

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

Minutes

Meeting No 1

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today.

We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here today.

Meeting Title:	Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting #1		
Date:	Tuesday 16 June 2020		
Start Time:	1:30 pm SA time	Finish Time:	3.50 pm SA time
Location:	MS Teams	Room: 7.5	
Attendees:	Mr Parry Agius (Presiding Member), Mr Michael (Mick) Haynes, Mr Peter Miller, Ms Kristy Richards, Ms Debbie Hansen, Ms Sally Scales, Ms Julie O'Toole, Ms Mima Smart		
Staff:	James Thiessen, Angela Whiting, Brett Backhouse, Thuy Phan, Helen Donald, Amanda Bowne, Karrena Veltmann, Tatia Currie (for related session)		
Visitors / Guests:	Dr Matthew Ward, Director Landscape Services, DEW		
Apologies:	Anton Baker (APY)		

Item	Meeting Standing Items
1.1	Welcome, Apologies, Acknowledgement of Country Acceptance of Agenda The Presiding Member, Mr Parry Agius welcomed the Board Members to the first meeting of the Landscape Board. Parry referred to the Ministers 5 priorities and how they connect to AW. Apologies: Anton Baker Meeting officially opened at 1.30pm
1.2	Conflict of Interest Disclosures Parry asked the Board Members if they could refer to the items of the agenda and declare any conflicts – no conflicts declared.

2	Presentation
2.1	<p data-bbox="293 254 586 281">Landscape SA Overview</p> <p data-bbox="293 289 1317 317">Dr Matthew Ward, Director Landscape Services, DEW (<i>refer PowerPoint presentation</i>)</p> <p data-bbox="293 363 1370 569">Dr Matthew Ward was invited into the meeting to give his presentation. Parry welcomed Matt into the meeting and acknowledged his contribution to AW over the years. Matt thanked Parry for his words and acknowledged AW's strategic work over the last 10 years or so partnering with communities - not necessarily delivering all of the work but putting money into communities for them to do the work. AW is now well placed to move into Landscape space.</p> <p data-bbox="293 615 1365 821">Matt acknowledged that the previous NRM Board members were transitioning to the new Landscape Board and that the new Landscape Board will be separating from DEW and be more independent. Matt then shared his PowerPoint slides and went through his presentation. Matt explained that there is a new whole of landscape approach – AW is very good at this. Back to basics – spend money on managing pest plants and animals – whole chapter in Act around minimising soil erosion.</p> <p data-bbox="293 867 1377 1493">The Minister recognised that landscapes across the state are very different. Matt went through Implementation Time Line and explained that we are currently sitting in the space where Board inductions are starting to take place. Matt described the new regions for the Boards. AMLR – split into Northern and Yorke, Green Adelaide and Hills and Fleurieu. Landscapes Priority Fund – few millions dollars to go to Landscapes Projects that deliver Landscape outcomes. AW to think of new projects that the Board can apply for funds for. Grass Roots Grants – smaller amounts of money for local community projects. New State Landscape Strategy and simpler Landscape Plans with 5 Priorities. All the good work from the past will inform the new Plan. Requirement to focus on partnerships – AW is very good at this. Must now consider climate resilience and Aboriginal participation. Over abundant native species – boards can now make managing these a priority. Sally – asked a question about how this should be managed. Matt explained that in the Landscape SA Act 2019 (the Act) the Board can manage these – education, partnerships, and facilitating research – not enforce and fine. Boards can now facilitate a better understanding on how Aboriginal land holders can still appropriately kill native animals just like farmers can humanely manage abundant species. Feral animals – declared under the Act (camels, foxes etc.) so they can be eradicated. Matt cited the example of camel cull in APY and he acknowledged that AW did the right thing.</p> <p data-bbox="293 1539 1170 1566">Mima asked about collecting artefacts etc. – Matt advised that is all Palya.</p> <p data-bbox="293 1575 857 1602">The change is from 1/7/20 – the key points are:</p> <ul data-bbox="358 1610 1365 1824" style="list-style-type: none"> • AW is still a SA Govt Board and all the same rules apply • the Board must make sure that the money is spent the right way • money gets transferred across from the AW NRM Board to the Landscape Board. • Relationships with other Boards and other organisations important. • The Board need to make sure the house is in order. • Staff will report to the Board.

