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To:

The Hon David Speirs

Minister for Environment and Water

This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *(insert relevant acts and regulations)* and the requirements of Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC013 Annual Reporting*.

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting to the Parliament of South Australia.

Submitted on behalf of the MAMUNGARI CONSERVATION PARK CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD by:

Mr Lance Ingomar

Chairperson

Date 13/9/21

Signature

Lance Ingomar

From the Chairperson



COVID-19 has continued to make a mess of everything, including field work plans in the Mamungari Park.

The Oak Valley and Spinifex Rangers had planned to work together to start the Anne Beadell Highway official camp site project, but border closures have been making it hard to meet and work together. They also planned to get together for a Chopper Week in the Park, where old people would take young people out to visit remote sites, but that has also been cancelled because of COVID problems.

In the last financial year the Oak Valley Rangers have managed to complete some good work in and around the Park. They have burnt and sprayed some buffel grass on the Anne Beadell Highway that is east of the Park boundary and hopefully this will stop that patch of buffel spreading into the Park. They have patrolled the Park many times and found Princess Parrots, a new area for Malleefowl, assisted travellers in distress and carefully mapped and planned the Anne Beadell Highway official camp site project.

The Park didn't get many visitors in 2020 because it was closed most of the time due to COVID-19. It has started allowing visitors again in 2021 but there have still been many weeks where permits get cancelled at short notice because of new COVID problems. We are happy to see travellers coming back into the Park.

I have only been Mamungari Chairperson for a few months and I will probably have more to say next time.

Mr Lance Ingomar

Chairperson

Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board

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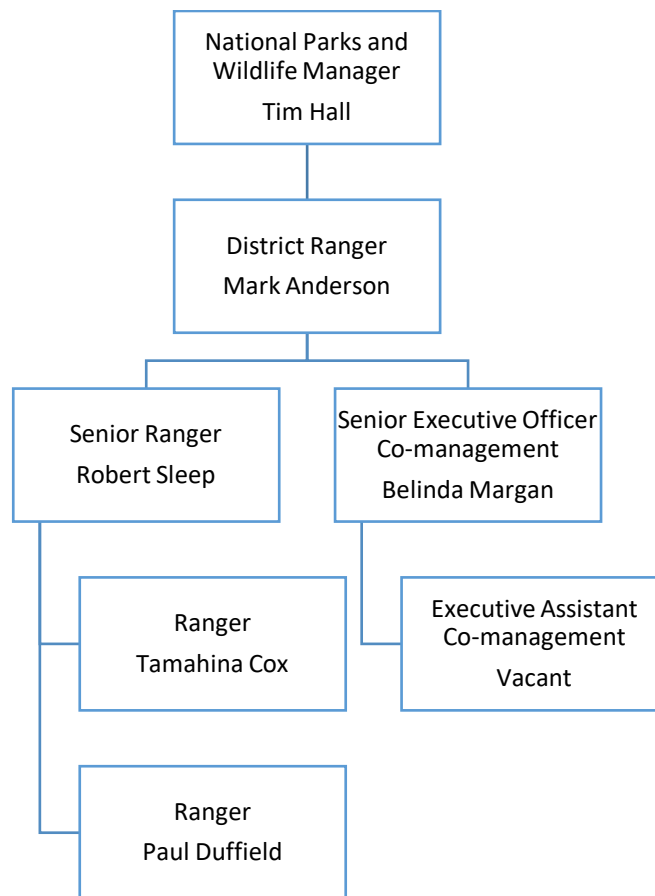
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Overview: about the agency

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose	Jointly manage the Mamungari Conservation Park in partnership with the Minister for Environment and Water, the Maralinga Tjarutja people and the Pila Nguru people.
Our Vision	Respect the rights, interests and needs of the traditional owners and create social development and economic opportunities for Maralinga Tjarutja and Pila Nguru families and communities. To manage and preserve the cultural landscape, still known and understood by its Aboriginal traditional owners as well as the park's outstanding natural features.
Our Values	Respect the traditional lore and customs while providing great experiences for visitors and position Mamungari Conservation Park as a recognised tourism destination by effectively and efficiently managing the park within a good governance framework.
Our functions, objectives and deliverables	<p>The Board is responsible for managing the Mamungari Conservation Park. The Board's role includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting and managing cultural heritage and other cultural issues. • Interpreting and promoting Aboriginal culture within the park. • Managing the exercise of traditional rights and access to the park for traditional custodians. • Managing the taking of plants and animals by the traditional custodians. • Increasing cultural awareness for all park visitors. • Managing access to the park for the general public. <p>Establishing training and employment opportunities for traditional owners on park.</p>

Our organisational structure



Changes to the agency

During 2020-21 there were no changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Minister



The Department for Environment and Water is a portfolio agency of the Minister for Environment and Water, the Hon David Speirs MP.

