



## GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

### MINUTES OF MEETING NO 33

held from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm  
on Thursday, 22 June 2023  
Education Development Centre  
4 Milner St, Hindmarsh

**PRESENT:**

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

#### 220623-33-1 MEETING PROCEDURE

##### 220623-33-1.1 Welcome

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

##### 220623-33-1.2 Apologies

No apologies. All in attendance

220623-33-1.3

**Declarations of Interest**

Claire declared a potential conflict of interest with item 2.4 because of her role in Local Government. It was determined that as there was no decisions to be made regarding money being paid to the LGA, there was no need for her to leave the room for this item.

The Presiding Member advised that as he is no longer Chair of Koala Life there is no longer a conflict of interest for him with Item 2.5.

220623-33-1.4

**Consent Schedule**

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

220623-33-1.5

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 32 held on 25 May 2023 as a true and accurate record.*

**CARRIED**

220623-33-1.6

**Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

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

**CARRIED**

220623-33-2

**STRATEGIC BOARD MATTERS**

220623-33-2.1

**Chair's Report**

The Presiding Member thanked Dena for her marketing presentation at the May meeting.

The Presiding Member acknowledged that it had been a busy month which involved many Board members who were involved in various planting days and the event at Warriparinga.

He advised that as of 30 June opera house traps will be banned which will aid in allowing the introduction of platypus to SA. There will be a public launch of the scoping study with the Deputy Premier on 1 July.

The Board has been invited by the Governor to develop a native garden within the grounds of Government House. A committee has been set up and the Botanic Gardens will develop a plan which will then be reviewed by Green Adelaide. There is the intent to have strong Kaurna representation both in plant selection and interpretative signage. The project will also promote the Adelaide National Park City program.

The draft Urban Greening Strategy is in the final stages of preparation and is expected to be released to the general public by the end of the year.

The Biodiversity Act is progressing slowly and Landscape Act and Biosecurity Act reviews are also still progressing with landscape

boards concerned about section 9 which would see PIRSA take over responsibility for introduced pests. Negotiations are taking place between relevant Ministers.

The Governance for the Adelaide National Park City was discussed and it was suggested that progress has been slow. Membership of the committee was also discussed with Adrian Skull joining the committee as a Board representative along with new Board member Natasha Davis who was a previous community member. Kelvin and Felicity have expressed an interest to continue on as community members.

An MoAA with the Botanic Gardens is being developed and will be brought back to the Board at a later meeting.

*The Board:*

2.1.1 **Acknowledged** the verbal report.

**CARRIED**

**220623-33-2.2**

**Director's Report**

The Director advised the Board that he and staff have been meeting with other government agencies to discuss the draft Urban Greening Strategy and the action plan, with the aim that all of the Chief Executives will endorse a draft strategy for public consultation. Minister Close has indicated she wishes this to be a whole-of-government strategy.

The Board discussed the need for a strong media strategy for the release of the heat mapping, tree canopy data and the urban greening strategy. It was also suggested that connection needs to be made with the public via nurseries, horticultural media personalities and landscape architects.

There was discussion around the Frederick Rd land allotment and removal of trees which has attracted media attention. The Director advised that Green Adelaide has combined with DEW regarding input into the rezoning referrals for this land. Green Adelaide has also responded to some community groups and spoken with the Council. Ultimately the decision lies with the Council.

The Board were also advised that Green Adelaide was working with the Commonwealth Government on tranche 1 of round 1 of the Urban Rivers and Catchment program and that tranche 3 will have more complex and greater funded projects but the full details of those projects has yet to be confirmed by the Commonwealth.

*The Board:*

2.2.1 **Noted** the report.

**CARRIED**

220623-33-2.3

**Risk & Performance Committee Membership**

The Manager, Governance advised the Board that the RPC will be putting together its thoughts on the future structure of the committee including how the Chair should be appointed.

The Board acknowledged the work of the members who are leaving the committee.

The Board were also advised that the RPC also wanted to convey their appreciation of the Green Adelaide staff and the quality of the reports that were provided to them during their term of office.

The Board was advised that the Director and Presiding Member were going to review the applications for board membership for consideration of potential applicants as external independent members.

*The Board:*

- 2.3.1 **Noted** with appreciation, the leadership that the outgoing Chair, Judy Goode, Board member Felicity-ann Lewis and independent member Tanya Johnston have provided to the Board over the last 3 years, in relation to the Board's Risk and Performance and thank them for their dedication and support.

**CARRIED**

- 2.3.2 **Noted** the resignation of the Board member Felicity-ann Lewis and the two external independent Committee members Judy Goode (Chair) and Tanya Johnston from the Board's Risk and Performance Committee effective as of 30 June 2023.

**CARRIED**

- 2.3.3 **Sought** a Board member nomination for the Risk and Performance Committee as per the Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED**

- 2.3.4 **Approved** for the appointment of two independent vacant committee member positions.

**CARRIED**

- 2.3.5 **Approved** the minor amendments to the Risk and Performance Committee's Terms of Reference

**CARRIED**

220623-33-2.4

**Sponsorship Recommendations**

The Director spoke about the sponsorship process and how well it has been working.

