

Coast Protection Board

Minutes of Meeting 494

Date: Friday 9 September 2022

Time: 09.30am–12:30pm

Location: South Australian Research & Development Institute (SARDI), 2 Hamra Ave, West Beach SA 5024 and Microsoft Teams

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 9:30am and recognised a quorum. The Board accepted the agenda and noted where decisions were required. The Presiding Member advised of changes to the timing of the agenda.

2. Administration

2.1 Present & Apologies

Present

Board Members

Mr Jeff Tate (Presiding Member)

Ms Annabel Sandery

Mayor Amanda Wilson (via MS Teams)

Mr James Buder

Ms Kathryn Galpin

Advisory Committee Members

Mr Adam Gray (SA Coastal Council Alliance)

Mr Bill Jamieson (Chair, Metropolitan Seaside Council Committee)

Mr Peter Halton (Regional Coastal Local Government- Wattle Range Council) (via MS Teams)

Ms Kathryn Russell (Local Government Association), proxy for Lea Bacon (via MS Teams)

Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Staff

Ms Cate Hart (Executive Director, Environment, Heritage & Sustainability)

Dr Neil McFarlane (Director, Climate Change, Coast and Marine)

Dr Murray Townsend (Manager, Coast and Marine)

Ms Judith Kirk (Team Leader, Policy and Advice, CMB)

Dr Nicole Pelton (Senior Policy Officer, CMB)

Ms Leah van Nieuwmans (Project Officer, Board Secretariat and Grants, CMB)

Ms Cristina Vicente (Coast and Marine Officer, CMB) (Items 3.1.1, 3.1.2)

Mr Arron Broom (Principal Coast and River Planning, CMB) (Items 5.3.1, 5.3.2 & 5.3.3) (via MS Teams)

Apologies

Professor Bronwyn Gillanders (Board Member)

Mr Lea Bacon (Local Government Association)

2.2 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

A Wilson declared a conflict of interest with item 5.3.3 due to development applications being located within the Holdfast Bay area.

2.3 Minutes of last meeting

2.3(a) Confirmation of Minutes

The draft minutes of meeting No. 493 on 29 July 2022 were received by the Board.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the minutes of meeting No.493.

2.3(b) Business arising from Minutes of previous meeting (Action Items List)

The Board reviewed the business arising from the minutes of previous meeting held on 29 July 2022.

The Board resolved to:

Note the business arising from minutes of previous meeting (Action Items list).

2.4 Presiding Member Report

The Presiding Member provided an update on the following:

- The Natural Resources Committee met with the Presiding Member, Mayor Wilson and DEW staff to inspect beach levels and discuss sand management at Somerton Park. M Townsend provided a valuable presentation on the history and management of managed beaches along this section.
- At the Federal Level, the Disaster and Risk Reduction Cross Sector Panel has not met since the Summit in Sydney in late June to consider matters related to the Second National Action Plan under the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework.
- The annual Coast Protection Board Field Trip which usually occurs in November will take place in May 2023 due to caretaker provisions at Local Government and to allow time for Council's post-election induction processes to take place.
- SA Australian Coastal Society Regional Forum, for which the Board is a sponsor, will take place on 3 and 4 November 2022.
- Intention to conduct a focussed governance review in relation to the Board's engagement with its advisory committees and other stakeholders.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Presiding Member Report.

3. Strategy and Policy

3.1 Strategy

3.1.4 Sustainable Tourism Strategy

K Galpin provided a verbal update on the Sustainable Tourism Strategy being undertaken by the South Australian Tourism Commission. The targeted stakeholder engagement is underway to understand the views of stakeholders in how economic growth in tourism can be attained sustainability. Further consultation will be undertaken in October with the aim to release the strategy by the end of the year.

The Board resolved to:

Note the update by K Galpin on the Sustainable Tourism Strategy.

3.1.1 Blue Carbon - Presentation

N McFarlane introduced Ms Stella Kondylas, Blue Carbon Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy, as well as new DEW staff member C Vicente, Coast and Marine Officer, to the Board.

S Kondylas presented to the Board on Blue Carbon projects being undertaken by The Nature Conservancy in partnership with DEW in South Australia. S Kondylas highlighted funding secured through the Commonwealth under the Blue Carbon Ecosystem Restoration Grants, the progress and opportunities for South Australia.

The Board resolved to:

Note the presentation given by S Kondylas on Blue Carbon.

3.1.2 Seagrass Restoration - Presentation

N McFarlane introduced Assoc. Prof. Jason Tanner, Subprogram Leader, Environmental Assessment and Rehabilitation, SARDI Aquatic Sciences to the Board.

J Tanner presented to the Board on seagrass restoration research in South Australia using the hessian bag technique, including progress reports on recent trials and the success of longer-term trials.

The Board resolved to:

Note the presentation given by J Tanner on Seagrass Restoration.

-----**TOUR AND MORNING TEA BREAK**-----

C Hart left meeting at 11:15.

3.1.3 Priority Projects Update

The Presiding Member presented the priority projects update. The Board considered the priorities and implementation plan developed by the Board's Priorities Working Group and discussed the benefit of a multi-year Coast Protection Board Business Plan based on the priorities. The Board discussed the progress of the CPB eNewsletter and agreed that the Working Group will approve the content on behalf of the Board.

The Board resolved to:

Note the composition and purpose of the Board's Priorities Working Group and the meeting notes and actions from the meeting on 24 August 2022.

Approve the Priorities Working Group's recommended refinements to the scope and actions of priority projects in the Implementation Plan (Attachment 1).

Agree to develop a Coast Protection Board Business Plan based on the Board Work Plan and Implementation Plan.

