



SACCA MEETING SUMMARY

4 February 2025

SACCA held a committee meeting on Tuesday 4th February 2025 via Teams. Key outcomes from the meeting include;

- **Committee Member Updates:** SACCA Committee members provided updates on priority coastal issues from their Council and LGA region. The issues raised include;
 - SACCA Committee welcomed new members. S&HLGA Proxy member Mayor Darryl Houston and Ex-officio member LGA President Mayor Heather Holmes-Ross.
 - **LCLGA** – DC Grant has introduced reforms to its coastal camping arrangements which has empowered rangers to inform and relocate campers from unapproved areas. DC Grant and Robe Council have almost completed their coastal adaptation planning. CRC funding applications are in progress to advance next planning steps. Kingston Council is still working through its negotiations with DIT on its Jetty and sand accumulation and dredging at Cape Jaffa. Robe Council is still considering the future of the Obelisk with a community working group.
 - **S&HLGA** – Alexandrina Council has reinstated the swimming pontoon at Horseshoe Bay following significant challenges with insurance requirements and community expectation. Support from SACCA EO in facilitating discussion with the LGAMLS was much appreciated by Councils. Beach access arrangements at Goolwa have also caused considerable concern, especially with non 4wd vehicles. Yankalilla have had very similar issues with their swimming pontoon, Jetty maintenance arrangements and vehicles on the beach (vehicles using access but not launching boats)
 - **N&YLGA** – DC Yorke Peninsula has been progressing reforms in coastal access with restrictions at Wauraltee beach due to be introduced in early February. The project is being coordinated with a range of stakeholders (including Council, Landscape Board, DEW and first nations). This project, as well as progress in Barunga West Council will inform discussion on Statewide arrangements. SACCA EO will pursue this with DEW. DCYP has 12 pontoons, most in ownership of progress associations, and Council is considering revised ownership/management/maintenance issues.
 - The Northern and Yorke LGA has recently appointed a new CEO – Bridget Ransome who started in late 2024. The SACCA EO will reach out to discuss opportunities for collaboration.
 - **USG** -Port Augusta and Port Pirie Councils are still seeking funding support for upgrade of jetties/wharfs. Whyalla is still experiencing vandalism of signage and barricades by 4wd enthusiasts seeking access. Demand at the cuttle fish dive site is growing with tenure arrangements still under negotiation. Funding is needed to support berthing and visitor access to vessels. Whyalla has also received funding for significant foreshore upgrades including dry and wet (waterpark) playgrounds. Sand replenishment and plantings are being sustained near the sea wall to support protection, as well as sea wrack build up.
 - **EPLGA** – Elliston has received funding to support dune restoration projects as well as investigation into shark mitigation strategies. DC Franklin Harbour has a DA under assessment for sand replenishment in front of shacks at Lucky Bay. The marina still requires dredging. Cleve is investing in a coastal boardwalk and sand accumulation is causing issues at Arno Bay. Camping compliance is working well over peak summer period. CH4 global is moving to commercial manufacturing of seaweed supplements for ruminants (methane mitigation). Tumby Bay is currently surveying its residents on future options for the Jetty (closes this Friday).
- **Executive Officers Update:** EO Adam Gray provided an update on key activities currently underway.

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- Jetties continue to be a key focus and SACCA is working with Norman Waterhouse lawyers to review new lease arrangements and funding agreements with four Councils that have received funding offers.
 - SACCA continues to support the LGA Climate Ready Coasts project. The 'coastal hazard adaptation planning' guidelines have been endorsed by both LGASA and CPB, and Councils are preparing final applications for the CRC grant program grant program. The CRC project via the LGA will make available \$1.3M for Councils to progress coastal hazard adaptation plans. Refer [here!](#) for more info.
 - SACCA and the CRC project management group is supporting the LGA with a potential Disaster Ready Fund Rd3 funding bid to deliver ongoing CRC project objectives post 2026.
 - SACCA has been eagerly watching the coastal access reforms being trialled in the N&YLGA region with a view to statewide arrangements that might evolve from this region. DEW are preparing to release the strategy for public consultation in February, and we are in discussions with them on potential Council engagement opportunities for early-mid 2025.
 - SACCA has partnered with IPWEA and is delivering two key projects in 2025.
 - Disaster Ready Funding (DRF) Rd2 was awarded to develop support for Councils to assist in integrating coastal assets into long term asset and financial management plans, and
 - LGA R&DS funding was awarded to work with a range of stakeholders on tools/resources to support councils with green infrastructure projects (such as revegetation, sand management, dune stabilisation etc)
 - SACCA and the ACCN (Metro Councils) are preparing to host a series of webinars during 2025 to support Councils with a range of initiatives, including the delivery of adaptation plans.
 - Over the Dec/Jan period SACCA supported approx.12 coastal Councils with discussions on insurance and maintenance / management of swimming pontoons. In Dec 2024 SACCA facilitated a forum with Councils and the LGA MLS.
 - SACCA Executive Officer is attending the Feb/March Eyre Peninsula Regional LGA Board meeting and regional conference to engage with members councils and provide an update on activities.
- **SACCA Social Media:** The SACCA LinkedIn profile continues to be a valuable tool in raising the profile of the Alliance and issues affecting coastal Councils.
 - **SACCA Coastal Forum 2025:** Following on from another very successful coastal forum last year on 8 Nov 2024 SACCA is planning a much larger event for 2025 in collaboration with the Australian Coastal Society (ACS). The ACS holds a coastal forum in SA biennially (every second year). The SACCA/ACS event is likely to be held in the first week of Nov 2025 with 2 days of conference and a half day site tour.
 - **Stakeholder Updates**
 - **Dept Environment & Water (DEW) / Coast Protection Board (CPB) Update.** Mr Paul Caica has been appointed as the new Chair of the CPB following the resignation of Jeff Tate in 2024. Many will remember Paul as the former Member for Colton and holding various Cabinet Ministerial portfolios including most recently as Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation and Minister for Water and the River Murray from 2011-2013. 2024-25 CPB Grants have recently been announced with recipients outlined on the DEW website [here!](#) The allocation was increased this year by the Board by an extra \$100k totalling \$1.2M.
 - **LGASA / Adelaide Coastal Councils Network (ACCN).** The ACCN has developed a range of plans to guide its activities including strategic, business and communications. ACCN is collaborating with SACCA on a range of grant funding applications, information sharing and forums and projects (such as the CRC project). Last year Mayor Coxon resigned as the LGA Representative on the ACCN with Mayor Moira Were (Onkaparinga Council) recently appointed to this position.
 - **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of SACCA Executive Committee will be held on Tuesday 25th March 2025.

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