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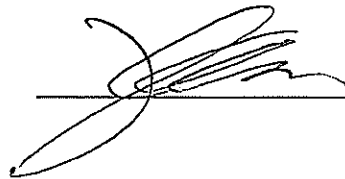
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CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD by:

Jonathan Clark

Chairperson

Date 12/9/19

Signature

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From the Lake Gairdner Co-management Board

Chairperson

I am pleased to present the 2018-19 annual report on behalf of the Lake Gairdner National Park Co-management Board. The Board is an important partnership between the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and the traditional custodians, the Gawler Ranges Aboriginal people, through the Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation (GRAC).

The 2018-2019 year has seen a number of significant achievements by the Board, including the development and endorsement of a film and photography approvals guideline and the preparation of the Lake Gairdner National Park Management Plan, and subsequent consultation. The plan has since been adopted by the Minister and will be made available at <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/park-management/state-wide-park-strategies/park-management-plans>.

Lake Gairdner National Park hosts the annual Land Speed Week event run by the Dry Lakes Racers Association (DLRA). This volunteer organisation runs a professional event that attracts international participants and a growing number of spectators. The event is approaching its 30th year anniversary and the Board is working together with DLRA and GRAC towards a multi-year agreement to provide certainty for the future running of this iconic event.

The Gawler Ranges National Park Advisory Committee lapsed on 17 December 2018. The Board is working with GRAC and DEW towards forming an amalgamated Board to manage both the Gawler Ranges and Lake Gairdner National Parks.

More information is contained within the annual report and I encourage people to learn more about this stunning landscape by reading the management plan.

The Board looks forward to continuing to manage this important park, along with neighbours, community and other key stakeholders in future years.



Jonathan Clark

Chairperson

Lake Gairdner National Park Co-management Board



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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	<p>The Lake Gairdner National Park Co-management Board (the Board) provides expert advice to the Minister for Environment and Water (the Minister) on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training and employment opportunities for traditional custodians. 2. Protection and management of cultural heritage and other cultural issues. 3. Interpretation and promotion of Aboriginal culture within the Park. 4. Exercise of traditional rights and access to the Park for traditional custodians. 5. Taking of plants and animals by the traditional custodians. 6. Increased cultural awareness for all park visitors. 7. Access to the Park for the general public.
Our Vision	<p>The Gawler Ranges people share a vision of the Gawler Ranges and Lake Gairdner National Parks. The co-management model provides the framework for the Gawler Ranges people and the Board on behalf of the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) to share responsibility for the management of Gawler Ranges and Lake Gairdner National Parks.</p>
Our Values	<p>Provide positive experiences for visitors and position Lake Gairdner National Park as an iconic, internationally recognised tourism destination by effectively and efficiently managing the park within a good governance framework.</p>
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	<p>The Board has been working towards the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsement of the new management plan • Progressing the interpretation plan • Amalgamation of both the Lake Gairdner Board and the previous Gawler Ranges Advisory Committee into a single board • The Board also provides advice on regulated activities on Lake Gairdner National Park (the Park)

Our organisational structure

As at 30 June 2019, the structure of the Board is detailed in 'An overview of Board membership' below.

Changes to the agency

During 2018-19 there were no changes to the membership of the Board and its objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

The Gawler Ranges National Park Advisory Committee, whose function is to provide an advisory role to the Board, ceased to exist on 17 December 2018 at the expiration of the Gawler Ranges National Park Co-management Agreement.

An Overview of Board Membership

The Board consists of eight members. Members are appointed in accordance with Regulation 5 of the *National Parks and Wildlife (Lake Gairdner National Park) Regulations 2013*

As at 30 June 2019 the Board membership was as follows:

Chairperson	Appointed pursuant to the following section of the Act
Mr Jonathan Clark	(5)(1)(b): nominated by the Department
Deputy Chairperson	
Ms Cheryl Rothwell	(5)(1)(a): nominated by Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation (GRAC)
Members	
Mr Brandon McNamara	(5)(1)(a): nominated by GRAC
Ms Dawn Taylor	(5)(1)(a): nominated by GRAC
Mrs Helen Smith	(5)(1)(a): nominated by GRAC
Ms Maria Toscano	(5)(1)(c): nominated by the Minister
Ms Mary-Anne Healy	(5)(1)(b): nominated by the Department
Mr Peter Copley	(5)(1)(b): nominated by the Department
Deputy Members	
Mr Tim Hall	Deputy to Mr Clark
Mr Brandon Mundy	Deputy to Ms Taylor
Mrs Elizabeth Pool	Deputy to Mr McNamara
Ms Janelle Saunders	Deputy to Ms Rothwell
Ms Tracey Reid	Deputy to Mrs Smith
Ms Yvette Colton	Deputy to Ms Toscano
Ms Elizabeth McTaggart	Deputy to Ms Healy
Mr Anthony Freebairn	Deputy to Mr Copley

