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PortAugusta
CITY COUNCIL

REPORT FOR:	Strategic Management Committee		
MEETING DATE:	17 September 2018		
REPORT FROM: AUTHOR:	Acting Chief Executive Officer Executive Assistant		
REPORT TITLE:	Election of LGA President 2018-2020		
FILE NAME:	F18/101	RECORD NO:	AR18/35749

COMMUNITY VISION & STRATEGIC PLAN OUTCOMES

6 We Achieve

- 6.1 Strong leadership and a committed and focused workforce to effectively manage and progress the City.
- 6.3 We aim to provide good governance practices and compliance with all legislative requirements in delivery of services.

PURPOSE

To obtain Council's vote for the position of President of the Local Government Association of SA (LGA of SA).

RECOMMENDATION

Strategic Management Committee recommends:

1. That **Council** votes for as the President of the Local Government Association of South Australia.

BACKGROUND

On 26 July 2018, the Chief Executive Officer/Returning Officer, Mr Matt Pinnegar wrote to Councils calling for nominations for the position of LGA President. At the close of nominations on 24 August 2018, five (5) nominations were received for the position of LGA President from the following candidates:

- Mayor Samuel (Sam) Joel Telfer (District Council of Tumby Bay)
- Mayor David (Dave) James Burgess (Mid Murray Council)
- Mayor Erika Vickery OAM (Naracoorte Lucindale Council)
- Mayor Ann Shirley Ferguson OAM (Mount Barker District Council)
- Mayor Keith Parkes (Alexandrina Council)

DISCUSSION

As a result of receiving more than the required number of nominations, in accordance with Clause 29.4 of the LGA Constitution an election for the position of LGA President will take place.

A copy of each of the candidate's profile is attached for members' consideration (AR18/35424).

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The ballot paper is to be returned to the LGA by 5:00pm on Thursday 18 October 2018. The counting of votes will take place on Friday 19 October 2018. The successful candidate will be the candidate receiving the most votes, that is the "first past the post".

The successful candidate will take office from the conclusion of the LGA's 2018 Annual General Meeting for a term ending at the conclusion of the 2020 LGA Annual General Meeting.

CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS

It is considered that pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this report is information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead), being the personal information of those nominating for the position of the LGA President.

It is considered necessary to discuss this report in confidence and Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because information is required to be discussed pertaining to each candidate and a decision made as to which candidate is to be supported by Council and prematurely disclosing such information does not support the nomination process.

It is recommended that report and minutes be retained in confidence until the appointment has been finalised and announced.

RISK MANAGEMENT

1: Financial/Budget/Asset Management

n/a

2: Legal/Policy

As a member of the Local Government Association of South Australia, Council has the right and obligation to cast a vote for the President.

3: Environment/Planning

n/a

4: Community

4.1 General

Council needs to ensure that it selects a President who will achieve for the Local Government industry and ensure that true community government is able to continue in smaller regional areas.

4.2 Aboriginal Community Consultation

n/a

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10/09/2018

In reply please quote our reference: ECM 664995 AJJK

31 August 2018

Mr John Banks
Chief Executive Officer
Port Augusta City Council
PO Box 1704
PORT AUGUSTA SA 5700

Dear Mr Banks

Election of LGA President

On 26 July 2018, I wrote to councils calling for nominations for the position of LGA President. I wish to advise that at the close of nomination (5.00pm on 24 August 2018) I received five (5) nominations for the position of LGA President from the following candidates:

- Mayor Samuel (Sam) Joel Telfer
- Mayor David (Dave) James Burgess
- Mayor Erika Vickery OAM
- Mayor Ann Shirley Ferguson OAM
- Mayor Keith Parkes

As a result of receiving more than the required number of nominations, I hereby advise that in accordance with Clause 29.4 of the LGA Constitution an election for the position of LGA President will take place.

I have attached a copy of each candidate's profile together with a Ballot paper for your completion in accordance with the instructions below. I require the ballot paper to be returned to me by 5:00pm Thursday 18 October 2018.