	<p>Parry asked about the AW Board representation on the selection panel of the General Manager – Matt confirmed that the PM/Chair is to be on the panel as a minimum and maybe another Board Member may be invited to be on the panel. Matt went on to explain employment conditions for all staff.</p> <p>Parry asked for Matt’s input into developing relationships with the two new Boards that now cover the predominant landscapes of the former AMLR Board (Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board and Green Adelaide) – Matt confirmed that he is happy to support AW. Matt emphasised that an ongoing relationship with NP&W staff is important as is maintaining a good connection with DEW. He made it clear that the Minister has expectations around maintaining good relationships with stakeholders.</p> <p>In summary, the main changes under the new Act are that the Landscape Boards will be more in control of staff, more control of corporate services/business and there is an ongoing focus on doing things on the ground – back to basics. Making sure the board is strong and has good governance is very important.</p> <p>Parry thanked Matt and looks forward to working with him and his support with developing relationships with people AW doesn’t know.</p> <p>Action: Parry to follow up with AW Board members regarding their interest in being on the selection panel for the General Manager’s role.</p> <p>Action: Agenda item for future face to face AW Landscape Board meeting – spend time going through all of things that the new AW Landscape Board needs to do.</p> <p>Action – Request Matt Ward’s Landscape SA induction presentation and send to all Board Members.</p> <p>No further discussion</p>
3	Procedural matters and Landscape Plan
3.1	<p>Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Regional Overview</p> <p>Mr James Thiessen, A/Regional Manager, AW (<i>Refer PowerPoint Presentation</i>)</p> <p>James explained that this item is an introduction to Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board – a new and exciting way of doing things for AW.</p> <p>AW’s Regional NRM Plan 2010-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People • Country • Water • Board • Cornerstone of AW NRM Board and has been very good. • Landscape Board to adopt until new 5 year Landscape Plan is developed <p>Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW currently partners with Land Holding Authorities, 10 Deserts Project, ABC Foundation, SA Landscape Boards, DEW, Botanic Gardens of SA, Cleland Wildlife Park, Australian Government and PIRSA – these are the cornerstones of how AW operates.

- The AW Landscape Board needs to develop MOU with PIRSA

Business Plan

- Business Plan reconfigured to reflect Landscape SA reform priorities
 - Healthy soils
 - Pest plant and animal control
 - Water management
 - Land and sea biodiversity
 - Board leadership and strategy
 - Essentially doing the same things but going back to basics and reframing things to suit the Ministers priorities. Need to change the language (after this morning's NRM Board Meeting 68 and the commitment to reflecting the diversity of language in the region)
 - The expenditure for 2020-21 and 2021-22 was explained to the Board (*see table p8 of the meeting papers*)

AW Workforce

- Org Chart on p 9 to include the PM and the Board (suggestion from Sally). Board Members advised that the Org Chart attached to NRM Board Meeting 68 has Board on it.
- The current AW Policies, AW risks register, DEW policies and procedures and AW budget 2020-21 will need to be adopted by the AW Landscape Board from 1 July 2020 during transitional period and new policies will need to be developed by 30 June 2021.

As recommended by the AW NRM Board in Meeting 68 of the Board, members of the AW NRM Board A&R Committee are to transfer to the AW Landscape Board A&R Committee. Mr Michael Haynes will step down as the chair of the AW NRM Board A&R Committee and become a member of the AW Landscape Board A&R Committee. Mr Parry Agius will be the chair of the A&R Committee for the AW Landscape Board

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara NRM Board **recommends** that the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board **approve**:

1. The A&R Committee Term of Reference be **adopted** by the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board
2. The **appointment** of Mr Parry Agius as the Chair of the Audit & Risk Management Committee of the AW Landscape Board.
3. Mr Michael Haynes be **transitioned** as a **member** of Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Landscape Board.
4. All the current members of the AW NRM Board Audit and Risk Management Committee also be **transitioned as Members** of Audit & Risk Management Committee of the Landscape Board.

