

Minister Geoff Brock

Minister for Regional Development
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Minister to speak at Murray and Mallee LGA meeting

Local Government Minister, Geoff Brock will address next week's general meeting of the Murray and Mallee Local Government Association in Pinnaroo as part of a two day visit to the region.

Mr Brock will speak on a range of issues including the State Government's pending review of the Local Government Act, the recent meeting of the Premier's Local Government Forum in Adelaide, the upcoming local government elections and current legislation before parliament.

The meeting in Pinnaroo next Wednesday (October 8) will be attended by delegates from 8 councils across the region – the Mid Murray Council, the District Council of Loxton Waikerie, the Berri Barmera Council, the Coorong District Council, the District Council of Karoonda East Murray, the Renmark Paringa Council, the Rural City of Murray Bridge and the Southern Mallee District Council.

“This is a good opportunity for me to hear directly from local Mayors, Chief Executives and community representatives in the one room about local issues concerning them,” Mr Brock said.

“It also provides me with the opportunity to hear about positive initiatives and proposals coming from the region and to provide the meeting with feedback from the government on local government and regional development issues.

“There's been a record number of candidates nominating for council election across the State and I urge all ratepayers to take the time to vote when their ballot papers arrive in the mail in the coming weeks,” Mr Brock said.

Mr Brock's visit to the region on Wednesday will also include attending the Pinnaroo Show and meeting with representatives from key local business enterprises.

On Thursday (October 9), Mr Brock will meet with the Bordertown Business Association and the Tatiara District Council to discuss local employment issues.

His trip will include a visits to the Limestone Coast Resource Centre and Blue Lake Milling in Bordertown, as well as discussing how plans are progressing on a new packing and logistics export facility at Keith-based company, Seed Genetic International.

The new facility will be assisted by a \$200,000 grant from the State Government's enhanced \$15 million Regional Development Fund.