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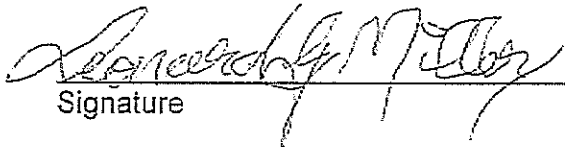
This annual report is presented to Parliament to meet the statutory reporting requirements of the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010*, the *Public and Finance Audit Act 1987*, section 43L of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972* and meets the requirements of Premier and 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 Yumbarra Conservation Park Co-management Board
by:

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Signature

25/9/17
Date

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Section A: Reporting required under the *Public Sector Act 2009*, the *Public Sector Regulations 2010* and the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*

Agency purpose or role

The Yumbarra Conservation Park Co-management Board (the Board) was established under regulation 4 of the *National Parks and Wildlife (Yumbarra Conservation Park) Regulations 2015*. The 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, Boondina Conservation Park, Chadinga Conservation park, Fowlers Bay Conservation Park, Laura Bay Conservation Park, Point Bell Conservation Park, Pureba Conservation Park, Wahgunyah Conservation Park, Wittelbee Conservation Park, Yellabinna Regional Reserve and Yellabinna Wilderness Protection Area).

The Board has control and management of the Yumbarra Conservation Park subject to the terms and conditions of the Yumbarra Conservation Park Co-management Agreement 2013.

The functions of the Board are:

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

Through its broad membership, the Board demonstrates a strong commitment by government to reconciliation and resolution of native title claims, providing the public with assurance that Aboriginal people and their culture and rights are held in high regard and are well considered.

Objectives

As per section 14 of the Yumbarra Conservation Park Co-management Agreement, the objectives of the Board are:

- Preparation of management plans
- Training and employment opportunities for Far West Coast People.
- Protection and management of Aboriginal heritage and other cultural issues.
- Interpretation and promotion of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Exercise of traditional rights by Far West Coast People.
- Taking of plants and animals by the Far West Coast People.
- Increased cultural awareness for all visitors to the other parks.
- Access for the general public.
- Opportunities for integration of park management with natural resource management planning.
- Any other matter referred by the Director or the Minister.

Key strategies and their relationship to SA Government objectives

Key strategy	SA Government objective
Recognising the importance of connection to country for Aboriginal people's physical and mental health and spiritual wellbeing and embedding into all work practices.	South Australia's Strategic Plan (SASP) Target 6: Improve the overall wellbeing of Aboriginal South Australians.
Developing capacity within communities and supporting Aboriginal people to pursue leadership roles within community and within the Board.	SASP Target 28: Increase the number of Aboriginal South Australians participating in community leadership and in community leadership development programs.
Progress advisory responsibilities to co-management opportunities over other parks. Develop and promote good governance in all board functions.	SASP Target 44: Resolve 80% of Native Title Claims by 2020.
Engage with Aboriginal organisations, business and labour hire entities for Aboriginal employment opportunities on all projects.	SASP Target 51: Halve the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal unemployment rates by 2018.

Agency programs and initiatives and their effectiveness and efficiency

Program name	Indicators of performance/effectiveness/efficiency	Comments
Advise the Minister on any matter referred to the Board by the Director or Minister.	Provide the Minister and/or Director with a broad based community view on a variety of park issues.	There is public 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 general community.
Healthy Country Planning	Considered views of a broad community to develop strategies and prioritise work on parks based on identified targets and threats. For further information, refer to: http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/alinytjara-wilurara/home	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 the general community expectations.

Legislation administered by the agency

The Board is responsible for complying with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, the *National Parks and Wildlife (National Parks) Regulations 2016* and *National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016*, which are administered by DEWNR.

Organisation of the agency

In accordance with regulation 10(2) of the *National Parks and Wildlife (Co-management Boards) Regulations 2016*, the Board consists of eight members appointed by the Minister.

The membership of the Board has been appointed for a four-year period, expiring on 16 February 2019. The Board membership and remuneration is reported in the South Australian Government Board and Board Information Annual Report.

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

Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

Employment opportunity programs

The Board has no staff of its own and utilises the services of DEWNR. Reporting on this matter is contained in the DEWNR Annual Report 2016-17.

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

Agency performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system	Assessment of effectiveness and efficiency
The Board maintain 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 operations undertake a performance review and development program with their managers.	Two sessions are held on an annual basis. This is considered to be effective.

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs of the agency and their effectiveness

Occupational health, safety and rehabilitation programs	Effectiveness
This Board abides by the relevant health and safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by DEWNR to meet whole of government and legislative requirements.	Reporting on this matter is contained within the DEWNR Annual Report 2016-17.

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

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yumbarra-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the DEWNR Annual Report 2016-17.

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

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yumbarra-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the agency

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES Level 1	0

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yumbarra-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

For further information, the [Office for the Public Sector](#) has a [data dashboard](#) for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Consultants

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the agency, the nature of work undertaken and the total cost of the work undertaken.

Consultants	Purpose	Value
All consultancies below \$10 000 each	-	\$0
Consultancies above \$10 000 each	-	\$0
Total all consultancies		\$0

Data is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yumbarra-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

See also <https://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do> for a list of all external consultancies, including nature of work and value. See also the Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance <http://treasury.sa.gov.au/> for total value of consultancy contracts across the SA Public Sector.

Financial performance of the agency

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 DEWNR Annual Report 2016-17.

The costs associated with the administration of the Board are met from within existing DEWNR 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 financial information

Nil to report.

Other information requested by the Minister(s) or other significant issues affecting the agency or reporting pertaining to independent functions

Nil to report.

Section B: Reporting of public complaints as requested by the Ombudsman

Summary of complaints by subject

Public complaints received by the Yumbarra Conservation Park Co-management Board	
Category of complaints by subject	Number of instances
All complaints	No specific complaints have been received by the Board.

Data for the past five years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/yumbarra-co-management-board-annual-report-data>

Complaint outcomes

Nature of complaint or suggestion	Services improved or changes as a result of complaints or consumer suggestions
All complaints	No complaints have been received or acted upon.

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2016-17

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

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