

## BOARD AND GOVERNANCE

### Spencer Gulf Cities Board

#### Port Pirie Regional Council

- Mayor Leon Stephens (from Nov 18) - chair
- Mayor John Rohde (until Nov 18)
- Proxy – Deputy Mayor Alan Zubrinich
- CEO - Mr Peter Ackland

#### Whyalla City Council

- Mayor Clare McLaughlin (from Nov 18) - deputy chair
- Mayor Lyn Breuer (until Nov 18)
- Proxy – Deputy Mayor Rick Santucci
- CEO - Mr Chris Cowley

#### Port Augusta City Council

- Mayor Brett Benbow (from Nov 2018)
- Mayor Sam Johnson (until Nov 2018)
- Proxy – Deputy Mayor Phil Brown
- CEO - Mr John Banks

### Funding

In 2018-19, the \$30,000 annual contribution by each of the three Councils leveraged \$1.4 million in additional grants:

- Australian Government – grant funding received for Uni Hub initiative - \$1.3 million
- Local Government Association – \$96,000 support for support for regional local government collaboration and advocacy initiatives
- Local Government Research & Development Scheme/Limestone Coast LGA – \$38,000 contract funding for delivery of statewide Coastal Councils Alliance

## ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION

### Improving Access to Locally Delivered and Supported Higher Education and Research

- Secured Commonwealth funding of \$1.1 million Regional Jobs and Investment Package and \$1.9 million Regional Study Hubs program towards USG Community Owned Tertiary Education initiative (COTEC)
- Engaged COTEC project team to deliver student and industry engagement, building renovation and fit out at Port Pirie campus, industry workforce demand and university tenders for course delivery
- Establishment of new Uni Hub Spencer Gulf board and constitution

### Transforming the Upper Spencer Gulf

- Submission and presentation to PIRSA Regional Development Strategy consultation
- Submission to SA Infrastructure Plan
- Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry into the Future of Regional Jobs

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLABORATION

### Spencer Gulf Cities – Representation to LGA

- Mayor Leon Stephens and Mayor Clare McLaughlin appointed as Spencer Gulf Cities representatives to the LGA's SA Regional Organisation of Councils (SAROC) committee.
- Mayor Clare McLaughlin was also appointed to the LGA Board.

### State Planning Reform

- Coordinated and hosted regional visit by the State Planning Commission regarding development planning for renewable energy facilities.
- Preparation of Spencer Gulf Cities Joint Planning Board business case.
- Submission to State Government Renewable Energy draft planning policy.
- Submission to State Planning Commission regarding planning reform engagement.
- Coordinated submission to State Planning Commission on Flinders Landscape Protection zone.

### Council Collaboration

- Convened Council Directors forum every two months.
- Seconded expertise from Barossa Council to identify opportunities for procurement collaboration.
- Joint roadworks tender.

### Waste Management and Circular Economy

- Coordinated Spencer Gulf Cities Council site visit to Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA).
- Preparation of USG Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy.
- Submission to EPA Resource Recovery Fee increase.
- Preparation of grant application to Green Industries SA for Circular Economy strategy.
- Submission and presentation to SA Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling.

### Elected Member Training

- Encouraged SGC participation in the Elected Members Forum presented by the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption, the Ombudsman and the Auditor-General.

### Special Local Roads

- Preparation of Special Local Roads funding application on behalf of Spencer Gulf Cities Councils.

### Regional LGA Initiatives

#### SA Coastal Councils Alliance

- Delivery of statewide coastal councils initiative to establish the SA Coastal Alliance (lead region - Limestone Coast LGA).
- Preparation of local government jetties background discussion paper.
- Preparation of local government coastal funding discussion paper.
- Preparation of LG research and development application for review of coastal funding.

#### Rating Equity for Major Developments

- Supported preparation of report into rating inequity for renewable energy generators and major development (lead region – Legatus).

#### Regional Executive Officers Forum

- Chaired statewide regional executive officers forum.

### Planning for Renewable Energy and Major Developments

- Submission to South Australian Government for stronger coordination of workforce and development planning.
- Facilitated engaged support of Wendy Campana, Kangaroo Island Commissioner to support USG case management within state government.
- Convened workshop with KI Commissioner and Council CEOs.





