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# **Yumbarra Co-management Board**

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Yumbarra Co-management Board  
Annual Report 2014-15

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## LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Hon Ian Hunter MLC  
Minister for Sustainability Environment and Conservation  
Parliament House  
North Terrace  
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Dear Minister

In accordance with the requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009* and section 19(d) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* I have pleasure in presenting the annual report of the Yumbarra Co-management Board for the year ended 30 June 2015.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Ward  
**CHAIRPERSON**  
**YUMBARRA CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD**

## PLANS AND OBJECTIVES

The Yumbarra Co-management Board provides expert advice to the Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation (the Minister) on the following:

- a) Preparation of Management Plans;
- b) Implementation of the Management Plans;
- c) Amendment of the Management Plans from time to time;
- d) Training and employment opportunities for Far West Coast People;
- e) Protection and management of Aboriginal Heritage and other cultural issues;
- f) Interpretation and promotion of Aboriginal Heritage and culture;
- g) Exercise of Traditional rights by Far West Coast People;
- h) Taking of plants and animals by the Far West Coast People;
- i) Increased cultural awareness for all visitors to the Other Parks;
- j) Access for the general public;
- k) Opportunities for integration of park management with Natural Resource Management Planning; and
- l) Any other matter referred to it by the Director or the Minister.

The Yumbarra Co-management Board is new and began operations in February 2015. Their main strategic priority has been to establish Board meeting arrangements, put into place governance plans and to begin the Park Management Planning process.

The establishment and activities of the Yumbarra Co-Management Board strives towards the following State Strategic Plan Targets:

- Target 6: Improve the overall wellbeing of Aboriginal South Australians
- Target 28: Increase the number of Aboriginal South Australians participating in community leadership and in community leadership development programs
- Target 44: Resolve 80% of Native Title Claims by 2020
- Target 51: Halve the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal unemployment rates by 2018.
- Target 72: Increase participation in nature conservation activities by 25% by 2015

The Yumbarra Co-Management Board works closely with the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board, in particular around the Board priority (as captured in Schedule Five of the AW NRM Board and DEWNR SLA):

- *People: Support Co-Management, Marine Park and Protected Area frameworks in the effective delivery of good governance, compliance and visitor management in partnership with the community.*

## **OPERATIONS AND INITIATIVES**

### **THE YEAR IN REVIEW**

#### **Far West Coast Planning and Design Workshop, 24 February, Ceduna**

Members and Deputies of the Far West Coast co-management bodies - Yumbarra Co-management Board and Nullarbor Parks Advisory Committee, met with NRAW representatives to discuss the potential methods that could be used to create the Park Management Plans. Board members decided to use a process called Healthy Country Planning which incorporates both landscape and cultural planning into one process.

#### **Far West Coast Co-management Induction Day, 25 February, Ceduna**

Members of the Far West Coast co-management bodies - Yumbarra Co-management Board and Nullarbor Parks Advisory Committee, held a joint meeting with representatives from the DEWNR Policy and Planning Unit. Discussions included aspirations for co-management; co-management models, planning and regulation; characteristics of good boards and committees; cultural awareness training; roles and responsibilities of departmental support staff; and, financial arrangements.

#### **Meeting 1, 30 March, Ceduna**

Members of the Yumbarra Co-management Board held their first meeting with a full attendance. Issues discussed included: business arising from Induction Day; future meeting formats; how to keep Deputies involved and informed; an introduction to 'Delegations'; Scientific Research Permits (current and upcoming approvals); Healthy Country Planning update; Far West Coast Parks on ground works update; budget report; and, developing a communication strategy.

#### **AWNRM and Joint Co-management Chairs meeting, 22 April, Ceduna**

Representatives from Yumbarra Co-management Board attended a meeting with the AWNRM Board and representatives from other co-management bodies in the AWNRM region (Nullarbor Parks Advisory Committee, Mamungari Co-management Board and Tallaringa Advisory Committee). Attendees discussed: the potential benefits of working together collaboratively; using Healthy Country Planning as the base landscape planning tool will allow local plans to be rolled up into the updated AWNRM plan in 2018; developing agreements to work together between the AWNRM Board and the co-management bodies.