Legislation administered by the agency

The Board is responsible for complying with the following legislation which are administered by DEW:

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972

National Parks and Wildlife (National Parks) Regulations 2016

National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Department for Environment and Water

The Agency's performance

Performance at a glance

A summary of the Board's Achievements for 2018-19

- The Board endorsed a Lake Gairdner National Park film permits approval process.
- The Board approved the hire agreement for Dry Lakes Racers Association (DLRA) Land Speed Week event held in March 2019. The Board also reviewed outcomes of the event and recommendations for improvement for future events as reported by Departmental staff, DLRA representatives and Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation.
- The Board are working towards a multiyear agreement with Dry Lake racing to provide certainty for the running of the event. This event provides a tourism opportunity for South Australia. International competitors and visitors attend this event.
- The work undertaken by the Board in the 2018 - 2019 financial year has been aligned to its functions under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 as outlined in the annual report.
- The Gawler Ranges National Park Advisory Committee ceased on 17 December 2018 owing to the expiration of the Co-management Agreement
- The Board is working towards amalgamation to form one Board over the Gawler Ranges and Lake Gairdner National Parks.
- The Board endorsed the Lake Gairdner National Park Management Plan in conjunction with the Board, DEW and GRAC.
- The Management Plan for Lake Gairdner National Park was released for public comment in January 2019 for a period of three months and sent to key stakeholders.
- 11 submissions were received and analysed.
- The Management Plan was adopted in August 2019.

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More Jobs	The Board is supporting the Working on Country Program
Economic Growth	Promote nature-based tourism opportunities on parks
Better Services	<p>Include Aboriginal rangers in decision making processes for the management of the parks</p> <p>Provide training and advice for Aboriginal staff for fitness and well-being</p> <p>Provide for training to increase skills and improve capacity for park and cultural heritage management</p> <p>When managing reserves, DEW is required under section 37 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 to have regard to, and undertake actions that are consistent with, the following objectives as stated in the Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preservation and management of wildlife. • Preservation of features of geological, natural or scenic interest. • Destruction of dangerous weeds and the eradication or control of noxious weeds and exotic plants. • Control of vermin and exotic animals. • Control and eradication of disease of animals and vegetation. • Prevention and suppression of bushfires and other hazards. • Encouragement of public use and enjoyment of reserves and education in, and a proper understanding and recognition of, their purpose and significance. <p>Generally, the promotion of the public interest.</p>

Agency specific objectives and performance

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Functions and powers of the Board are as set out in the Co-management Agreement, the National Parks and Wildlife Act and the Regulations.	Regular referral to the NPWA, relevant ILUAs and CMAs. Advise the Minister on matters relating to the management of the park by providing an annual report.	Protection of the environmental and cultural assets within the National Park whilst providing safe and controlled visitor access
In exercising its functions and powers, the Board must have regard to the objects of co-management as specified in the NPWA and clause 3 of the co-management agreement, and must not act inconsistently with the management plan for the park.	Regular contact between the Board and Gawler Ranges Aboriginal Corporation (GRAC) to discuss co-management issues and general park operations. Minutes from meetings are provided to GRAC and joint meetings are proposed between GRAC and the Board. The Board is responsible for complying with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972, National Parks and Wildlife (National Parks) Regulations 2016 and National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016, which are administered by DEW.	This has provided a valuable tool and sense of participation in the management of the Park by the Traditional Owners; which in turn leads to greater community knowledge of cultural practices
Working on country program (WOC)	Supporting the employment of 2 Aboriginal Rangers by the WOC program	Provision of cultural land management practices and interaction with visitors on Traditional lands

Corporate performance summary

A summary of the performance of the Board has been detailed in the Board's achievements above and Agency's performance below.

