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# Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board **2018-19 Annual Report**

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This annual report will be presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of *Public Sector Act 2009*, the Public Sector Regulations 2010, the *Public and Finance Audit Act 1987*, section 43L of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, section 15G of the *Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984* 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:

Jeremy Lebois  
**Chairperson**

Date: 11 September 2019

Signature



## **From the Chairperson**

*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.*

This is the vision of the Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board, and as we conclude the fourteenth year of the Board we reflect on our achievements in this reporting period.

We are respecting the rights, interests and needs of the traditional custodians and creating social development and economic opportunities for the Maralinga Tjarutja people, the Pila Nguru people, their families and communities.

We are managing and preserving the cultural landscape, still known and understood by its Aboriginal traditional custodians as well as the park's outstanding natural features.

We welcome you to visit!

It is with great pleasure that I present the Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board Annual Report.



Jeremy Lebois

**Chairperson**

Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board

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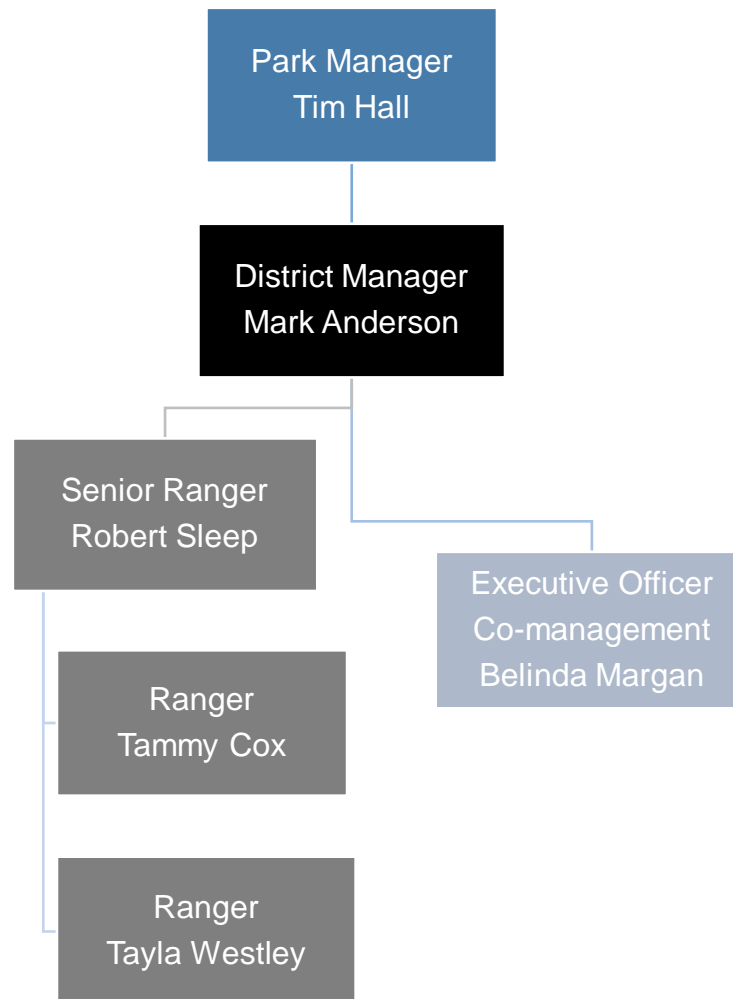
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## Overview: about the agency

### Our strategic focus

<b>Our Purpose</b>	Jointly manage the Mamungari Conservation Park in partnership with the Minister for Environment and Water, the Maralinga Tjarutja people and the Pila Nguru people.
<b>Our Vision</b>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Our Values</b>	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.
<b>Our functions, objectives and deliverables</b>	<p>The Board is responsible for managing the Mamungari Conservation Park.</p> <p>The Board's role includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protecting and managing cultural heritage and other cultural issues.</li> <li>• Interpreting and promoting Aboriginal culture within the park.</li> <li>• Managing the exercise of traditional rights and access to the park for traditional custodians.</li> <li>• Managing the taking of plants and animals by the traditional custodians.</li> <li>• Increasing cultural awareness for all park visitors.</li> <li>• Managing access to the park for the general public.</li> <li>• Establishing training and employment opportunities for traditional owners on park.</li> </ul>

## Our organisational structure



## Changes to the agency

During 2018-19 there were the following changes to the agency's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes:

- recent passing of respected elder and Board member Pastor K Peters;
- resignations: Pia Richter resigned from the Department and therefore the Board effective 11/2/19; Michelle Anderson 20/2/19; and David Clarke 20/2/19 both resigned as they were unavailable to attend meetings due to work commitments for the remainder of their terms;
- expiration of memberships 17 June 2019: Mark Anderson; Brett Backhouse;
- appointment process is currently underway to fill current vacancies on the Board;
- appointments and re-appointments were made to the Board's second term

## **Our Executive team**

**Chairperson: Mr Jeremy Lebois** is a respected Elder and representative of Maralinga Tjarutja (MT) People and responsible for leading the Board.

