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**Draft Minutes of the South Australian Region Organisation of Councils (SAROC) Committee meeting held at 10am on Wednesday 6 March 2019 in the Boardrooms at Local Government House, 148 Frome Street, Adelaide**

**1. Welcome, Present & Apologies**

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 10:01am and welcomed members and staff.

**1.1 Present**

**SAROC Members**

Mayor Erika Vickery <i>OAM*</i>	Member / Chairperson
Mayor Dave Burgess	Member
Mayor Peter Hunt ( <i>until 12noon</i> )	Member
Mayor Dean Johnson	Member
Mayor Peter Matthey*	Member
Mayor Bill O'Brien	Member
Mayor Richard Sage	Member
Mayor Leon Stephens	Member
Mayor Sam Telfer*	Member / LGA President

\* LGA Board Director

**LGA Secretariat**

Lisa Teburea	Executive Director, Public Affairs
Lea Bacon	Director, Policy
Stephen Smith	Director, Policy
Cheryl Goult	Administration & Research Coordinator (minutes)
Astrid Crago	Administration Coordinator

**Regional Executive Officers**

Peter Bond ( <i>until 12.27pm</i> )	Murraylands & Riverland LGA
Graeme Martin	Southern & Hills LGA
Tony Irvine	Eyre Peninsula LGA

**1.2 Apologies and Absences**

Mayor Clare McLaughlin	Member
Mayor Keith Parkes*	Member
Mayor Glen Rowlands	Member
Mayor Leon Stephens	Member
Matt Pinnegar	LGA Chief Executive Officer

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## 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

### 2.1 Minutes of Meeting

Moved Mayor Hunt Seconded Mayor Johnson that the SAROC Committee confirms the minutes of previous SAROC meetings held on 12 September, 26 October and 19 December 2018 as true and accurate records of the proceedings held.

**Carried**

### 2.2 Resolutions and Actions

As this is the first ordinary meeting of the SAROC Committee under the new LGA Constitution there are no previous resolutions and actions to update. A report on the actions of the previous SAROC committee will be presented to the next meeting.

**Carried**

## 3. Invited Guest Speakers

Nil.

## 4. Regional Executive Officers' Update

Nil.

## 5. Proposed Items of Business Submitted by Member Councils

### 5.1 State of Climate Change Emergency

Moved Mayor Burgess Seconded Mayor Sage that the SAROC Committee approves the following item of business requested by the Mount Barker District Council, as amended, being included in the agenda for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2019:

*That the Ordinary General Meeting requests the LGA to investigate opportunities for giving a higher priority to lobbying state and federal governments on climate change, as well as facilitating appropriate responses from member councils, due to the escalating environmental, economic, social and risk related issues faced by the local government sector.*

**Carried**

### 5.2 Jetties

Moved Mayor Telfer Seconded Mayor Matthey that the SAROC Committee approves the following item of business requested by the District Council of

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Tumby Bay is included on the agenda for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting on 12 April 2019:

*That the Ordinary General Meeting requests that the LGA immediately begin negotiations with the current State Government to draft a lease or other agreement with local government collectively to safeguard the future of jetties in South Australia without creating a financial burden on ratepayers, especially in rural and regional areas.*

**Carried**

### **5.3 Local Government Leadership in Climate Risk Management**

Moved Mayor Burgess Seconded Mayor Johnson that the SAROC Committee approves the following item of business requested by the Southern and Hills LGA being included in the agenda for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2019:

*That the Ordinary General Meeting agrees to enhance Local Government leadership in climate risk management, by:*

- 1. Advocating that the South Australian Government (including DPTI and DEW) establishes and manages a centrally coordinated climate hazard mapping framework to inform decision-making in collaboration with Councils;*
- 2. Advocating to ensure Local Government priorities on climate risk management are considered in the State Government's new cross-agency Climate Change Strategy; and*
- 3. Investigating opportunities for the LGASA to increase its support to councils to accurately assess the climate risk exposure of Council plans and projects.*

**Carried**

### **5.4 Lack of Medical Services to Regional Areas**

Moved Mayor Johnson Seconded Mayor Telfer that the SAROC Committee approves the following item of business requested by councils in the Eyre Peninsula LGA being included in the agenda for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2019:

*That the Ordinary General Meeting requests the LGA to lobby the State and Commonwealth governments for the provision of improved health services in regional and rural Australia.*

**Carried unanimously**

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### 5.5 Little Corella Management

Moved Mayor Burgess Seconded Mayor Hunt that the SAROC Committee approves the following item of business requested by Alexandrina Council being included in the agenda for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2019:

