



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As always, the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association has involved itself with a variety of issues and projects. Over the past two years, our workload has included the usual responses to legislation and other changes likely to affect us, but we have also spent more time taking a coordination role in a number of operational issues, including regional training opportunities.

Coastal Councils have been actively participating in the roll out of both state and federal Marine Parks around our coastline, as well as advancing regulations designed to manage recreational catch limits of specified species. Both these issues have been championed by Mayor Allan Suter and DC Ceduna, with the Far West of the state heavily impacted on both fronts. Recreational limits have recently been announced and this should see significantly less impact on King George Whiting catches by recreational fishers on Eyre Peninsula which has for decades seen practices that have been considered unsustainable. Outcomes from the sanctuary zoning announcements under the marine parks roll out have been greatly concerning with many watching the likely compensation calculations being determined. Some commercial sectors are claiming significant underestimation of catch values and it is likely that the process will have a way to go yet.

Other issues have included scrutinising the RDAWEP Rules and the decision of the state government to cease

funding RDA beyond 2013, mining expansion and land-use conflicts arising from some exploration activities as well as the perennial issue of water security.

We are currently preparing our next Eyre Peninsula Roads Strategy which has a number of road issues that will need to be addressed, including gazetted routes for freight movements. We are also reviewing our Charter and developing a new Management Plan.

In addition, the EPLGA has coordinated the regional delivery of Certificate IV in OHS which is being undertaken by 8 of our Risk Officers from Councils. The workshops are held approximately each month at a venue on EP and the group is finding the cooperative effort of great assistance. We also assisted Norman Waterhouse to locally deliver Rates Training to another group and five of our Works Managers undertook the Road Safety Assessors Course delivered at Port Lincoln by Uni SA. I would suggest that this should be an on-going role of EPLGA to coordinate regional delivery of accredited training to our Councils. While uptake of regional workshops through the LGA was poor last year, it seems that there is interest in higher level training delivered regionally.

The highly successful Annual Conference was this year very ably hosted by Streaky Bay and was again an unqualified success, from all reports. The speakers were carefully chosen to deliver strong local government input and highlighted success stories, key legal issues, planning frameworks, inputs from partner organisations as well as plenty of networking. My thanks also go to Mayor Eddie Elleway for deputising for me at this event which I was unfortunately unable to attend. We have enjoyed a number of guest speakers at our regular Board meetings and they presented across a range of topics. In September 2011, we also welcomed President Kym McHugh and Minister Russell Wortley to our Tumby Bay Board meeting.

Finally, the support of both Eddie as Snr Vice president, and Mayor John Schaefer, Jr Vice President has been most appreciated. We have been very ably assisted by Diana Laube as Executive Officer and with support from staff at RDAWEP. Over the coming months, Diana will be retiring and we expect to have a new Executive officer by January 2013. On behalf of EPLGA members I commend and thank Diana for her dedication, her advice and support. She has played a valuable role in furthering the objectives of EPLGA and I wish her well for the future. The 2012/13 year is shaping up to be another busy one that will no doubt present us with plenty of issues to follow.

The contribution of all Members has continued to make EPLGA a united voice and it is through this unity that we will achieve our goals.

MAYOR JULIE LOW

MEMBER COUNCILS 2011/12

- City of Whyalla
- City of Port Lincoln
- DC Ceduna
- DC Cleve
- DC Elliston
- DC Franklin Harbour
- DC Kimba
- DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
- DC Streaky Bay
- DC Tumby Bay
- Wudinna DC

REPRESENTATIVES:

At the 75th AGM of the Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association, held at Kimba on 9th December 2011, the following Office Bearers were confirmed for the 2011/12 financial year:

PRESIDENT: Mayor Julie LOW (DC Lower Eyre Peninsula)

SNR VICE PRESIDENT : Mayor Eddie Elleway (DC Franklin Harbour.)

JUNIOR VICE PRESIDENT: Mayor John Schaefer (DC Kimba)

Our President and Snr Vice President are our nominated representatives to SAROC and State Executive Forums.

Other local government representatives to regional Boards have been as follows:

RDA Whyalla and EP BOARD:

Mayor Jim Pollock (City of Whyalla)
 Cr Jack Velthuizen (City of Whyalla)
 Cr Colin Carter (City of Whyalla)
 Mayor Allan Suter (DC Ceduna)
 Cr Bryan Trigg (DC Cleve)
 Cr Malcolm Catt (City of Pt Lincoln)

EYRE PENINSULA NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Mayor Bruce Green (City of Port Lincoln)

ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE, 1981-2020.