	<p>5. The updated Risk Management Register for 2019-20 be adopted by the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board and update going forward to the financial year 2020-21 onwards.</p> <p>6. The AW Landscape Board adopts the current AW Policies, DEW policies and procedures and the AW budget 2020-21 from 1 July 2020 during the transitional period and notes the proposed timeframe for developing and approving new Policies and associated documents by 30 June 2021.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mover: Kristy Richards Second: Debbie Hansen</i></p> <p>No further discussion</p>
3.2	<p>Board Induction Mr James Thiessen, A/Regional Manager, AW (<i>Refer meeting papers – Board Member Induction Program</i>)</p> <p>Mr James Thiessen introduced this item and referred to Matt’s presentation. James reminded board members that there had been plans to hold a Landscape Board induction session in Whyalla in May, however COVID restrictions have resulted in the need for much of the induction to be undertaken by all of the new Landscape Board members online. James is proposing that AW runs through these matters at our face-to-face meetings over the next few months as this suits our board members better. Some of governance topics have been covered before in previous board training and some will be new. A discussion about induction and governance training followed, key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion to run these sessions on a separate day rather than on same day of a Board meeting (Mick). • Outside consultants will come and deliver sessions on finance and governance. • Sally asked if we could have a consultant or trainer that understands Aboriginal ways and recommended Maggie Kavanagh. • DEW has already engaged consultants – James to follow up engaging a different consultant. • Board Meeting No 2 – will be one day of induction/training and 1-2 days board meeting. <p>Action: EO and A/GM re review Induction Program and add a traffic light system. Red = haven’t seen before have to do, Green = done before might just do a refresher, Amber/Orange = not a rush. The red ones will be done first Action – James and Sally to follow up the possibility of engaging a consultant and speak to consultants that have already been engaged to ensure they understand Anangu.</p> <p>No further discussion</p>
3.3	<p>Adoption of AW NRM Plan (interim arrangement until Landscape Plan is finalised) Mr James Thiessen, A/Regional Manager, (<i>Refer Meeting Papers – Briefing Paper dated 26 May 2020</i>)</p>

	<p>Mr James Thiessen referred to the briefing in the meeting papers and explained that the Board needs to move into the Landscape Board with the current Regional NRM Plan until such time as the new Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan is adopted.</p> <p>Decision: That the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopts the current Regional NRM Plan for the Alinytjara Wilurara region until the new Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan is adopted. • Notes the proposed timeframes for developing and approving planning documents over the next 12 months. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moved: Peter Miller Seconded: Mick Haynes All in favour</i></p>
3.4	<p>Adoption of AW Landscape Business Plan Addendum Mr James Thiessen, A/Regional Manager, <i>(Refer PowerPoint Presentation)</i> Mr James Thiessen introduced this item and advised that the purpose of this item is for the board to consider the adoption of the AW Landscape Business Plan addendum. James explained that the Audit and Risk Committee endorsed the adoption of the Business Plan at Meeting 13 and passed the plan to the AW Landscape Board for final approval under the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>Decision That the AW Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVE the adoption of the AW Landscape Business Plan addendum <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moved: Mick Haynes Seconded: Mima Smart All in favour</i></p>
3.5	<p>AW Landscape Plan 2021-26 <i>Ms Tatia Currie joined the meeting at 2.50 p.m.</i> Mr James Thiessen, A/Regional Manager, and Ms Tatia Currie, AW Regional Planning Coordinator, <i>(Refer Meeting Papers - Briefing Paper dated 9 June 2020 and PowerPoint Presentation)</i> James introduced Tatia Currie, AW Regional Planning Coordinator, and advised the Board that there is some work to do over the next 12 months in regard to engaging with communities about the new AW Landscape Plan 2021-26. Ms Tatia Currie started her presentation and explained that the purpose of this item was for the AW Landscape Board to endorse the process for developing the AW Landscape Plan, select an option for community engagement and consider the timeframes for AW Landscape Board planning activities.</p> <p>The AW Landscape Board will need to develop a new regional plan as the current Regional NRM plan will expire 30 June 2021 and under the Landscape SA Act 2019 (the Act), a landscape board must prepare and maintain a 5-year regional landscape plan by 1 July 2021. The key stages for developing the plan are to review current NRM Plan, community engagement and alignment between AW Landscape Plan and state level landscape processes. There was a discussion about the ability to finalise meaningful community engagement with Anangu before 1 July 2021. Key points -</p>