**Deputy Chair: Ms Hilary Williams** is a respected Elder and representative of Maralinga Tjarutja (MT) People and also responsible for leading the Board.

**Member: Ms Marie Brown** is a member of the Board nominated by Pila Nguru Aboriginal Corporation (PNAC), representing the interests of the Pila Nguru People.

**Member: Ms Tamahina Cox** is currently acting Member of the Board nominated by DEW, representing the interests of the Minister.

Appointment process is underway to fill current the vacancies.

## **Legislation administered by the agency**

*Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984*

*Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004*

*National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*

*National Parks and Wildlife (Unnamed Conservation Park – Maralinga Tjarutja Lands) Regulations 2004*

## **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 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 natural resources and acknowledges the Aboriginal nations of SA and the role they 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 the traditional custodians and creating social development and economic opportunities for the Maralinga Tjarutja and Pila Nguru 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 Aboriginal nations 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 Aboriginal people, while maintaining park access and use for the general public. The ability for Aboriginal people to exercise traditional rights is an expectation of the SA community.
Oak Valley Ranger Program start up	Consider the views of a broad community to develop strategies and prioritise work on parks based on identified targets and threats.	There is public value in consultation with and empowerment of traditional owners in decision making on parks under native title. Building strong relationships and working towards reconciliation is a reflection of SA community expectations.

### 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 2018-19.

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 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)*

<b>Work health and safety regulations</b>	Current year 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%

<b>Return to work costs**</b>	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/Mamungari-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

### **Executive employment in the agency**

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

Data for previous years is available at: <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 Board funds.

The Board's audited Financial Statements for 2017-18 are included in Appendix 1.

### 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

Data for previous years is available at:

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

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**

<b>Contractors</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>\$ Actual payment</b>
All contractors below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	\$ 0

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

<b>Contractors</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>\$ Actual payment</b>
Pila Nguru Aboriginal Corporation	land management	\$ 25,000.00
Oak Valley (Maralinga) Aboriginal Corporation	land management	\$ 25,000.00
	Total	\$ 50,000.00

Data for previous years is available at:

<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 information**

Nil to report.

## Risk management

### Risk and audit at a glance

The Board and DEW have maintained appropriate policies and procedures to minimise and identify fraud risk. These policies are reviewed on a regular basis and procedures reviewed if it is evident that risk has increased. There have been no reports of actual, suspected or alleged fraud affecting the Board.

### 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/Mamungari-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 *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993*:

0

Data for previous years is available at:

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

## Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p><b><i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights Act 1984</i></b></p>	<p><b>Section 15G—Annual report</b></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"> <li>(a) the audited accounts of the co-management board; and</li> <li>(b) any other information required by or under the regulations.</li> </ul> <p>(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.</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 (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004* and s43L of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*.

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p><i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004</i> 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 <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i>.</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><i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004</i> Section 15G—Annual report</p> <p>b) information relating to the effect of traditional hunting activities in the</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
<p>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).</p>	

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p><i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004</i> Section 15G—Annual report</p> <p>c) information relating to the operations and work programs undertaken by or on behalf of the Board.</p>	<p>The Board continued to contract work on Park to Pila Nguru Aboriginal Corporation for their ongoing work on weed management program.</p>

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p><i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004</i> Section 15G—Annual report</p> <p>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).</p>	<p>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.</p>

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p><i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004</i> Section 15G—Annual report</p> <p>e) information relating to Park infrastructure.</p>	<p>Nothing to report in this reporting period.</p>

Act or Regulation	Requirement

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p><i>Maralinga Tjarutja Land Rights (Establishment of Co-management Board) Regulations 2004</i> Section 15G—Annual report</p> <p>f) any other information required by the Minister.</p>	<p>Nothing to report in this reporting period.</p>

Act or Regulation	Requirement
<p><b><i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972</i></b></p>	<p><b>Section 43L—Annual report</b></p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(2) The report must include—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the audited accounts of the co-management board; and</li> <li>(b) any other information required by or under the regulations.</li> </ul> <p>(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.</p>

## Public complaints

### Number of public complaints reported

Complaint categories	Sub-categories	Example	Number of Complaints 2018-19
All complaints	No specific complaints have been received by the Board.		0
		<b>Total</b>	0

Additional Metrics	Total
% 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 for period

#### Service improvements that responded to customer complaints or feedback

No complaints have been received or acted upon.

## **Appendix: Audited financial statements 2018-19**

The Maralinga Lands Unnamed Conservation Park (Mamungari) Board Financial Statements are attached to this report.