## ADVOCACY AND PROMOTION

### Federal 2019 Election

- Preparation of Federal Election Strategy – focus on:
  - 1. Growing our Population - A skilled migration and decentralisation programme tailored to meet the specific needs of the Upper Spencer Gulf.
  - 2. Strategic Transport Infrastructure - Investment into strategic road, rail, seaport and airport infrastructure to underpin the long term economic transition of the Upper Spencer Gulf.
  - 3. Locally Supported, Industry Relevant Higher Education - Additional Commonwealth supported university places and operational funding for the Upper Spencer Gulf Regional Study Hub to enable students to stay, study and work locally.
  - 4. Energy Transformation - A strong, credible and evidence-based national energy policy to provide stability and certainty for investment in the Upper Spencer Gulf.
  - 5. City Liveability - Coordinated and collaborative investment into civic initiatives in Port Augusta, Whyalla and Port Pirie to foster well-planned city growth and liveability.
- Hosted Election Forum in the Upper Spencer Gulf.
- Meeting with key Federal MP's.
- Coordinated USG election media.

### Engagement with South Australian Government

- Convened USG State Parliamentary Dinner hosted by Member for Stuart Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan (Minister for Mining and Energy) and attended by the Premier, Hon Steven Marshall, Hon David Pisoni (Minister for Workforce Training and Skills), Hon Tim Whetstone (Minister for Regional Development and Agriculture), Hon Stephan Knoll (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure, Planning and Local Government), Hon David Ridgway (Minister for Tourism, Trade and Investment),
- Convened meetings with Treasurer Rob Lucas, Education Minister John Gardner, Minister for Tourism David Ridgway.
- Convened quarterly Upper Spencer Gulf Mayors & MPs Forum with the Mayors of Port Pirie, Port Augusta and Whyalla Councils, State Member for Giles, Stuart, Frome and Federal Member for Grey.

### Promotional Opportunities

- Conference presentation to SEGRA national conference in Mackay QLD on 'Transforming the Upper Spencer Gulf'.
- Spencer Gulf Cities delegation attendance at Regional Australia National Summit in Canberra.
- Spencer Gulf Cities delegation attendance at SA Mining and Energy Awards in Adelaide.
- Sponsorship of the 2019 Global Maintenance Upper Spencer Gulf (GMUSG) conference.
- Upper Spencer Gulf Mayors guest speakers at Renewable Energy conference in Adelaide.

### Presentations

Over the past year Spencer Gulf Cities received presentations from the following:

- Mr Ian Nightingale, SA Government Industry Advocate
- Mr John Chapman, Small Business Commissioner
- Ms Moira Coffey and Mr Reg Dennis, University Study Centre Project Team
- Ms Karen Raffin, CEO Brand SA - SA Regional Showcase
- Mr Peter Scott, Regional Development Australia WEP Community Solar
- Hon Tony Piccolo MP, Shadow Minister for Planning & Local Government



# 2019 Federal Election Platform

To all candidates for the seat of Grey,



Our region - and our three cities - are experiencing a once in a generation economic transformation. Spencer Gulf has some of the most significant mineral and renewable energy resources, natural landscapes in the world. Investment in renewable energy generation, mining and minerals processing is providing our region with a strong base from which we can grow and become cleaner, more innovative, liveable and prosperous. Our region is positioning the Upper Spencer Gulf as a world leader in renewable energy technologies, including solar, wind, pumped hydro, and geothermal. We are also positioning the Upper Spencer Gulf as a world leader in the modernisation of the Whyalla steelworks and the Port Pirie smelter into a new multi-metal processing facility near Port Augusta using the heat for intensive 'arid land' horticulture. We are also positioning the Upper Spencer Gulf as a world leader in the Defence Training Area to become a major joint exercises area. We are also positioning the Upper Spencer Gulf as a world leader in the Defence Training Area to become a major joint exercises area.



We seek commitment from all candidates for the seat of Grey, along with Australia, to support and strongly advocate for five key priorities we believe will drive this economic growth, build our capability and resilience and secure our region for both current and future generations:

- 1. Growing our Population** - A skilled migration and decentralisation programme tailored to meet the specific needs of the Upper Spencer Gulf.
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Port Pirie

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