Voting Instructions

Pursuant to clause 29 of the LGA Constitution, the casting of the vote by your council must be conducted as follows:

- each Member [council] shall determine by resolution the candidate it wishes elected (Clause 29.5.3);
- the Delegate of a Member [council] or in the Delegate's absence, the chair of the meeting for that Member [council] shall mark the ballot paper with an "X" next to the candidate that the Member [council] wishes elected and seal the ballot paper in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper" inside the envelope marked "Returning Officer". Before sealing the second envelope the Delegate must indicate the Member's [council] name on the inside flap of the envelope. The envelope may then be sealed and delivered to the Returning Officer (Clause 29.5.4);

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- on receipt of the envelopes the Chief Executive must (Clause 29.5.5):
 - open the outer envelope addressed to the "Returning Officer" and record the name of the Member [council] which appears on the inside flap of the envelope on the roll of Member's [council] eligible to vote; and
 - place the envelope marked "Ballot Paper" unopened into the ballot box;
- the Chief Executive shall nominate the date, time and place for the counting of votes and shall invite each candidate and a person nominated as the candidate's scrutineer to be present (Clause 29.5.6);
- at the counting of the votes the Chief Executive shall produce unopened envelopes marked "Ballot Paper" and if satisfied that all votes are valid, count the number of votes received by each candidate (Clause 29.5.7);
- the candidate with the most votes shall be deemed elected and the Chief Executive shall declare the candidate elected at the Annual General Meeting (Clause 29.5.8); and
- in the case of candidates receiving the same number of votes, the Chief Executive shall draw lots at the counting of the votes and the lot drawn will be the candidate elected (Clause 29.5.9).

The counting of votes will take place at Local Government House on Friday 19 October 2018 commencing at 9:00am. Each candidate and another person nominated as the candidate's scrutineer may be present at the counting of the votes (Clause 29.5.6).

The successful candidate will be the candidate receiving the most votes, that is the "first past the post".

The successful candidate will take office from the conclusion of the LGA's 2018 Annual General meeting for a term ending at the conclusion of the 2020 LGA Annual General Meeting.

Please contact me on 8224 2039 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Matt Pinnegar
Chief Executive Officer / Returning Officer

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Email: matt.pinnegar@lga.sa.gov.au

Attach: Candidate Profiles; Ballot Paper (and envelope); Returning Officer envelope

Candidate Information Sheet

LGA President

(word limit is strictly 1,000 words)

Name:	<i>Mayor Sam Telfer</i>
Council:	<i>District Council of Tumby Bay</i>
Local Government Experience & Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mayor – District Council of Tumby Bay</i>• <i>President – Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA)</i>• <i>Board Member – LGA Board</i>• <i>Member – SAROC Board</i>
Local Government Policy Views & Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>I believe that...</i>• <i>The LGA needs to be proactive in areas of potential reform, such as financial management and audit standardisation, Code of Conduct reform, and enabling greater council collaborations and efficiencies.</i>• <i>The LGA needs to continually focus on the needs of its member Councils, with greater transparency and accountability.</i>• <i>The LGA needs to have collaborative and constructive relationships with the other two levels of government, to maximise opportunities for efficiencies, and to work together to remove restrictive 'red-tape' and regulation which continues to cost councils time and money.</i>
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Bachelor of Government & Public Management – Flinders University</i>• <i>Advanced Diploma in Rural Business Management</i>• <i>Chair – EPLGA Rural Health Working Group</i>• <i>LGA Subscriptions Review advisory group</i>• <i>RDAWEP Agricultural Advisory Group member</i>• <i>4th generation family farming business</i>

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Candidate Information Sheet

LGA President

(word limit is strictly 1,000 words)