- The impact of COVID-19 and access to remote Aboriginal Communities
- Need to look at our partnerships and ngapartji-ngapartji– looking at foundation plans (Sally).
- AW recognises that all the HC Plans and IPA Plans have had extensive consultation and community engagement in the past
- Staff must go out and engage with communities face-to-face and this cannot happen until restrictions are lifted (Peter)
- We need to marry the Minister’s ideas and AW language into the HCP’s that are now a few years old (Parry).

Proposed options for Community Engagement were explained to the Board -

COVID-19 Restriction still on:

- **Option 1** – AW Staff have separate discussions using on-line platforms with each LHA (APY Lands, MT Lands, FWCAC, Yalata, Tallaringa/AMYAC) about the targets and threats in their current HCP/IPA plans.
- **Option 2** – AW uses targets and threats in current HCP/IPA plans to inform planning process without discussions with LHA’s.

COVID-19 Restriction lifted:

Option 3 – AW staff have face-to-face discussions with APY Lands, MT Lands, FWCAC, Yalata, Tallaringa/AMYAC about their HCP/IPA Plans

The proposed Timeframe was discussed (*refer Table 1 on p34 of Meeting Papers*). Key points:

- Wait until borders open and then go in. Some communities are closed until September so need to get started on those communities that are not locked down. Start the ball rolling with FWC as they are not locked down. (Peter)
- Have a traffic light system – send the LHA’s correspondence to let them know AW is coming, a formal letter from PM informing all LHA we would like to engage in different ways and will develop a priority listing.
- Write to Minister – Communities have a specific way of engaging – can AW please have an extension to 12 month time frame (no time frame)
- Mick asked Tatia to reflect new information with colour coding so it is easy to identify.

Decisions:

That the AW Landscape Board:


- **Endorse** the proposed process to develop AW’s new 5 year Landscape Plan
- **Select** an option for community engagement
- **Note** the proposed timeframes for developing and approving planning documents over the next 12 months (*with amendments from discussion*)

*Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Debbie Hansen
All in favour*

	<p>Action: Tatia to give a presentation at Meeting # 2 on the existing targets and threats in HCP's and IPA Plans and how this transitions into the new Landscape language and priorities.</p> <p>Action: letter to Minister re extension of New 5 year Landscape Plan for AW which is due 1/7/21</p> <p>Action: prepare letter to LHA's in relation to community engagement for the landscape planning under COVID restrictions.</p> <p>No further discussion</p>
4	Strategic Items
4.1	<p>Presiding Member Report</p> <p>Mr Parry Agius Presiding Member AW and Mr James Thiessen, A/Regional Manager, AW (<i>Refer PowerPoint Presentation</i>)</p> <p>Mr James Thiessen and Mr Parry Agius provided the inaugural Presiding Member Report for the AW Landscape Board and advised that the purpose of the item is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the transition from NRM Board to Landscape Board under the Landscape SA Act 2019 • Reflect on NRM Board achievements • Opportunities for newly establishment Landscape Boards <p>The plan to move from a NRM Board to a Landscape Board was first introduced at AW NRM Board Meeting 60 in Ceduna in May 2018 and from 1 July 2020 the new AW Landscape Board will become fully operational. The new AW Landscape Board will be at arm's length from Government and sees the AW Board separating from DEW. Parry acknowledged all of the achievements of the AW NRM Board. AW can celebrate 10 years of delivery of good work under the 2010-2020 NRM Plan. AW Board Members and staff have developed strong connections across the AW Lands and we can all be proud of the way we worked together with communities.</p> <p>The new AW Landscape Board presents new opportunities to work with Community at the front. We heard from Matt earlier about many of the opportunities, especially with the Grassroots grants and Landscape Priorities Fund. In many ways it will be business as usual for AW with new opportunities and a new working arrangement that is more independent and arm's length from Government.</p> <p>The Dingo Story – PIRSA. Parry and James referred to Meeting 67 in Pt Lincoln and discussions around the revised Wild Dog Policy. Following Meeting 67, AW made a submission to PIRSA raising concerns about the revised Policy and recommending amendments to the revised Policy on behalf of the Board. The good news is that PIRSA listened to AW's concerns and wrote back with changes to the revised policy based on AW's recommendations. James shared the AW submission on his screen and explained the impact that AW's submission had on the revised wild dog policy. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The original revised policy proposed that all water points in the 35km buffer zone required baiting by the land holder. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response from PIRSA – only man made active water points be included in the baiting requirements for the buffer zone. There are only 2 manmade and