Our Executive team

Chairperson: Mr Lance Ingomar is a respected senior cultural man and representative of Maralinga Tjarutja (MT) People and responsible for leading the Board.

Deputy Chair: Mr Parka Hogan is a respected senior cultural man and representative of MT People and also responsible for leading the Board.

Member: Ms Cindy Watson is a respected senior cultural woman, nominated by MT, representing the interests of the MT People.

Member: Ms Debbie Hansen is a respected cultural woman, nominated by Pila Nguru Aboriginal Corporation (PNAC), representing the interests of the Pila Nguru People.

Member: Mr Rohan Baird is a respected cultural man, nominated by Pila Nguru Aboriginal Corporation (PNAC), representing the interests of the Pila Nguru People.

Member: Mr Mark Anderson nominated by DEW, representing the interests of the Minister.

Member: Ms Tamahina Cox nominated by DEW, representing the interests of the Minister.

Member: Ms Mary-Anne Healy nominated by DEW, representing the interests of the Minister.

Legislation administered by the agency

Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984

Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board) Regulations 2019

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972

National Parks and Wildlife (Mamungari Conservation Park) Regulations 2019.

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

Department for Environment and Water.

The agency's performance

Performance at a glance

Not applicable.

Agency response to COVID-19

Our members are leaders within their communities, setting an example locally abiding to Covid restrictions, and reaching out to family, friends & community. During times of isolation & heavy restrictions, members support the mental health of their communities by: encouraging community members to reach out to family and friends; encouraging youth to connect with elders within their isolation zone to share stories & culture; and assisting circulation of instructions through mobile phone apps to capture and edit stories from elders within isolation bubble.

Agency contribution to whole of Government objectives

SA Government is committed to putting local communities at the heart of sustaining, conserving and revitalising our state's parks and wildlife and acknowledges the First Nations of SA and the role First Nations People continue to have in purposefully shaping and caring for the area that we know as South Australia.

Key objective	Agency's contribution
More jobs	We are respecting the rights, interests and needs of First Nations People and creating social development and economic opportunities for the Far West Coast People, their families and communities.
Lower costs	Through the DEW procurement process we seek to support local regional businesses and community in our efforts to provide a great park experience and management at a reasonable cost.
Better Services	SA Government seeks to foster a greater relationship with all South Australians to work together for better services and a better future, particularly in enabling partnerships that support and encourage First Nations People to continue to take a leading role in park management.

Agency specific objectives and performance

Agency objectives	Indicators	Performance
Advise the Minister on any matter referred to the Board by the Minister or Director.	Provide the Minister and/or Director with a broad based community view on a variety of park issues.	SA public find value in managing parks, protection and promotion of culture of First Nations People, while maintaining park access and use for the general public. The ability for First Nations People to exercise traditional rights is an expectation of the SA community.

Corporate performance summary

Not applicable.

Employment opportunity programs

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 2020-21**.

Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Board from existing DEW resources.

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Performance
The Board maintains a register of attendance at board meetings.	A minimum of two meetings are held annually. This is considered to be effective.
Government employees supporting the Board's operation undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.	Two sessions are held on an annual basis. This is considered to be effective.

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 2020-21.		
Workplace injury claims	2020-21	2019-20	% 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	2020-21	2019-20	% 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**	2020-21	2019-20	% 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/Mamungari-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
It is declared that there were no executives employed by the Board	0

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<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/Mamungari-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

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 corporate entity and is responsible for the administration of its funds. The following is a brief summary of the overall financial position of the agency. Audited financial statements for 2020-2021 are attached to this report.

Statement of Comprehensive Income	2020-21 Budget \$000s	2020-21 Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	Past year 2019-20 Actual \$000s
Total Income	107	122	(15)	121
Total Expenses	300	169	131	42
Net Result	(193)	(47)	(146)	79
Total Comprehensive Result	(193)	(47)	(146)	79

Statement of Financial Position	2020-21 Budget \$000s	2020-21 Actual \$000s	Variation \$000s	Past year 2019-20 Actual \$000s
Current assets	0	258	0	293
Non-current assets	0	1	0	2
Total assets	0	259	0	295
Current liabilities	0	37	0	26
Non-current liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	0	37	0	26
Net assets	0	222	0	269
Equity	0	222	0	269

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
It is declared there were no consultancies below \$10,000 each engaged by the Board		\$0

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

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
It is declared there were no consultancies above \$10,000 each engaged by the Board		\$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
Bean Crunchers	Accounting services	\$7,846.99

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

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

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<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/Mamungari-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

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

The costs associated with the administration of the Board were provided 'in-kind' from 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.