Name:	David (Dave) James Burgess
Council:	Mid Murray Council
Local Government Experience & Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immediate Past President of the Local Government Association.• Commissioner of the SA Local Government Grants Commission since May 2017.• Member of the Local Government Association Board for 6½ years• Member of the Local Government Association Executive for 6½ years• Member of SAROC for 7 years• Chair of the LGA Workers Compensation Scheme Board for 2½ years• Member of the LGA Mutual Liability Scheme Board for 2½ years• Director to represent LGA on Board of the Australian Local Government Association for 3½ years• President of Murraylands & Riverland Local Government Association for 6 years and Member nominated by Mid Murray Council for 11½ years• Currently Deputy Chairman of Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Board and Board Member for 8 years• Member of Murray River Lakes and Coorong Tourism Alliance (previously Murraylands Tourism Partnership) for 9 years• Mayor of the Mid Murray Council (MMC) in eighth year, 2nd term as Mayor.• Deputy Mayor for four years and Councillor for a further 3½ years.• Ex-officio Member of 11 Committees of Mid Murray Council (including Audit and Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committees) <p>Achievements/Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2.5 Billion of development completed, underway or Development Applications lodged.• Strongly lobbied for the Cadell ferry to remain open.• Advocated through the Mid Murray Council, Murray and Mallee Local Government Association and met with the then State Minister for Transport, Tom Koutsantonis, for funding for replacement ferries in the State Budget.• Worked with the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure to ensure a road swap with Mid Murray Council and will be receiving \$1.0 Million over five years.• Received the 2012 National Award for Local Government for the 'Youth Engagement and Participation' category for the Council's innovative Fun for YOUTH program.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2013 & 2015 won Heart Foundation's National Healthy Communities Award. • In 2012 received the State Medibank Community Healthy Participation Award for Council's commitment to community wellbeing and was also a State Finalist in the Rural Doctors Workforce Agency Rural Community Health and Wellbeing Award.
<p>Local Government Policy Views & Interests</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>No</u> political affiliations with any party. • Previous experience in advocating and working with the last State Government for funding, services and projects for the Sector. • Have five State Members of Parliament that cover the Mid Murray Council area – Tim Whetstone, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, Dan van Holst Pellekaan, Minister for Energy and Mining, Stephan Knoll, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and Minister for Planning, John Gardner, Minister for Education and Adrian Pederick. Have good working relationship with all five MP's/Ministers. • Strongly committed to progressing and achieving the three key initiatives for the Sector:- Leadership and Advocacy, Capacity Building and Sustainability and Best Practice and Continuous Improvement. • I <u>strongly</u> believe in greater influence for Councils in matters affecting local communities. • Strong track record of working with Federal and State Governments <u>and</u> private enterprise to progress robust partnerships. This would include securing Supplementary Road Funding for South Australia as a <u>recurrent</u> item in future Federal Budgets, ensuring a better distribution of funds generated from the Waste Levy (including the \$100 million presently retained for the Green Industry Fund) and supporting Councils to build healthy and resilient communities. • Regular meetings with the Premier and State Ministers given the plans for reform and their policies from the last State Elections. This would include ensuring better infrastructure planning and provision in South Australia, traineeships for Local Government, which will assist in creating 20,000 new places in the Vocational Training Education and system, advocating, assisting and facilitating business growth and employment for <u>all</u> South Australia with assistance from the Regional Development Australia Boards, recognising the importance of our volunteers in the Sector and the Liberal Government's policy to abolish all fees payable by volunteers for screenings by the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion and partnering with the State Government for more and better sport and recreational facilities and greater participation by children. • I would also advocate in supporting industry and jobs growth with peak industry bodies, better health and medical services, particularly in regional and country hospitals and partnering with the Government and their Fund established to address mobile blackspots across South Australia. • Actively working with the State Government for the 'Royalties For Regions'-for dedicated regional roads and infrastructure funding in the State as well as the Regional Growth Fund. • Reviewing existing structures with the State Government to streamline and accelerate projects and developments across the State. • Reviewing compliance costs from the State Government to ensure such costs are decreased for Local Government.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensuring that the State Local Government Relations Agreement meetings are robust to progress projects and matters of importance to Councils and the State Government.• Put in place mechanisms to make resource sharing and regional collaboration happen (recognising the existing reform of Natural Resources Management) with Regional Development Australia to create Councils own future. This may involve a greater role for Regional Local Government Associations. I believe this is one of the most important initiatives that <u>must</u> be progressed for the sector.• Continuation of the review of the Local Government Association Schemes and the Association's governance arrangements and implementation of recommendations.• Ensure more public awareness promoting the extent and value of Council services to our communities.• To implement further initiatives including more and better coordinated procurement across the State to ensure more savings for Councils.• To increase the number and quality of services offered to Member Councils.• Strong advocacy on behalf of the Sector to ensure continuity/increase in funding for projects and services.• I would attend Regional Local Government Associations meetings and Metropolitan Local Government Group meetings twice per year, so that I can hear first hand the issues of Councils to advocate on their behalf.
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I have the passion, commitment and time to consult with Councils, Regional Local Government Associations, MLGG, SAROC, professional bodies, State and Federal Ministers and Chief Executives of Departments, so that your identified needs are strongly lobbied for.• Small business owner for over 30 years and operated a Bed and Breakfast.• Married to Lyn with 2 adult sons.

