



GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 30

held from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm
on Thursday, 23 March 2023
L3 Training Room, 12 Pirie Street
Adelaide

PRESENT: Presiding Member: Chris Daniels

Members: Trixie Smith
Felicity-ann Lewis
Greg Ingleton
Adrian Skull
Kelvin Trimper
Tobias Turner
Claire Boan (via Teams)
Dena Vassallo

APOLOGIES: Louka Parry

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Gear, Director, Green Adelaide
Joyce Osborne, Executive Officer
Louisa Halliday, Manager Strategy and Performance
Marguerite Swart, Manager Governance
Stuart Collard, Manager Landscape Operations
Melinda Clarke, Manager Resilient Communities

GUESTS:

230323-30-1 MEETING PROCEDURE

230323-30-1.1 Welcome

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone to the meeting and acknowledged that we were meeting on Kaurna land.

230323-30-1.2 Apologies

Apologies received from Louka Parry.

230323-30-1.3

Declarations of Interest

No conflict of interest declared.

230323-30-1.4

Consent Schedule

*The Board **confirmed** the items within the consent schedule be adopted.*

230323-30-1.5

Minutes of Previous Meeting

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 29 held on 23 February 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

230323-30-1.6

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The SA Industry Climate Change Conference being held 20-21 April was discussed. Several Green Adelaide staff will be attending. Link to conference to be sent to GA Board members.

*The Board **noted** the matters arising.*

CARRIED

230323-30-2

STRATEGIC BOARD MATTERS

230323-30-2.1

Chair's Report

The Presiding Member provided an update on his activities over the last month which included meeting with the Board of the Botanic Gardens who have expressed an interest in LiDar, the Urban Greening Strategy and tree selector. They are also very interested in engagement and how the Botanic Gardens network can be involved more. The Director, Botanic Gardens has approached Green Adelaide about developing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to become a partner with Green Adelaide. The Presiding Member also extended an invitation for the two Boards to get together.

The Presiding Member is also keen for the Board to meet with the Board of Green Industries SA (GISA). It is also possible to get an MoU with GISA if there is enough overlap with connections.

The Board were advised that there has been a good response to the expressions of interest for Board membership which will close on 26 March.

The Adelaide National Park City Governance Framework Committee has been established with the first meeting to take place on 31 March.

Felicity-ann Lewis has met with Federal members Steve Georganas and Tony Zappia to discuss how Green Adelaide might be able to become eligible for Commonwealth funding through RLP2 and other sources. The Director has also sent a letter to NRM Regions Australia

seeking assistance to negotiate with the Commonwealth re the decision not to allow Green Adelaide as a service provider.

Park 21 and the issue of relocation of the police horses was discussed. The Adelaide City Council and Trees for Life have taken a very strong view against the move. The Presiding Member has been asked to meet with the Lord Mayor seeking a Green Adelaide position. The Director has also been asked to submit a report on the ecological value of Park 21.

The Presiding Member, Director, Manager Landscape Operations and Project Lead Adelaide National Park City had a meeting at Government House regarding rewilding a native vegetation garden within the grounds. A small committee has been set up to advise the Governor on development of the project.

ICAC is currently reviewing the procedures that State Government agencies use for awarding grants. Green Adelaide staff have no concerns and are confident in the current processes which are tightly governed.

The Board:

3.3.1 **Acknowledged** the verbal report.

CARRIED

230323-30-2.2

Director's Report

The Director highlighted some of the items in the report which included staff changes within the branch, in particular the departure of Hugh Kneebone. The Board acknowledged the work done by Hugh over the years and suggested he be invited to give the Board a briefing on his work in the NT when he returns.

A call for abstracts for the WUP Congress in October has come out. The Presiding Member will be a keynote speaker. The Heads of Parks meeting will also be held in Adelaide at the same time as will the Heads of Botanic Gardens. Commonwealth Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek is yet to be secured. Tourism SA is providing touring options for pre and post tours.

The Board were advised there are complexities with landing our budget this year and finalising next with the challenges of Breakout Creek. Several budget and expenditure contingency plans are being developed to proactively manage our expenditure commitments for major projects. Cabinet is scheduled to make a decision regarding Breakout Creek funding allocations on 17 April.

The Board:

3.2.1 **Noted** the report.

CARRIED

230323-30-2.3

Independent Review of Landscape SA Act

The Director and Manager, Strategy & Performance addressed the paper and advised that the review is scheduled to be undertaken over a short timeframe.

The Board were advised that the table attachment is a work in progress and will be a live document until the formal submission.

The Board were also advised that there are a number of matters that can be addressed administratively within our operating policies and practice that do not require changes within the Act.

The Board were advised that to date, there have been no commitments made to making any legislative changes arising from the review.

A workshop to address issues will be scheduled with Board members in April.

The Board:

- 2.3.1 **Noted** the processes and timelines for the review at Attachment 1, and Green Adelaide staff comments at Attachment 2.

CARRIED

- 2.3.2 **Endorsed** holding a workshop in April.