*That the Ordinary General Meeting asks the LGA to continue to advocate to State Government for:*

1. *the urgent adoption (in consultation with the local government sector) of a state-wide strategy for the management of Little Corellas; and*
2. *a commitment to fund implementation of the strategy, which must include financial assistance to local governments for:*
  - (a) *the development of integrated local management plans; and*
  - (b) *the implementation of medium and long term management options at a local-scale.*

**Carried**

### 5.6 Funding for Regional Road Safety

Moved Mayor Matthey Seconded Mayor Sage that the SAROC Committee approves the following item of business requested by Alexandrina Council being included in the agenda for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2019:

*That the Ordinary General Meeting asks the LGA to call on State Government to:*

1. *actively advocate to Federal Government for the permanent reinstatement of South Australia's supplementary local roads funding; and*
2. *allocate increased funds for the maintenance and upgrade of safe and high quality regional roads, in line with their pre-election commitment to establish a dedicated Regional Roads and Infrastructure Fund.*

**Carried**

### 5.7 Regional Road Funding

Moved Mayor Sage Seconded Mayor Burgess that the SAROC Committee not approve the item of business requested by Wattle Range Council regarding regional road funding on the basis that the LGA is focused on achieving effective outcomes through sector-wide advocacy on road funding with partnership opportunities between local, state and federal governments.

**Carried**

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## 5.8 Regional Economic Growth and Development

Moved Mayor Burgess Seconded Mayor Johnson that the SAROC Committee approves the following item of business requested by Wattle Range Council, as amended, being included in the agenda for the LGA Ordinary General Meeting to be held on 12 April 2019:

*That the Ordinary General Meeting asks that the LGA continue to lobby the State Government to develop and implement initiatives that will assist with the growth and development of regional South Australia.*

**Carried**

*11.12am the meeting adjourned briefly for morning tea.*

*11.28am all members returned to the room and the meeting resumed.*

## 6. Reports for Discussion

### 6.1 SAROC Strategic Plan 2019-2023 and Annual Business Plan 2019-2020

Executive Director Public Affairs, Lisa Teburea provided a presentation on the requirements of the LGA Constitution and the SAROC Terms of Reference.

There was general discussion.

*12:00pm Mayor Peter Hunt left the room*

Moved Mayor Burgess Seconded Mayor Johnson that the SAROC Committee:

1. receives the draft SAROC Strategic Plan 2019-2023 , with the addition of minor agreed adjustments, for consultation with members within the SAROC Regional Group ; and
2. requests that the LGA Secretariat circulate an updated draft Annual Business Plan to SAROC Committee members and Regional LGA Executive Officers for further comment and out of session endorsement prior to commencing consultation with members within the SAROC Regional Group

**Carried**

### 6.2 Community Sporting Club Insurance and Capitation Fees – Spencer Gulf Cities

Moved Mayor Matthey Seconded Mayor Johnson that the SAROC Committee requests the Spencer Gulf Cities to provide additional information and evidence to support the proposed item 'Community Sporting Club Insurance and Capitation Fees'.

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### **6.3 Meeting Dates for 2019**

Moved Mayor Johnson Seconded Mayor O'Brien that the SAROC Committee: confirms meetings for the remainder of 2019 as:

1. 16 May
2. 18 July
3. 19 September
4. 21 November

**Carried**

## **7. Confidential Reports**

Nil

## **8. Late Reports**

### **8.1 The Clearing of Roadside Vegetation and Declared Plants, Particularly for Fire Prevention – District Council of Grant**

Moved Mayor Telfer Seconded Mayor Matthey that the SAROC Committee requests that the District Council of Grant refer the item 'The Clearing of Roadside Vegetation and Declared Plants, Particularly for Fire Prevention' to the Limestone Coast LGA meeting.

**Carried**

### **8.2 The Need for TAFE SA Regional Budgets, Regional Boards and for Regions to have Increased Responsibility – District Council of Grant**

Moved Mayor Telfer Seconded Mayor Matthey that the SAROC Committee requests that the District Council of Grant refer the item 'The Need for TAFE SA Regional Budgets, Regional Boards and for Regions to have Increased Responsibility' to the Limestone Coast LGA meeting.

**Carried**

## **9. Any Other Business**

Nil.

## **10. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the SAROC Committee will be held on Thursday 16 May 2019 at 10am in the Boardrooms at Local Government House, 148 Frome Street, Adelaide.

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**11. Close**

The meeting was declared closed at 12.50pm.

**Minutes confirmed**

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Chairperson signature

Date .....