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Candidate Information Sheet

LGA President

(word limit is strictly 1,000 words)

Name:	Mayor Erika Vickery OAM
Council:	Naracoorte Lucindale Council
Local Government Experience & Knowledge	<p>Local Government Sector - Current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor NLC since 2010 • Elected Member NLC since 2000; • Limestone Coast Local Government Association (LCLGA) President (2014-current) • SAROC Chairperson (2015 – current) • LGASA Vice-president and Board Member • Australian Migrant Resource Centre Board member (current) • RDA Limestone Coast Board Member and Secretary (2010 – current) • Limestone Coast Economic Development Group Chairman (2014-current) • LC LGA Representative on Limestone Coast Community Service Round Table (Health) (2015 – current) <p>Community - Current</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naracoorte Tri-committee member (Health – hospital, doctors, council) (2013 – current) • Naracoorte Lucindale Community Care Network Chairperson (community well-being) (2014 – current) • Naracoorte Mental Health Roundtable member(current) • Naracoorte, Lucindale and Districts Suicide Prevention Network member (current) <p>Past Experience & Involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naracoorte Lucindale Road Safety Group Chairperson • LC LGA Representative on SA Regional Tourism Chairs Forum • Kowree Naracoorte Tatiara Netball Association President and Life Member • Executive positions Naracoorte Netball Club • Naracoorte High School Council Chairperson (late 1980s) • SE Regional TAFE Board
Local Government Policy Views & Interests	<p>I strongly support the LGA values & behaviours outlined in the LGA Strategic Plan 2016-2020</p> <p>I highly value key initiatives of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear and open communication with member councils • Strong and positive advocacy for local government across all levels of government

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partnering with State Government to progress local government reform agenda• Development of capacity building to ensure future sustainability for local government• Increasing LGA commercial enterprise capacity to reduce member costs• Ongoing accountability and transparency through pursuit of best practice and continuous improvement
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded OAM in 2017 for services to Local Government and the community• Recipient - LGA John Legoe Encouragement Award• Australia Day Citizen of Year Award 1991• Committee member Limestone Coast Opera• Patron Limestone Coast Symphony Orchestra• Musical director and Life Member of Naracoorte Singers• Attended ALGA and LGA General Meetings and AGMs, LGA training and residential sessions including: DAP, Audit, Mayor residential, elected member training, conferences, forums, seminars over the past 18 years• Participated in SA Trade delegations to Shandong, China in 2015 and 2016 and reciprocated hosting several delegations in Naracoorte 2015 - 2017

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Candidate Information Sheet

LGA President

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Name:	<i>Mayor Ann Ferguson OAM</i>
Council:	<i>Mount Barker District Council</i>
Local Government Experience & Knowledge	<p><i>I have been an elected member of council since 1992 and Mayor since 2006. I was a member of SAROC for 4 years, State Executive for 2 years, Chair of the SHLGA for 4 years and a member of the LGA Board for 6 years.</i></p> <p><i>Mount Barker has been determined to be a major regional growth centre for South Australia. Government policy failed to take due account of the aspirations and needs of our community and infrastructure requirements and good regional planning into consideration. Our council took a strong but constructive decision to ensure our best outcomes for the region. While we did not get everything we desired, we achieved a good outcome for current and future generations. As a result of this process the Government understood that we needed to change the way regional planning decisions were made.</i></p>
Local Government Policy Views & Interests	<p><i>As president of the LGA it will be necessary to represent the needs and aspirations of communities when negotiating with Government to determine policy directions. This relationship with Local Government and State Government is crucial and while there will always be creative tension between these two parties every effort must be made to ensure we have constructive outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>Relationships with the Federal Government are also key as they determine how much infrastructure is funded. We need to ensure that we have close working relationships with the local members and ministers in our attempts to influence policy.</i></p> <p><i>The development of policy at a Local Government level must be seen to be professional and consultative and ensuring that what we're asking for is reasonable, practical and achievable. It is crucial that we're seen to be an efficient and well-run Government sector. Being closest to the people is both an asset in that we have close association with our community but maybe sometimes difficult to capture the right emphasis.</i></p> <p><i>There is no doubt that climate change will have a considerable impact on how we live and work in our communities. Climate adaptation programs development in each region is crucial to ensure that we address changes as best we can. In addition to our own work in this area we need to ensure that State and Federal Government policies take due account of how they will impact on each of our areas.</i></p>