A highlight on the EPLGA calendar is the Annual Conference, hosted each year by a member Council. To assist in host Council planning, the following schedule is included:

2000 DC Franklin Harbour
 2001 DC Cleve
 2002 DC Streaky Bay
 2003 DC Elliston
 2004 DC Tumby Bay
 2005 Whyalla CC
 2006 DC Ceduna
 2007 DC Lower Eyre Peninsula
 2008 DC Kimba
 2009 DC Wudinna
 2010 DC Franklin Harbour
 2011 DC Cleve
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 2018 Port Lincoln CC
 2019 DC Kimba
 2020 Wudinna DC

The 2013 conference will be held on Monday 25th February 2013 at Elliston.

BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2011/12

Under the terms of our Charter, the following Board appointments were current as at June 30th, 2011:

Ceduna	Allan Suter (Mayor) Lynton Brown (D/Mayor)
Cleve	Roger Nield (Mayor) Jodie Jones (D/Mayor)
Elliston	Pat Clarke (Chair) Kym Callaghan (Dep Ch)
Franklin Harbour	Eddie Elleway (Mayor) Gavin Jackson (Dep Mayor)
Kimba	John Schaefer (Mayor) Dean Johnson (Dep Mayor)

Lower Eyre Peninsula

Julie Low (Mayor)

Paul Pedler (D/Mayor)

Port Lincoln

Bruce Green (Mayor)

Neville Starke (D/Mayor)

Streaky Bay

Rob Stephens (Mayor)

Dean Whitford (Dep Mayor)

Tumby Bay

Laurie Collins (Mayor)

Murray Mason (Dep Mayor)

Whyalla

Jim Pollock (Mayor)

Merton Hodge (Cr)

Wudinna

Tim Scholz (Chair)

Neville Scholz (Dep Ch)

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES, 2011/12

Our core activities always include reacting to legislation and policy changes that are likely to negatively affect our region. This year ongoing concerns have been with:

- State and federal Marine parks
- Recreation Fishing limits
- Various roads and waste issues
- Regional Strategy for LGA
- Emergency Planning
- Time Zones
- Water Planning
- Regional planning

Projects carried out 2011/12

Regional Training Projects

Following the recommendations of the One System Consultancy, we successfully sought funding through DFEEST for the running of **Certificate IV in OHS** on Eyre Peninsula. Eight Councils have participated with the relevant officer attending day long sessions approximately every month.

Route Assessors.

Road assessment has previously required Councils to source a route assessor from off EP, adding to the cost. However, Lower EP, Tumby Bay, Wudinna, Elliston and Ceduna councils have supported a regional approach which saw us engage UniSA to deliver the initial 3 day training at Port Lincoln.

Rates Training.

Councils strongly supported Norman Waterhouse's training for rates officers which was held at Wudinna on May 15th.

EPLGA Marketing

This project, using the services of CPR, has continued with the completion of the Stakeholder Survey early in 2012. Members clearly indicated strong support to raise the profile of EPLGA especially with both the state and federal governments. A key project is now the commissioning of a report on the mining expansion, including the population distribution by township. This will be of great assistance to Councils in their structure planning and in their future planning for infrastructure needs. Currently, we are waiting for final confirmation from the LGA that they are able to assist us in funding the next component of this on-going project.

Emergency Management Planning

After success at the Natural Disaster Mitigation Grant rounds, we were advised that our funds could be held over and we were invited to undertake the EMP project with Risk services. The preliminary meetings have occurred and the development meetings are scheduled later in August. With our grant funds, it is an ideal opportunity to ensure that any further training identified to strengthen our capacity to manage emergencies and to assess risks can be funded.

Coastal Inundation Planning.

For the past three years, the EPLGA has sought funding to develop regional planning for coastal inundation predicted by CSIRO under various climate models. While we have not been successful yet, we were given \$20,000 through the LRGDS to tackle the question of the scale of digital elevation modeling (DEM) that was appropriate for regional councils.

We worked alongside the District Council of Tumby Bay who was keen to begin modeling as part of their structure planning approach. URPs have prepared a report on the decision making process and the options presented for regional Councils and Aerometrex performed the modeling for DC Tumby Bay.

Use of Financial Resources.

The following audited statement indicate another year of solid financial performance.