CARRIED

- 2.3.3 **Endorsed** meeting with the independent reviewer in late 2023.

CARRIED

230323-30-2.4

Water Levies on MAR Water Licences

The Manager, Strategy and Performance outlined the paper which proposes the commencement of a very informal consultation process to explore how introducing a water levy on Managed Aquifer Recharge licences might work and what the options might be before bringing a formal proposal back to the Board in June/July.

The Board discussed the issue and considered that there could good reasons not to pursue the introduction of a levy on MAR, but agreed that it is appropriate that staff explore the issue and bring a paper back to the Board in July outlining various options for deeper Board consideration and decision.

The Board:

- 2.4.1 **Approved** commencement of preliminary informal consultation with key stakeholders on the possibility of introducing a water levy on MAR licences.

CARRIED

230323-30-2.5

Finance Report

The Manager Governance advised the Board that the current underspend predicted as at February 2023, is 4.9%, excluding impacts of Breakout Creek project. There are delays with Blue Carbon Grants call as well as Salaries are also underspent in some areas as staff vacancies continue to be an issue.

The Boards finance team are continuing to do budget revisions to reduce the end of year underspend. .

The Board were also reminded that more detailed finance reports are reviewed by the Boards Risk and Performance Committee 3-4 times a year.

The Board:

2.5.1 **Approved** the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 28 February 2023.

CARRIED

230323-30-3

MATTERS FOR NOTING

230323-30-3.1

Urban Heat and Tree Canopy Mapping Project Update

The Board were advised that the plane has captured the data with the analysis results estimated to be received around the end of April. There is a technical working group that has been set up which includes local government representatives. It has been suggested that a meeting be set up with CEO's and Mayors to provide them with results in a coordinated manner, when they are ready.

The Board considered that as this will be a very public issue, the right messaging was going to be important.

The Board were advised that communications are being planned that will outline why the information is important and that the data will be used to underpin the urban greening strategy and other relevant policies, strategies and plans at the state and local government level.

A Board member queried the value of the LiDar methodology given its relative expense and were reminded that key values of the chosen methodology were the high resolution, meaning that people could engage with the data at the backyard scale and consistency with previous methodology which allows for calculation of change or trend analysis.

The Board were also reminded that prior to any future data capture, a review of data capture methodology will be undertaken.

The Board:

3.1.1 Noted the update on the Urban Heat and Tree Canopy Mapping project, including the initial findings from the analysis of the LiDAR data.

3.1.2 Noted the update on the Urban Heat and Tree Canopy Mapping project, including that final analysis of the LiDAR

data is being completed and results will be provided to the Board when available.

- 3.1.3 Noted the proposed communication of findings to the public.

230323-30-3.2 Strategic Planning Considerations

The Board:

- 3.2.1 Noted the summary of Board feedback received at the November 2022 strategic planning considerations workshop and subsequent opportunity for individual comments.
- 3.2.2 Noted the proposed next steps (and timing) including engagement of the Board in finalisation of the overarching program logic and a further strategic planning considerations workshop.
- 3.2.3 Noted the other processes (Program Logic development, Partnerships & Grants Review) currently being undertaken which have a likelihood of influencing the Board's future Annual Business Planning and Regional Landscape Planning over several years.

230323-30-3.3 Performance Framework Update

The Board:

- 3.3.1 Noted the progress of the Green Adelaide Performance Framework including the outcomes of the program logic workshops.
- 3.3.2 Noted the need to progress the overarching logic and progress further strategic considerations regarding the role of the Board and this will be considered in future papers.

230323-30-3.4 Board Meeting Cadence

It was raised that there needs to be alignment with Risk & Performance Committee meetings in relation to quarterly reporting. This will be addressed in the RPC Terms of Reference.

The Board:

- 3.4.1 Noted the meeting cadence for the 2023 calendar year.

230323-30-3.5 Urban Greening Strategy Update

The Board:

- 3.5.1 Noted the engagement and investigation activities undertaken to date.
- 3.5.2 Noted the next steps to finish drafting the Strategy and supporting technical papers ('evidence base')
- 3.5.3 Noted the working draft 'Plan on a page'

230323-30-3.6 Highlights Report

230323-30-3.7 Communications Report

- 230323-30-3.8 WHS Report
- 230323-30-3.9 Correspondence
- 230323-30-3.9.1 Ltr to MCEW re Green Adelaide, H&F and N&Y Annual Business Plans
- 230323-30-3.10 Register of Interests

*The Board **noted** papers 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9.1 and 3.10.*

CARRIED

230323-30-4 OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Board were notified of the meeting regarding rewilding Platypus in the Torrens which the Manager, Landscape Operations will be Chairing on 24 March. The meeting will be attended by officers from the Australian Platypus Conservancy, SA Water as well as local government environmental officers, DEW staff.
2. Due to the WUP Congress in October, it was agreed to move the meeting from 26 October to 19 October to avoid conflict.

MEETING CLOSED at 1.00 pm

Chris Daniels
Presiding Member



Date: 27 / 4 / 2023