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	<p><i>There will be many challenges that we'll face but I believe that we have the right structures in place to achieve our outcomes.</i></p>
Other information	<p><i>I was Chair of the Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Board for 9 years. I have been a member of the Royal Australian Nursing Federation and Nurses Board of South Australia, The Police Credit Union, Mount Barker DSM Hospital and other associations.</i></p> <p><i>I was awarded an OAM in 2014 for service to community and Local Government. These activities cover a wide range of the daily life of our community. I take great pleasure in being a part of these groups and engaging with so many hard-working individuals. My region is growing at a tremendous pace; by working with all these communities we can ensure that those new comers to our region not only fit in but make a contribution to the development of our community.</i></p> <p><i>Working in Local Government ensures that you get a grass roots view of what happens and what is important. It enables us to speak to other members of the Government with passion and authority. We need to balance this with the professionalism and economic certainty that will ensure the best mix for all of our communities.</i></p>

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Candidate Information Sheet

LGA President

(word limit is strictly 1,000 words)

Name:	<i>Keith Parkes</i>
Council:	<i>Alexandrina Council</i>
Local Government Experience & Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Mayor, Alexandrina Council, 2014 to present; intention to run for Mayor in 2018 Council Elections</i>• <i>LGA Board member since 2016; Deputy Board Member 2014-16</i>• <i>SAROC Board member since 2016; Deputy Board Member 2014-16</i>• <i>SHLGA President since 2016; Member since 2014</i>• <i>Elected Member, Goolwa-Hindmarsh Island Ward 2010-2014</i>
Local Government Policy Views & Interests	<p><i>I will be campaigning on four platforms:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. My passion and work ethic. I will be dedicating time to a strong community presence across South Australia in tandem with local representatives.</i><i>2. Recognising we are partners in progress by fostering a commitment to innovation, as a collaboration between elected bodies and respective administrations.</i><i>3. Local government can't work alone. I will be working to harness the collective energy of all levels of government including exploring diversification of revenue sources and advocacy on financial assistance grants as well as building a strong, collaborative relationship with the SA State Government.</i><i>4. Local government issues aren't just about local government functions. I will be putting a spotlight on contemporary issues for South Australians such as water, energy, climate change and an ageing population. Being from a regional council with peri-urban characteristics, I also believe I have a strong understanding of issues facing SA councils and their communities.</i>
Other information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Australian Institute of Company Directors, Directors course (2018)</i>• <i>Chair, Local Government Transport Advisory Panel (considers Special Local Roads funding)</i>• <i>SA representative on Australian Coastal Councils Association Committee</i>• <i>Chair, Goolwa-Wellington Local Action Planning Board</i>• <i>Various Alexandrina Council committees and advisory groups including Audit Committee and Economic Development Advisory Panel</i>

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Ballot Paper

Election for President 2018-2020

1 Person Required

Ballot closes 5:00pm Thursday 18 October 2018

Important Note: In accordance with Clause 29.5.4 of the LGA Constitution, the Delegate of a Member Council (or in the Delegate's absence, the chair of the meeting for that Member Council) shall mark the ballot paper with an "X" next to the candidate that the Member Council wishes elected, then seal the ballot paper in the envelope marked "Ballot Paper" and place it inside the envelope marked "Returning Officer". The envelope should then be sealed and delivered to the Returning Officer.

<input type="checkbox"/>	TELFER, Samuel (Sam)	Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	BURGESS, David (Dave)	Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	VICKERY, Erika OAM	Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	FERGUSON, Ann OAM	Mayor
<input type="checkbox"/>	PARKES, Keith	Mayor