Meeting Notes

Group Agribusiness Working Group

Meeting Held Friday 30 January 2026 at 9:30am

Location Encounter Room

1. PRESENT

Mr Gino Pacitti (Meeting Chairperson)
Mr Brenton Lush
Ms Beryl Price

In Attendance:
Ms Stacey Richardson
Ms Jodi Roberts
Ms Amelia Timpano
Mr John Olson (Guest Speaker)
Mr Andrew Ewers (Guest)
Mr Ike Ashby (Guest)

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of our beautiful lands and surrounding waters, the Ramindjeri and Ngarrindjeri people. As a community we recognise and respect their cultural connection with the land and waters.

3. APOLOGIES

4. MEETING NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Agreed by consensus that the meeting notes from the meeting held on the 18 December 2025 are a true and correct record of the meeting.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 Guest Speaker – John Olson (Senior Consultant - HDS Australia)

South Coast Fright Corridor – areas covered:

- Background of the corridor plans dating back to 2017 and the importance of a gazetted corridor for protection of the freight route.
- Extent of current gazetted and permit sections and the issues and risks associated with permit sections.
- Proposed route with Middleton bypass is the current aim and made possible with medium level upgrades. Inman Valley Road corridor is not possible due to the major level of investment that would be required.
- Middleton bypass proposal includes detention dam to alleviate flood risks in Middleton township.
- Immediate need for the corridor to be up and running in the next 5 years.
- Immediate need for lobbying of State and Federal Representatives for a commitment of 50% of the costs.
- Noted Council has used the reports in obtaining grant funding to include road widening works with resurfacing projects.
- Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP): urban growth and current large scale residential developments and their implications on the fright corridor.
- Intent for duplication of the ring road corridor from Battye Road/Waitpinga Road intersection to Adelaide Road.
- Council aim to protect the 80km zone sections of the ring road. Additional access point at Day Road is envisaged.
- Discussion on future break point/truck stop and washdown facilities close to the corridor and Inman Valley Road. Options include Armstrong Road and Waterport Road (Lincoln Park). Feedback to Council is welcome to assist Council in finding an appropriate location.

Outcomes

Nil

Actions

Staff to provide group members with reports discussed at the meeting.

Group members and their networks to consider lobbying State and Federal Representatives and raising the issue at upcoming Candidates Forum arranged by Business Victor Harbor.

Group members to consider locations for truck stop/washdown area and provide any feedback to Council.

5.2 Farmers Event Update

Arrangements discussed. Speakers include PIRSA (rabbit problem), David Ridley (RDA) on mobile abattoirs, and a Landscapes SA representative,

Outcomes

Nil

Actions

Staff to update the event letter to include the list of speakers.

5.3 Other Business

Next meeting topics

- Budget for 2026-27 Roadside Weed Program.
- Farmers Event - planning
- Agri Tourism and the development assessment and regulatory pathways.
  Possible Tourism SA (productive development) guest and Derek Walter to speak on experiences with the process.
  Concern over process costs, lack of requirements for air bnb, Wastewater System and Development processes.

Kangaroo cull

Discussion of the process, including photos, branding and general requirements.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25 February 2026 at 9:30am.

7. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:22am.