#### **South Australian Nature Based Tourism Workshop, 5 May, Adelaide**

A representative from Yumbarra Co-management Board joined representatives from around the state to participate in the Adelaide workshop seeking ideas for South Australian nature based tourism.

#### **Healthy Country Planning, Far West Coast Working Group Meeting 1, 7 May, Ceduna**

Main members of the Far West Coast co-management bodies - Yumbarra Co-management Board and Nullarbor Parks Advisory Committee, held their first joint Healthy Country Planning Working Group meeting. Plans were drafted for the first on-country workshops where Board members, deputies, relevant traditional owners, elders and youth will come together to begin the detailed planning. The planning process, participant lists, locations and logistics were discussed.

### **DEWNR Executive AWNRM Regional Visit, 2-4 June, Yumbarra Conservation Park, Nullarbor Wilderness Area**

Two representatives from Yumbarra Co-management Board met with the DEWNR Executive during their tour of the AWNRM region. The meeting occurred on country at Inila Rockhole in Yumbarra Conservation Park where a Green Army Project was in the process of implementing rock hole protection activities.

### **Interview Panel, 29 June, Ceduna**

One representative from Yumbarra Co-management Board participated on the NRAW interview panel to employ an Executive Assistant for the FWC co-management bodies.

## **ROLE, LEGISLATION AND STRUCTURE (CORPORATE GOVERNANCE)**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board is established under the National Parks and Wildlife (Yumbarra Conservation Park) Regulations 2015, under the National parks and Wildlife Act 1972.

### **OBJECT OF THE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE ACT 1972**

The object of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 (NPW Act) is to provide for the establishment and management of reserves for public benefit and enjoyment; to provide for the conservation of wildlife in a natural environment; and for other purposes.

### **ROLE OF THE YUMBARRA CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board is responsible for providing the duties of a Co-management Board over Yumbarra Conservation Park and the duties of an Advisory Committee over the Other Parks (Acraman Creek Conservation Park (part), Boondina Conservation Park, Chadinga Conservation park, Fowlers Bay Conservation Park, Laura Bay Conservation Park, Point Bell Conservation Park, Pureba Conservation Park (part), Wahgunyah Conservation Park, Wittelbee Conservation Park, Yellabinna Regional Reserve and Yellabinna Wilderness Protection Area.

### **FUNCTIONS OF THE YUMBARRA CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The Act describes the functions of the Yumbarra Co-management Board.

The functions of the Yumbarra Co-management Board are:

- To carry out the function assigned to the Board by or under the Act; and
- To carry out the functions assigned to the Board by the co-management agreement; and
- To carry out other functions assigned to the Board by the Minister.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Yumbarra Co-management Board consists of 8 members. Members are appointed in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife (Yumbarra Conservation Park) Regulations 2015, National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972.

As at 30 June 2015 Yumbarra Co-management Board membership was as follows:

### Chairperson

Dr Matthew Ward Nominated by DEWNR

### Deputy Chairperson

Mr Leonard Miller Senior Nominated by FWCAC

### Members

Mr Edward Roberts Nominated by FWCAC

Mrs Wanda Miller Nominated by FWCAC

Mrs Sue Haseldine Nominated by FWCAC

Mr Mark Anderson Nominated by DEWNR

Ms Justine Graham Nominated by DEWNR

Ms Sophie Keen Nominated by DEWNR

### Deputy Members

Mr Bruce Macpherson Deputy to Matthew Ward

Hayden Coleman Deputy to Leonard Miller Senior

William Newchurch Deputy to Edward Roberts

Wendy Ware Deputy to Wanda Miller

Mima Smart Deputy to Sue Haseldine

Robbie Sleep Deputy to Mark Anderson

Ollanta Lipcer Deputy to Justine Graham

Liz McTaggart Deputy to Sophie Keen

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Section 19(e) of the Act provides for the establishment of advisory committees to advise the Minister on any matter relating to the administration of the Act. This provision was not required in this reporting period.