Other information

Nil to report.

Risk management

Fraud detected in the agency

This reporting period one instance of fraud was detected, where funds were withdrawn without appropriate expenditure authority. The matter was reported to the NT Police and the Board has reviewed relevant policies and procedures and implemented relevant amendments to reduce the risk of further instances of fraud.

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
It is declared that there was one instance of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Board in this reporting period.	1

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

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Members are required to declare any interests at each and every meeting. Members are also required to complete a Declaration of Interest form each financial year. The Board and DEW have maintain appropriate policies and procedures to minimise and identify fraud risk. All other strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported to the Auditor General during the Board's annual audit.

Data for previous years is available at:

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Public interest disclosure

Number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the agency under the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*:

Nil

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<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/Mamungari-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Note: Disclosure of public interest information was previously reported under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* and repealed by the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018* on 1/7/2019.

Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984</i>	<p>Section 15G—Annual report</p> <p>1) The co-management board must, on or before 30 September in each year, prepare and deliver to the Minister a report on its operations during the preceding financial year.</p> <p>2) The report must include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the audited accounts of the co-management board; and b) any other information required by or under the regulations. <p>The Minister must, within 6 sitting days after receiving a report, cause copies of the report to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.</p>

The following information addresses the annual reporting requirements or purposes of s15G of the *Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984*, Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board) Regulations 2019 and s43L of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*.

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board) Regulations 2019 section 15G – Annual Report</p> <p>a).information relating to traditional hunting activities in the Park carried out in accordance with section 68D of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</p>	<p>Although traditional hunting within the Park would occur, it is difficult to estimate information due to the remote location of the Park.</p>
Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board) Regulations 2019 section 15G – Annual Report</p> <p>b).information relating to the effect of traditional hunting activities in</p>	<p>No impact or effect of traditional hunting has been noted in monitoring programs of native plants, protected animals or their eggs.</p>

Act or Regulation	Requirement
the Park carried out in accordance with section 68D of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 on native plants and protected animals, or the eggs of protected animals (and in particular those species that are scheduled as rare, endangered or vulnerable under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972)	
Act or Regulation	Requirement
Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board) Regulations 2019 section 15G – Annual Report c). information relating to the operations and work programs undertaken by or on behalf of the Board	The Board provided funds via grant agreements for work on Park to Pila Nguru Aboriginal Corporation and Oak Valley (Maralinga) Aboriginal Corporation for their ongoing work on land management programs.
Act or Regulation	Requirement
Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board) Regulations 2019 section 15G – Annual Report d). information relating to public access to the Park (including details of any applications by members of the public that were refused by the Board)	Mamungari Conservation Park is part of the Maralinga Tjarutja lands owned by the Maralinga Tjarutja People. Permits to enter the lands, including the Park, are issued by Maralinga Tjarutja. Permits to camp within the Park are issued by Maralinga Tjarutja on behalf of the Board, details are captured within the financial statement attached.
Act or Regulation	Requirement
Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board) Regulations 2019 section 15G – Annual Report e). information relating to Park infrastructure	Nothing to report in this reporting period.
Act or Regulation	Requirement
Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Mamungari Conservation Park Co-	Nothing to report in this reporting period.

Act or Regulation	Requirement
management Board) Regulations 2019 section 15G – Annual Report f). any other information required by the Minister.	

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i>	Section 43L—Annual report 1) A co-management board established under this Division must, on or before 30 September in each year, prepare and deliver to the Minister a report on its operations during the preceding financial year. 2) The report must include— a) the audited accounts of the co-management board; and b) any other information required by or under the regulations. 3) The Minister must, within 6 sitting days after receiving a report, cause copies of the report to be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

Not applicable.

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2020-21
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 2020-21
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	100%

Data for previous years is available at:

<https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/Mamungari-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Service Improvements

No complaints have been received or acted upon.

Compliance Statement

Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board is compliant with Premier and Cabinet Circular 039 – complaint management in the South Australian public sector	Y
Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board has communicated the content of PC 039 and the agency's related complaints policies and procedures to employees.	Y

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2020-21

The Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board Financial Statements are attached to the report.