The paper and the recommendations for being proactive in the sponsorship space was developed as a result of the sponsorship strategy which approved by the Board earlier in the year.

The Board discussed the recommended 5 pro-active sponsorships and it was felt that some of the recommendations don't closely relate to Green Adelaide goals and what this organisation is trying to achieve. It was agreed that the marketing filter from the recent workshop be put over the recommendations and a status report and more advice on the style of sponsorship to be returned to the Board for consideration. Consideration should also include connection to National Park City.

It was also suggested that the current Pelzer Prize winner and past winners be invited to give presentations at future Board meetings.

*The Board:*

- 2.4.1 **Approved** that the marketing filter be applied to the recommendations and returned to the Board for consideration.

**CARRIED**

## 220623-33-2.5

### Sponsorship – Koala Bob

The Director reminded the Board of the history of this sponsorship and the issues with the changes to the performance arrangements that occurred.

Theatre Bugs have advised that they are unable to return the \$10k of the sponsorship as requested by the Board. Theatre Bugs have proposed a regional tour of Koala Bob within the next 6-9 months and will continue to recognise Green Adelaide support throughout the tour.

The Board discussed the proposal and agreed that Green Adelaide gift the publicity to the other Landscape Boards in the regions where the performances will be performed.

The Board noted that multi-partnered sponsorships can be risky and that in consideration of any future multi-partnered sponsorships, the Board will need to consider and understand the roles of other partners.

*The Board:*

- 2.5.1 **Noted** the progress of the Koala Bob sponsorship arrangements and options related to recoup of funds as requested by the Board.

**CARRIED**

- 2.5.2 **Approved** to gift the publicity aspects of regional Koala Bob performances to the respective Landscape Board.

**CARRIED**

220623-33-2.6

## Finance Report

The Manager, Governance advised the Board that we are currently tracking at 8% underspent largely due to the delays with the Breakout Creek project.

Practical completion for Breakout Creek has been shifted to mid-July which might change the end of financial year position. There are significant delays around invoicing but strategies are in place to look at actual costs and accruing expenditure into the rightful year.

Excluding the impacts of Breakout Creek, the Board is tracking at approximately 3% underspent. Carryovers will be relate to the Cooler, Greener Wilder Grants due to one council being unable to sign the agreement by the end of June as it needs to go to a council meeting first.

There have been delays in contractors which may also result in a carryover for a Green Streets and Backyards project and also likely to be carryovers in relation to the Performance Framework and the development of the dashboard program logic.

The outgoing board members acknowledged the difficult task of managing the finances and congratulated staff on managing this, given there are elements of the budget that problematic. Those elements that are under control are done extremely well and the financial advice provided to the Board is of good quality.

Staff were also commended on the significant improvement of program and project management reporting during the year.

*The Board:*

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

**CARRIED**

220623-33-3

## MATTERS FOR NOTING

220623-33-3.1

### Asset Management Strategy

The Manager, Landscape Operations advised that there is an impasse with the Board's recommended position regarding disposal of some assets. Staff are being proactive and determining where the assets are, their value and ownership. Staff are also waiting for the findings from the Stormwater Expert Panel and will align future actions with any recommendations.

*The Board:*

3.1.1 **Noted** the progress of Green Adelaide's strategy for water management, water monitoring and biodiversity assets.

3.1.2 **Noted** the recent Ministerial Directive regarding the Patawalonga Lake System and Floating Booms.

220623-33-3.2

### Rewilding Update

*The Board:*

3.2.1 **Noted** the priority rewilding projects currently being delivered by Green Adelaide and our partners.

- 220623-33-3.3 Risk & Performance Committee Minutes – 8 March 2023
- 220623-33-3.4 Highlights Report
- 220623-33-3.5 Communications Report
- 220623-33-3.6 WHS Report
- 220623-33-3.7 Correspondence
- 220623-33-3.7.1 Ltr from MCEW re PLS – 19 May 2023
- 220623-33-3.7.2 Ltr from MCEW – Letter of Direction PLS – 19 May 2023
- 220623-33-3.7.3 Ltr from SAPOL re Park 21 – 23 May 2023
- 220623-33-3.7.4 Ltr from Auditor-General re audit strategy for 2022/23 – 24 May 2023
- 220623-33-3.7.5 Ltr from M Harvey, BGSB re maintenance of assets – 13 June 2023
- 220623-33-3.8 Register of Interests

*The Board **noted** papers 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.7.1, 3.7.2, 3.7.3, 3.7.4, 3.7.5 and 3.8.*

CARRIED

**220623-33-4 OTHER BUSINESS**

The Presiding Member acknowledged and thanked the outgoing board members, Louka Parry, Felicity-ann Lewis, Kelvin Trimper and Greg Ingleton for their contribution, knowledge and wisdom that has helped shape the Green Adelaide Board.

**MEETING CLOSED at 12.30 pm**

Chris Daniels  
Presiding Member



Date: 27 / 7 / 2023