## MEETINGS: GENERAL AND SPECIAL

A total of one general Board meeting was held during the 2014-15 financial year.

No special Board meetings were held during the 2014-15 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

Member	Meeting attendance	Comments
Dr Matthew Ward	March 30	
Mr Leonard Miller Senior	March 30	
Mr Edward Roberts	March 30	
Mrs Wanda Miller	March 30	
Mrs Sue Haseldine	March 30	



Mr Mark Anderson	March 30	
Ms Justine Graham	March 30	
Ms Sophie Keen	March 30	

## **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

DEWNR provides support to the Yumbarra Co-management Board by providing an Executive Officer and Executive Assistant for administration and governance. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEWNR Annual Report 2014-15.

## **MANAGEMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

Yumbarra Co-management Board members (other than government employees) received the following remuneration as determined by the Minister:

- Chair: \$0
- Member: \$177/four hour session

## **EMPLOYEE NUMBERS, GENDER AND STATUS**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board has no staff of its own and utilises the services of DEWNR. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEWNR Annual Report 2014-15.

Executive, administrative and project support were provided to the Yumbarra Co-management Board from existing DEWNR resources.

The gender balance of the Yumbarra Co-management Board is taken into consideration when members are appointed. During this reporting period, membership of Yumbarra Co-management Board was made up of four males and four females.

### **The following matters are contained in the DEWNR annual report 2014-15:**

- Workforce Diversity
- Workplace Adaptation
- Executives
- Leave Management
- Performance Development
- Leadership and Management Development
- Employment Opportunity Programs
- Work Health and Safety and Injury Management
- Reporting Against the *Carers Recognition Act 2005*
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plans
- Government Buildings Energy Strategy
- Public Complaints
- Sustainability Reporting
- Financial Performance
- Account Payment Performance.

## **CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board did not enter into any contractual arrangements during this reporting period.

## **FRAUD**

It is declared that there were no instances of fraud detected in the activities undertaken by the Yumbarra Co-management Board in this reporting period. Financial services are provided to the Yumbarra Co-management Board by DEWNR. Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the DEWNR Annual Report 2014-15.

## **CONSULTANTS**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board did not engage any consultants in this reporting period.

## **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

It is declared that no member of the Yumbarra Co-management Board has travelled overseas on Board business during this reporting period.

## **ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board does not own any buildings and is therefore not required to develop an asbestos risk reduction program.

## **URBAN DESIGN CHARTER**

No events occurred in 2014-15 that required the Yumbarra Co-management Board to consider the principles of urban design contained in the South Australian Urban Design Charter.

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INFORMATION STATEMENTS**

As a DEWNR administered entity, the Yumbarra Co-management Board participates and abides by the arrangements outlined in the DEWNR Freedom of Information regime. Reporting on this matter is available on the DEWNR internet site. Please visit <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au> to view the FOI statement.

## **WHISTLEBLOWERS PROTECTION ACT 1993**

Reporting requirements against *the Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993* require the Yumbarra Co-management Board to report on the number of occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a Responsible Officer of the agency. There were no disclosures made during the 2014-15 financial year.

## **REGIONAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STATEMENTS**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board did not undertake any regional Impact Assessment Statements during the 2014-15 financial year.

## **RECONCILIATION STATEMENT**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board would like to acknowledge the land on which it meets is the traditional lands for the Far West Coast people and that it respects their spiritual relationship with their country. The Yumbarra Co-management Board also acknowledges the Far West Coast people as the custodians of the Far West Coast region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Far West Coast people today.

In fulfilling its functions, the Yumbarra Co-management Board is cognisant of the cultural and natural heritage of traditional owners and strives to achieve positive outcomes wherever these matters are concerned.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Yumbarra Co-management Board would like to thank the Minister and staff of the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR), the Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation and the AW NRM Board for the support and encouragement that it has received over the year.