4. Engagement and Communications

4.1 Advisory Committee Reports

4.1.1 Local Government

- MSCC update

B Jamieson provide an update to the Board highlighting the Metropolitan Seaside Councils Committee will now be known as the Adelaide Coastal Councils Network comprising of 7 metro coastal councils. A revised terms of reference and strategic plan were provided to the Board for information.

- SACCA update

A Gray advised registrations are now open for the SA Coastal Councils Alliance 2022 Coastal Forum to be held on 28 September 2022.

The Board resolved to:

Note the updates provided by the Local Government Advisory Committee members.

4.2 Correspondence and Media Reports

4.2.1 Correspondence

The Board resolved to:

Note the correspondence received by the Board.

4.2.2 Traditional and Social Media

The Board resolved to:

Note the media articles provided.

4.3 Draft 2021-22 Annual Report

The Board considered the Draft 2021-22 Annual Report. J Buder requested amendment of the Board's stated purpose to better reflect the Coast Protection Act. The Board discussed the need to incorporate Board values of excellence and expertise for future Annual Reports.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the Coast Protection Board draft 2021-22 Annual Report, subject to the Presiding Member approving the proposed minor amendments.

5. Operations

5.1 Manager's Report

M Townsend presented the Manager's Report to the Board and highlighted the opportunity to hold the next Board meeting and annual State of the Coast Workshop in Port Adelaide with a focus on flood risk and sea level rise. This will also be an opportunity to extend an invitation to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water.

The Presiding Member also advised the recently appointed Special Envoy, Senator Tony Sheldon will be visiting South Australia in September 2022.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Manager's Report.

5.2 Coastal Programs and Management Report

M Townsend provided an update to the Board on recent sand carting and dune stabilisation in West Beach, and the amendments to the sand pumping program for Holdfast Bay.

The Board resolved to:

Note the update on coastal programs.

5.3 Planning and Development Report

5.3.1 Planning and Design Code Amendment – draft Board Submission

A Broom presented the Planning and Design Code Amendment – draft Board Submission. A Broom provided a breakdown of the four key issues raised, including proposed amendments to the Coastal Areas Overlay and Coastal Flooding Overlay to ensure development addresses the Board's sea level rise allowance; that land division in the Rural Shack Settlement Zone remain as a "restricted" form of development; and that the Aquaculture General Development Module not include certain Deemed to Satisfy provisions to ensure the Board's role as a prescribed referral body is not compromised.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Miscellaneous Technical Enhancement (MTE) Planning and Design Code (Code) Amendment.

Endorse the draft Coast Protection Board submission to the MTE Code Amendment (Attachment 1).

Review the DEW submission out-of-session for information.

5.3.2 Coastal Planning Information Package update

The Presiding Member noted that the Coastal Planning Information Package is a DEW document and requires updated. The Board acknowledged the benefit of the document being updated over time and factsheets being rolled out periodically. A Sandery requested the DIT Recreational Boating Facilities Guidelines be referenced in the draft Recreational Boat Ramps fact sheet.

The Board resolved to:

Note the update on the Coastal Planning Information Package.

Note that the Coastal Planning Information Package is a DEW document.

5.3.3 Report on DA responses

A Wilson left meeting at 12:10pm due to conflict of interest.

A Broom presented the Report on DA Responses noting 15 applications received with 1 direction to refuse.

A Wilson returned to the meeting at 12:14pm.

The Board resolved to:

Note the Development Applications Activity Report, and

Discuss any items as necessary.

5.4 Grants

J Kirk presented the paper on the Coast Protection Board Grants. It is proposed that the Coast Protection Grants and the Community Participation Grants are run concurrently for 2022-23; opening November 2022 and closing February 2023. The Board discussed the timing of the Grants program with the upcoming Local

Government elections and induction process, Christmas and New Year period and the seasonal timing of undertaking protection works.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the draft assessment, prioritisation and approvals processes for the 2022-23 Coast Protection Grants program; and the 2022-23 Coastal Community Participation Grant program.

6. Budget and Finance

6.1 Finance Report

The Board resolved to:

Note the CPB Finance Report.

6.2 2022-23 FY Budget Requests

The Presiding Member presented the 2022-23 FY Budget Requests outlining the new budget requests received by the Board and the proposed reallocation of Eyre Peninsula Saltmarsh Profile Surveys.

The Board resolved to:

Approve the 2022-23 Budget requests for:

- a. \$10,000 for Coast Protection Board-owned land management works (Attachment 1).
- b. A minor amount to be determined (expected to be up to \$2,000) for research support towards a University of Adelaide Honours project 'Evaluating the effects of future climate on the biodiversity and community structure of mangrove fishes in South Australia' (Attachment 2).

Approve the reallocation of a total of \$39,000 from the 'Other Grants' budget line as follows:

- a. \$10,000 to Board Member Salaries.
- b. \$7,000 to Priority Project 3 - Review of Grant Programs.
- c. \$17,000 to Priority Project 5 - Review of Board Policy Document.

Approve the re-assignment of the Eyre Peninsula Saltmarsh Profile Surveys in the 2022-23 Budget from Grants – Other Grants to Projects – Monitoring.

7. Other Business

No other business.

8. Topics for the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water

- Coast Protection Board meeting held at SARDI and Blue Carbon presentations
- Planning and Development Design Code Board Submission
- Sustainable Tourism Strategy
- Natural Resources Committee visit and tour

Meeting closed at 12:30pm.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday 21 October 2022.



Mr Jeff Tate

**Presiding Member
Coast Protection Board**

Date: 21 October 2022