Employment opportunity programs

Program name	Performance
Working on Country Program	More employment for Aboriginal staff
	<p>The Board has no staff of its own and utilises the services of DEW. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2018-19.</p> <p>Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Board from existing DEW resources.</p>

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
The Board undertake governance responsibilities	<p>The Board members undertake regular governance training.</p> <p>The Board review and provide comment on permit and mining exploration applications.</p>
Register of attendance at meetings	This is reflected in the minutes of each meeting
Government employees supporting the Board's operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers	Two formal Performance Review Discussions are held on an annual basis with Departmental staff.

Work health, safety and return to work programs

Program name	Performance
This Board abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by DEW to meet whole of government and legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the DEW Annual Report 2018-19

Workplace injury claims	Current year 2018-19	Past year 2017-18	% Change (+ / -)
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0%
Fatalities	0	0	0%
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0%
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0%

*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)

Work health and safety regulations	Current 2018-19	Past year 2017-18	% Change (+ / -)
Number of notifiable incidents (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012, Part 3</i>)	0	0	0%
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i>)	0	0	0%

Return to work costs**	Current year 2018-19	Past year 2017-18	% Change (+ / -)
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0%
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0%

**before third party recovery

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/lake-gairdner-national-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES Level 1	0

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The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) has a [workforce information](#) page that provides further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

The Board is a statutory body; it is not a corporate entity and has no funds of its own. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEW Annual Report 2018-19.

The costs associated with the administration of the Board are met from within existing DEW resources. Members are remunerated in accordance with a recommendation by the Chief Executive, Department of the Premier and Cabinet, in line with the Cabinet-approved Remuneration Framework.

Statement of Comprehensive Income	2018-19 Budget \$000s	2018-19 Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	2017-18 Actual \$000s
Expenses	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0
Net cost of providing services	0	0	0	0
Net Revenue from SA Government	0	0	0	0
Net result	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Result	0	0	0	0

Statement of Financial Position	2018-19 Budget \$000s	2018-19 Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	2017-18 Actual \$000s
Current assets	0	0	0	0
Non-current assets	0	0	0	0
Total assets	0	0	0	0
Current liabilities	0	0	0	0
Non-current liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	0	0	0	0
Net assets	0	0	0	0
Equity	0	0	0	0

Consultants disclosure

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for the work undertaken during the financial year.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All consultancies below \$10,000 each – combined Nil	Nil	\$0

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Nil	Nil	\$0
	Total	\$0

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See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for work undertaken during the financial year.

Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All contractors below \$10,000 each – combined Nil	Nil	\$0

Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Nil	Nil	\$0
	Total	\$0

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The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts](#).

The website also provides details of [across government contracts](#).

Other financial information

Nil to report.

Other information

Nil to report.

Risk management

Risk and audit at a glance

Nil to report

Fraud detected in the agency

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Board in this reporting period.	0

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the DEW Annual Report 2018-19.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/lake-gairdner-national-park-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Whistle-blowers disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Whistle-blowers Protection Act 1993*:

0

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Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p>National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016 Section 23</p> <p>(a) information relating to traditional hunting activities in the park carried out in accordance with section 68D of the Act.</p>	<p>Although traditional hunting is permitted on the Park, no hunting activities have occurred in the reporting period.</p>

For the purposes of section 43L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (the Act), the annual report of the Board must include the following:

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p>National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016 Section 23</p> <p>(b) information relating to the effect of traditional hunting activities in the park carried out in accordance with section 68D of the Act on native plants and protected animals or the eggs of protected animals (in particular endangered species, vulnerable species and rare species).</p>	<p>As (a) above.</p>

For the purposes of section 43L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (the Act), the annual report of the Board must include the following:

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p>National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016 Section 23</p> <p>(c) information relating to the operation and works programs</p>	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>The Board developed the work plan for the board's activities for the 2018-2019 year, including:</p> <p>(i) Community engagement opportunities. The Board has developed an engagement plan.</p>

