at their August 2023 meeting. The meeting acknowledged the support from SAROC and encourage all member councils to support at this matter at the forthcoming LGA Ordinary Meeting.

CLIMATE CHANGE SECTOR AGREEMENT

The Northern and Yorke Alliance (RDA Yorke Mid North, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and the Legatus Group) have released an update on their Action Plan from this agreement and this can be found at: <https://legatus.sa.gov.au/climate-change/>

COMMUNITY CONTINUITY PLANNING

10 workshops have been held across the region for the Community Disaster Preparation Project. The reference group are meeting to discuss the draft Community Disaster Preparation Toolkit and Handbook. A webinar will be held on 8 September before the final efforts on finalising these documents. The workshops have provided a valuable opportunity for councils and communities to engage on ways to help build resilience. The final documents will be presented to the Legatus Group Nov. meeting before being published on a dedicated website: <https://communitydisasterprep.com.au/>

CARBON OFFSETTING

Stages 1 and 2 of the report are now complete and the consultants are moving into phase 3. This work has identified opportunities for Regional Councils and Metropolitan Councils partner to offset carbon emissions. The Legatus Group have been a major supporter of this project and meetings are being planned by the reference group to meet with the LGA in the near future.

REGIONAL LG CAREER PATHWAYS & WORKFORCE TOOLKIT

This project is entering its final stages and is through a partnership with Torrens Uni and the Legatus Group with funding through the LGA R&D Scheme. The work undertaken has been stakeholder mapping, interviews and case studies with a final report and toolkit to be available in the coming weeks. This project is assisting the LGA and LG Professionals with the *Building Sector Capability* project that focusses on marketing of local government career pathways, with a central portal for a range of resources (both for public and local member councils).