	<p>active water zones in the region – around Penong. Each man made water point that is active must be baited.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AW recommended ‘whole of community’ approach. PIRSA advised that Co-Management Board are engaged through DEW NP&WS - JT going to ask B Margan if Co-management has been genuinely consulted. • AW raised concerns about the terminology used around wild dogs and dingoes – PIRSA acknowledged the terminology did not reflect the cultural value and ecological role of dingoes and corrected this throughout the policy. • AW recommended utilising Aboriginal Ranger Programs to enhance wild dog management. PIRSA supports working closely with Aboriginal Ranger Programs and would look favourably upon the development of a partnership to develop funding applications that assist with pest animal control through recognising the need for Aboriginal employment that respects cultural sites and provides the skills and WHS knowledge to undertake pest management. <p>James then shared the updated Wild Dog Policy which highlights in yellow all of the changes made to the Policy in response to AW’s submission.</p> <p>Parry spoke about the significance of PIRSA’s response to AW’s submission on this important policy change. AW has influenced a Government Department and they have acknowledged the importance of Aboriginal culture. AW has made a real impact on State Government on a really important policy. PIRSA have requested an invitation to a future AW Landscape Board meeting. This request was endorsed by the PM.</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOTE the Presiding Members report and discuss items of interest <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moved: Mick Haynes Seconded: Kristy Richards All in favour</i></p> <p>Action: Executive Officer to invite PIRSA to future AW Landscape Board Meeting</p> <p>No further discussion</p>
5	Standing Items for Noting (to be discussed only if required)
5.1	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Executive Officer provided an overview of the correspondence received. Discussion around the success of AW’s submission to PIRSA on the SA Wild Dog Policy and what a great achievement this is. AW Board is able to influence a Government Department and this should be acknowledged and celebrated.</p> <p>Decision: the AW Landscape Board note the incoming and outgoing Board correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moved: Julie O’Toole Seconded: Kristy Richards All in favour</i></p>

5.2	<p>Landscape Board Action Register</p> <p>Mr James Thiessen A/Regional Manager, AW</p> <p>Mr James Thiessen provided an update on the items on the Action Register from the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board that are to be carried over to the new Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Action Register. Not many items are still in progress – around 20 (including ongoing items), with only approximately 5-6 that are priorities that are currently in progress.</p> <p>Parry commended the Board Members and all of the staff on the status of the Action Register as this indicates that we have managed our business well.</p> <p>No further discussion</p>
5.3	<p>Communications – Key Messages to the Minister</p> <p>Mr James Thiessen and Mr Parry Agius led a discussion on the key messages to be communicated to the Minister following the inaugural meeting of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board. Items to be highlighted are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an update on the Wild Dog Policy and the importance of the relationship AW has with PIRSA • transition to Landscape Board • recognition of AW NRM Board achievements • the great discussions around cultural awareness training • Microsoft teams worked but not as good as face to face • approval of A&R Committee transitioning to Landscape Board • desire to do more in regard to cultural exchanges • the plan to develop a dictionary of languages in AW Region. <p>Action: Presiding Member to write to Minister re key outcomes of Mtg #1</p> <p>No further discussion</p>
6	Meeting Closure
6.1	<p>Meeting closed</p> <p>The Chair, Mr Parry Agius closed the meeting at 3:50pm.</p>

ENDORSED	 <p>CHAIR/PRESIDING MEMBER ALINYTJARA WILURARA LANDSCAPE BOARD Date: 16 July 2020</p>
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