Act or Regulation	Requirement
undertaken by or on behalf of the board.	<p>(ii) Lake Gairdner National Park Management Plan has been endorsed by the Board.</p> <p>(iii) Interpretation plan. The Board has commenced work on agreed priority sites identified in the Interpretation Plan within the Gawler Ranges and Lake Gairdner National Parks.</p> <p>(iv) Delegation matrix (outside of informal delegations). The Board has reviewed the delegations in preparation for transition to the new DEW structure in the following financial year.</p> <p>(v) Presentations, workshops and guest speakers as a part of board meetings.</p> <p>(vi) Governance schedule has been developed and is a standing agenda item. The Board has endorsed the use of an online governance toolkit as means for governance training.</p> <p>(vii) The Board is working towards amalgamation to form one Board over the Gawler Ranges and Lake Gairdner National Parks.</p> <p>PERMITS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Board endorsed the film permits approval process. •The Board approved the hire agreement for Dry Lakes Racers Association (DLRA) Land Speed Week event held in March 2019. •The Board is working towards a three-year agreement between GRAC, DLRA and DEW. <p>GRAC ENGAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board held a combined meeting with GRAC to continue to enhance relationships between the two groups. • Explore funding opportunities for Aboriginal employment. • The Board discussed cross cultural awareness for Board members and departmental staff and attended a presentation on cultural awareness training from a GRAC Executive Director. <p>EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Dry Lake Racers Speed Week event. The Board was provided with and reviewed a report of the March 2019 event. • The Board liaised with representatives of DLRA to discuss proposals for the 2019-2021 events. • Gawler Ranges National Park staff, Board members and GRAC monitors attended the five-day Speed Week event to ensure compliance of the hire agreement.

Act or Regulation	Requirement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board discussed the Aboriginal Heritage Act and Notifiable Acts; and the use of the Cultural Heritage Management Plans for cultural processes and protocols. <p>MINING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>No mining applications were received for 2018-2019; however Cartwheel Resources were granted an exploration permit.</p> <p>PRESENTATIONS</p> <p>In conjunction with the DEW Regional Coordinator Nature-Based Tourism, the Board and GRAC developed commercial filming guidelines for Lake Gairdner National Park. The Board acknowledged GRAC's input into the process.</p> <p>The Board received a presentation on cultural awareness training from a GRAC Executive Director.</p>

For the purposes of section 43L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (the Act), the annual report of the Board must include the following:

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p>National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016 Section 23</p> <p>(d) information relating to park infrastructure.</p>	<p>A volunteer was engaged to provide input into the information and development of signage throughout the Park based on the Visitor Information Plan.</p>

For the purposes of section 43L of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (the Act), the annual report of the Board must include the following:

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p>National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016 Section 23</p> <p>e) Any other information required by the Minister</p>	<p>The Gawler Ranges National Park Advisory Committee, whose purpose is to provide an advisory role to the Board, ceased on 17 December 2018 at the expiration of the Gawler Ranges National Park Co-management Agreement.</p>

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Nil to report

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2018-19
Professional behaviour	Staff attitude	Failure to demonstrate values such as empathy, respect, fairness, courtesy, extra mile; cultural competency	0
Professional behaviour	Staff competency	Failure to action service request; poorly informed decisions; incorrect or incomplete service provided	0
Professional behaviour	Staff knowledge	Lack of service specific knowledge; incomplete or out-of-date knowledge	0
Communication	Communication quality	Inadequate, delayed or absent communication with customer	0
Communication	Confidentiality	Customer's confidentiality or privacy not respected; information shared incorrectly	0
Service delivery	Systems/technology	System offline; inaccessible to customer; incorrect result/information provided; poor system design	0
Service delivery	Access to services	Service difficult to find; location poor; facilities/ environment poor standard; not accessible to customers with disabilities	0
Service delivery	Process	Processing error; incorrect process used; delay in processing application; process not customer responsive	0
Policy	Policy application	Incorrect policy interpretation; incorrect policy applied; conflicting policy advice given	0
Policy	Policy content	Policy content difficult to understand; policy unreasonable or disadvantages customer	0

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2018-19
Service quality	Information	Incorrect, incomplete, out dated or inadequate information; not fit for purpose	0
Service quality	Access to information	Information difficult to understand, hard to find or difficult to use; not plain English	0
Service quality	Timeliness	Lack of staff punctuality; excessive waiting times (outside of service standard); timelines not met	0
Service quality	Safety	Maintenance; personal or family safety; duty of care not shown; poor security service/ premises; poor cleanliness	0
Service quality	Service responsiveness	Service design doesn't meet customer needs; poor service fit with customer expectations	0
No case to answer	No case to answer	Third party; customer misunderstanding; redirected to another agency; insufficient information to investigate	0
		Total	0

Additional Metrics	Total
Number of positive feedback comments	0
Number of negative feedback comments	0
Total number of feedback comments	0
% complaints resolved within policy timeframes	*0

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Service improvements for period

Service improvements that responded to customer complaints or feedback
Nil to report.

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2018-19

Financial services are provided to the Board by DEW. Finances are audited annually as part of DEW's financial statements.

Annual report information (including financial statements) is available on the [DEW](#) website.

