



**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP INC**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Friday 27 August 2010  
Adelaide Pavilion, Veale Gardens  
at 8.50am**

Ross Greenwood provided an overview of the Global Financial Crisis and expressed his views of the Federal Election thus far, explaining the outlook for Australia looks very positive despite the media's portrayal of the current situation.

Robyn Dunstall thanked Ross for his presentation, then opened the AGM at 8.50am

**1 Apologies**

Kevin Pugh, Office for State & Local Government Relations	Peter Peppin, Adelaide Hills City Council
David Hope, Skilmar Systems Pty Ltd	Craig Mudge, District Council of Mt Remarkable
Shaun O'Brien, Civica Pty Limited	Paul Perry, LGA
Gary Button, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters	Sean Cheriton, District Council of Mt Remarkable
John Wright, Office for State & Local Government Relations	Ginny Moon, City of Prospect

**2 Confirmation of Minutes of AGM 28 September 2009**

A Martin moved and M Rubbo seconded that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record. **CARRIED**

**3 Business Arising from Minutes**

Nil

**4 President's Report**

R Dunstall thanked everyone for attending then reported on the activities, achievements and membership of the FMG over the past 12 months, she mentioned it was a privilege and a pleasure to represent as President over the last 12 months

**ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Year of Women in Local Government is a celebration of the significant contribution that women make to Local Government. How pleasing it is that FMG has developed a history of supporting women in leadership roles. On our management committee and in our membership women are well represented. Thank you for supporting women in local government.*
- The Minister for State and Local Government Relations endorsed the 2010 Model Financial Statements as the recommended reporting format for Councils' 2010 annual financial statements.  
FMG provided significant input into the review of the Model set of Accounts. I would like to thank Mike Carey, John Wright and David Maxwell for the work they have done.*

- *I would like to thank the Financial Indicators Group for the work that they have done with the review of the Local Government financial indicators and particularly Annette Martin who headed up this group.*
- *Internal control Project – The development of an internet based internal control database, which will provide councils with a tool to support the management of internal controls. I would like to thank Hendri and Pascal from Delloitte and Cleve Coyle for their assistance with this project.*

*The FMG contributed to the development of the sector via:-*

- 1. Production and distribution of “Focus On Finance” newsletters*
- 2. Staging of two very successful seminars –*

- *“A Climate of Change” – held on November 20, 2009 at the Hilton Adelaide,*
- *“Dare to be Different” – held on Friday 19 March 2010 at the Stamford Grand,*

*3. Our active participation in a variety of Local Government Reference Groups and Committees during the year including:-*

- a. Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee*
  - b. Valuation Industry Consultation Committee*
  - c. National Asset Management Strategy Committee*
- .....To name just a few.*

**MEMBERSHIP**

*Membership continues to be strong with 183 current members, a healthy reflection that the group continues to be both relevant and ‘good value for money’ in term of membership fees.*

**FMG COMMITTEE**

*I would like to thank the entire FMG Executive for their dedication and hard work during the year. The work is undertaken on a voluntary basis which always puts pressure on the individuals given their busy work commitments. The FMG Executive included the following:-*

• <i>Mike Carey</i>	• <i>Wade Reynolds</i>
• <i>Maria De Angelis</i>	• <i>Peter Fairlie-Jones</i>
• <i>Joanne Forbes</i>	• <i>Michelle Hammond</i>
• <i>Annette Martin</i>	• <i>Milo Rubbo</i>
• <i>Clive Hemple</i>	
• <i>Mick Wetherall</i>	• <i>Stephen Mounce</i>
• <i>Marcus Smith</i>	• <i>Norm Biggs</i>
• <i>Vincent Mifsud</i>	• <i>Ginny Moon</i>

***Please note that FMG members are welcome to attend our committee meetings, please contact LGMA SA for details.***

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*I would like to acknowledge the co-operation, support and collaboration provided to the FMG by the following:-*

- (a) the LGA (particularly Bill Furse),*
- (b) the Office of State/Local Government Relations (particularly John*
- (c) Wright)*
- (d) the Local Government Grants Commission*
- (e) the Professional Secretariat, (particularly Taryn Sexton and Anna Hoff)*
- (f) Cleve Coyle who has agreed to provide ongoing support.*

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## **SPONSORS**

*In closing I would like to acknowledge our sponsors whose support for the FMG is greatly appreciated.*

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*In closing,*

*I'd like to give a special thank you to the Financial Management Group for the years of support to my career in Local Government; I will be stepping down from the executive committee this year and look forward to networking with you all at the seminars.*

*If you are looking to advance you career in LG, then think about being a committee member the rewards far exceed the effort required.*

A Martin moved and P Fairlie-Jones seconded that the President's report be received.

**CARRIED**

### **5 Treasurer's Report**

The Financial Management Group for 2010 made a conscious decision to use our funds for the LTFP upgrade and Internal Control Project thereby recording an operating deficit.

We are expecting to recoup approximately \$30,000 from LGA towards the LTFP project, so we can provide the upgrade at no cost.

We would like to thank LGA for their contribution.

M Carey moved and V Mifsud seconded that the Treasurer's report be received.

**CARRIED**

### **6 Appointment of Auditor**

R Dunstall thanked Ian Mc Donald for providing the audit services for 2009/10 and recommends that Ian McDonald is re-appointed as Auditor for the 2010/2011 financial year.

P Fairlie-Jones moved and C Hempel seconded that Ian McDonald be appointed as Auditor for the 2011/2012 financial year.

**CARRIED**

### **7 Setting of Fees**

C Hempel moved and S Mounce seconded that the fees increase to \$90 exclusive of GST for the 2011/2012 financial year.

**CARRIED**

### **8 General Business**

There was no other business

### **9 Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee Members for 2011/12**

Taryn Sexton announced that single nominations were received for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and the following appointments were made:

- President – *Annette Martin*
- Vice President – *Vince Mifsud*
- Secretary – *Milo Rubbo*
- Treasurer – *Stephen Mounce*

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The following members were elected as Committee Members:

Nicola	Tinning
Norman	Biggs
Mike	Carey
Simon	Zbierski
Elizabeth	Williams
Peter	Fairlie-Jones
Ginny	Moon
Mark	Lague
Craig	Mudge
Wade	Reynolds
Clive	Hempel
Marcus	Smith
Mick	Wetherall

R Dunstall moved and A Martin seconded that the returning officers report be received and that all committee members be duly elected. **CARRIED**

**10 Handover**

R Dunstall welcomed and congratulated A Martin for being elected as the new president of the SALGFMG for the year 2011/12.

A Martin thanked Anna Huff for her support and hard work as Executive Secretariat for the SALGFMG over the past 6 months and congratulated her and wished her all the best on her wedding day in December.

Meeting closed at 9.10am