



GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 31

held from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm
on Thursday, 27 April 2023
Education Development Centre
4 Milner St, Hindmarsh

PRESENT:

Presiding Member:	Chris Daniels
Members:	Trixie Smith Felicity-ann Lewis Greg Ingleton Adrian Skull Kelvin Trimper Tobias Turner Claire Boan Dena Vassallo Louka Parry

APOLOGIES:

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Grear, 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: Christy Spier, Team Leader Nature Education

270423-31-1 MEETING PROCEDURE

270423-31-1.1 Welcome

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

270423-31-1.2 Apologies

No apologies. Everyone in attendance.

270423-31-1.3

Declarations of Interest

The Director declared a conflict of interest with item 2.3 as he is a current member of the Nature Play SA Board and will leave the room for this item.

Claire Boan declared a potential perceived conflict of interest with item 2.5 as the City of Port Adelaide Enfield has been a recipient of funding. It was agreed that there was no need for Claire to leave the room for this item.

270423-31-1.4

Consent Schedule

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

270423-31-1.5

Minutes of Previous Meeting

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 30 held on 23 March 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

*The Board **confirmed** the confidential minutes of meeting number 30 held on 23 March 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

270423-31-1.6

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

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

CARRIED

270423-31-2

STRATEGIC BOARD MATTERS

270423-31-2.1

Chair's Report

The Presiding Member provided the Board with an update on the Board appointment process noting that the quality of applicants was outstanding and that the skills matrix was an invaluable tool in assessing applications.

The Board were also updated on the Chair's activities for the past month which included a scientific and technical stakeholder platypus meeting, which has indicated that the reintroduction of platypus to the River Torrens is very feasible. Progressing to the next steps is now underway. To note, the Australian Platypus Conservancy commented on how clean our waterways are compared with those of other capital cities.

The Adelaide National Park City Governance Framework Committee has held it's first meeting which was productive and will be discussed with the Board at the pop-up meeting with Kim Cheater.

Updates were also provided on the status of the Grassroots Grants Program, Cooler Greener Wilder Grants and the SA Environment Awards which includes the Pelzer Prize. It was confirmed that Kelvin Trimper and Trixie Smith will sit on the assessment panel for Grassroots Grants and Greg Ingleton will sit on the panel for the Cooler Greener Wilder Grants.

The Board discussed the recent Climate Change Conference and praised a number of the speakers including Tim Jarvis. All agreed that greening did not appear on the agenda and the Presiding Member asked that those Board members who attended the conference to email any feedback to him to be passed on to the organisers.

The Board:

2.1.1 **Acknowledged** the verbal report.

CARRIED

270423-31-2.2

Director's Report

The Director provided a brief summary of his report and acknowledged an error in regard to changing the service provider from RAW to Firesticks Alliance. The engagement of the Aboriginal Program Support Lead should read Rayne Simpson and not Merle Simpson.

The Board were advised that a finite budget has been communicated to SA Water and Bardavcol regarding the Breakout Creek redevelopment. A decision has been made by the project committee to remove the elevated boardwalk from the scope of work and will be delivered next financial year with the City of West Torrens. Funding for this will come to the Board for approval. A revised practical completion date of 4 July 2023 has been advised. By removing the boardwalk from the scope of work significant delay costs will be avoided.

The Board:

2.2.1 **Noted** the report.

CARRIED

270423-31-2.3

Nature Play SA Funding

Due to a conflict of interest, the Director left the room for discussion of this item.

The Presiding Member outlined the history of Nature Play and its funding and his prior involvement. The meeting agreed that involvement didn't constitute a conflict of interest..

The Board discussed the paper and acknowledged that Nature Play has a good reputation and strong brand but felt that there was still information missing and queried how Nature Play fits alongside the education programs that Green Adelaide already leads.

The Board were advised that Nature Play supplements and extends the reach of existing programs. It also has a focus on pre-school programs which Green Adelaide doesn't directly address.

The Board would like to consider this paper at a later date and in the meantime sought officers to research where there might be gaps or other service providers.

It agreed to one year funding with the results of an education mapping exercise to be discussed again in December. Once Nature Play SA have provided their strategic plan and funding model, multi-year funding will be discussed in February 2024.

The Board also agreed that the education sub-group re-convene to discuss the education mapping.

The Board:

- 2.3.1 **Approved** funding for one year for Nature Play SA which will be reviewed in February 2024 following receipt of their strategic plan and funding model.

CARRIED

270423-31-2.4

Local Government Engagement

The Director outlined the paper and advised the Board that a date has been booked for himself and the Presiding Member to meet with GAROC.

The Board discussed the need for greater engagement with councils and a number of suggestions were discussed.

It was agreed to approach the Local Government Association seeking and opportunity to have a speaking slot at the AGM in October. This would be an opportunity to present the urban heat mapping report.

The Board:

- 2.4.1 **Noted** the proposed local government engagement activities for 2023.

CARRIED

270423-31-2.5

Urban Rivers and Catchment Program *CONFIDENTIAL*

270423-31-2.6

Finance Report

The Manager, Governance addressed the Board and advised that the biggest financial risk was related to Breakout Creek and the \$800K carryover required however this is being closely managed. The Board were also advised that the finance team were continually undertaking budget revisions to reduce any risks of over expenditure if this is not approved but are still projecting a very close to budget end of year position.

The Board:

2.6.1 **Approved** the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 31 March 2023.

CARRIED

270423-31-3 MATTERS FOR NOTING

270423-31-3.1 Quarterly Report

270423-31-3.2 Highlights Report

270423-31-3.3 Communications Report

270423-31-3.4 WHS Report

270423-31-3.5 Correspondence

270423-31-3.5.1 Ltr from City of Charles Sturt re BOC funding – 8 March 2023

270423-31-3.5.2 Ltr from City of West Torrens re BOC funding – 21 March 2023

270423-31-3.5.3 Ltr from PIRSA re SA Feral Deer Eradication – 21 March 2023

270423-31-3.5.4 Ltr to SAPOL re Park 21 – 6 April 2023

270423-31-3.5.5 Ltr from MCEW re Legislative Review – 12 April 2023

270423-31-3.6 Register of Interests

*The Board **noted** papers 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5.1, 3.5.2, 3.5.3, 3.5.4, 3.5.5 and 3.6.*

CARRIED

270423-31-4 OTHER BUSINESS

4.1 SA Environment Awards

As a sponsor Green Adelaide has a number of tickets to this event. Board members were asked to advise if they would like to attend.

4.2 Government House

The Board were advised that the Governor and her husband are interested in National Park City and want create a South Australian native plant garden in the grounds of Government House. A number of discussions have been held and a small committee of relevant advisors has been formed to progress this project.

MEETING CLOSED at 12.30 pm

Dr. Felicity-ann Lewis

for
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Chris Daniels
Presiding Member



Date: *15 / 05 / 2023*

