



GREEN ADELAIDE BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 34

held from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm
on Thursday, 27 July 2023
Goodman Lecture Theatre
Adelaide Botanic Gardens

PRESENT: Presiding Member: Chris Daniels

Members: Trixie Smith
Adrian Skull
Dena Vassallo
Tobias Turner
Sarah Sutter
Melanie Ford
Natasha Davis
Tiahni Adamson

APOLOGIES: Claire Boan

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:

220723-34-1 MEETING PROCEDURE

220723-34-1.1 Welcome

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone, especially the new Board members to the meeting and acknowledged that we were meeting on Kaurna land. All Board members and Green Adelaide staff introduced themselves to the room.

- 220723-34-1.2 Apologies**
Apology received from Claire Boan.
- 220723-34-1.3 Declarations of Interest**
Natasha Davis and the Presiding Member declared a conflict of interest in item 2.4.
The Presiding Member advised that as the item discusses process and does not discuss ranking, he and Natasha can comment and make recommendations on the process but will not speak about the relevant applications.
- 220723-34-1.4 Consent Schedule**
*The Board **confirmed** the items within the consent schedule be adopted.*
- 220723-34-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 33 held on 22 June 2023 as a true and accurate record.*
- CARRIED**
- 220723-34-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings**

*The Board **noted** the matters arising.*
- CARRIED**
- 220723-34-2 STRATEGIC BOARD MATTERS**
- 220723-34-2.1 Chair's Report**
The Presiding Member spoke to new Board members and advised them about the Urban Greening Strategy and the tree canopy and heat island data recapture which will gain a lot of interest when publicly released in the coming weeks.
The Presiding Member updated the Board on meetings and events that he had attended in the previous month which included the platypus scoping study that was launched on 1 July with the Deputy Premier at St Peters Billabong which has attracted a positive response. The Board were advised that negotiations were underway with RecFish SA regarding an exchange program for opera house traps.
The Board were advised of the recent installation of an osprey nesting platform at the Onkaparinga estuary.
The Presiding Member and the Director, Green Adelaide gave a presentation to Greater Adelaide Region of Councils (GAROC) which was received well and focussed on our developing partnerships. GAROC is very interested in the Cooler, Greener, Wilder Grants for local governments. The Chair, Dr Heather Holmes-Ross has also expressed an interest in meeting again to discuss more detailed issues.

Green Adelaide has released its first podcast with the Presiding Member and the Director Green Adelaide the first to be interviewed. Future podcasts are being scheduled.

Green Adelaide has also been conducting online Cooler, Greener, Wilder seminars involving environmental experts. These have proven popular and well attended.

The Presiding Member attended the Commonwealth National Science Teachers Association (CONASTA) meeting where Green Adelaide had a high profile. A presentation was given on the Adelaide National Park City and the Presiding Member was a keynote speaker on engagement with nature in an urban context.

The Adelaide City Council is developing a new strategic plan and will be talking to a number of people and conducting surveys on greening the council area.

The Climate Adaptation Conference is currently underway. The Director has given a presentation and the Project Lead for Adelaide National Park City will also be presenting.

The Landscape Act Review is progressing slowly with the independent reviewer now appointed. There are two Presiding Members and one General Manager appointed to an advisory committee along with numerous other consulting forums Green Adelaide's andscape Review comments have been submitted to the other landscape boards for use in consolidated feedback.

The Board:

2.1.1 **Acknowledged** the verbal report.

CARRIED

220723-34-2.2

Director's Report

The Director provided a background on Breakout Creek Stage 3 redevelopment for the new board members. Practical completion is now tentatively scheduled for 14 August. A date for the official celebratory opening is yet to be determined but likely early in 2024

The Glenthorne National Park including the NaturePlay playground opens Sunday, 30 July with several Board members attending.

There have been complex discussions with Kaurna regarding the Board's relationship with KYAC and the role and status of Warpulai Kumangka -these are continuing.

The Risk and Performance Committee requires new members following the end of term of two community members and one board member. A shortlisting process has been done using the recent board member applicants who have risk and performance experience and it was suggested that a couple of Board members assess these applications against the skills in the Terms of Reference. Tobias Turner and Trixie Smith have volunteered to provide the assessment and make recommendations.

The Board:

2.2.1 **Noted** the report.

CARRIED

220723-34-2.3

Water Levies on MAR Water Licences

The Manager, Strategy and Performance explained to the Board that as water is mainly used for watering parks, gardens and green spaces, a levy increases the costs for watering these areas and could be seen as a greening disincentive. There are also complexities in terms of calculating and determining what an appropriate MAR water levy system could be, taking into account water being both injected and extracted. It was proposed that at this time, the social and environmental benefits of not charging a levy outweigh the administrative costs of charging a levy.

The Board:

- 2.3.1 **Approved** a MAR water levy not being pursued any further at this point in time.

CARRIED

220723-34-2.4

2023/24 Grassroots Grants Grant Program – Round 4

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ANPC Co-Design Governance Framework Committee

The Director advised that due to changeover of Board members the governance framework committee will require new members.

The Board were advised that Kim Cheater has undertaken preliminary consultation with external stakeholders.

The Board were also advised that an overview of the Adelaide National Park City will be included in the induction session for new board members.

The Board decided that the existing community members were enough and no further community members were required.

The Board:

- 2.5.1 **Appointed** Mr Adrian Skull as replacement for Mr Kelvin Trimper.

CARRIED

- 2.5.2 **Appointed** Ms Natasha Davis as replacement for Dr Felicity-Ann Lewis.

CARRIED

- 2.5.3 **Considered** whether a new community member needs to be appointed to address any identified skills gaps. Should a new community member be advised, please make recommendations as to who that member could be.

CARRIED

- 2.5.4 **Noted** the contribution that the retiring Board members Mr Kelvin Trimper and Dr Felicity-Ann Lewis, along with outgoing community member Ms Natasha Davis, have provided and thanked them for their guidance and support.

CARRIED

220723-34-2.6

Finance Report

The Manager, Governance advised the Board that the financial report is a draft as the financial ledgers have not yet closed off. It is not anticipated that there will be many more large transactions needing to be accounted.

There will be some carryovers in relation to Breakout Creek but we are still tracking at around 4.7% for the end of the financial year.

New Board members were advised that there will be a separate induction session on public sector finance which will be scheduled for a date in September.

The Board:

2.6.1 **Noted** the draft financial reports and statistics for the period ending 30 June 2023.

CARRIED

220723-34-3

MATTERS FOR NOTING

220723-34-3.1

Strategic Risk Register

The Board:

3.1.1 **Noted** the Board's External, Strategic and Operational Risk Register status update.

220723-34-3.2

Highlights Report

220723-34-3.3

Communications Report

220723-34-3.4

WHS Report

220723-34-3.5

Event Attendance Calendar

220723-34-3.6

Register of Interests

*The Board **noted** papers 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, and 3.6.*

CARRIED

220723-34-4

OTHER BUSINESS

Attention was brought to the invitation to Board members to St Kilda Mangrove launch on 4 August, the Treenet Symposium in September and the World Urban Parks Congress in October. Board members were asked to advise the Executive Officer of interest in attending who will complete registrations.

The Board were also alerted to Science Alive taking place from 4-6 August.

MEETING CLOSED at 12.30 pm

Chris Daniels
Presiding Member



Date: 24 / 8 / 2023