

# Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

## Meeting Minutes

### Meeting 3

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| <b>Date(s)</b>   | <b>21 – 22 October, 2020</b>   |                     |  |
| <b>Day 1</b>     | Start time: 9:15 am  | Finish time: 5:20pm |  |
| <b>Day 2</b>     | Start time: 9:30 am  | Finish time: 4:45pm |  |
| <b>Location</b>  | <b>Port Lincoln Hotel, Port Lincoln</b>  |                     |  |
| <b>Attendees</b> | Mr Parry Agius (Chair), Mr Michael (Mick) Haynes, Mr Peter Miller, Ms Debbie Hansen, Ms Mima Smart, Ms Julie O’Toole, Ms Sally Scales (MS Teams)   |                     |  |
| <b>Staff</b>     | Mr Damian Miley (General Manager), Mr James Thiessen (A/Program Manager), Ms Thuy Phan (Business Manager), Ms Ollanta Lipcer (A/Operations Manager) , Ms Karrena Veltman (Sustainable Communities Coordinator), Ms Tatia Currie (Regional Planning Coordinator), Ms Aude Loisier (MERI Officer), Ms Helen Donald (Communications Coordinator), Ms Angela Whiting (A/Executive Officer) |                     |  |
| <b>Guests</b>    | Ms Lynette Ackland, Co-ordinator, Far West Languages Centre, Ceduna, Mr John Schutz, CE, Department for Environment and Water, Mr Ross Sawers, Chair, SAAL Landscape Board, Mr Brian Foster, Board Member, EP Landscape Board, Ms Jodie Gregg-Smith, General Manager, SAAL Landscape Board and Mr Jonathan Clark, General Manager, EP Landscape Board.                                 |                     |  |
| <b>Apologies</b> | Mr Anton Baker, Ms Kristy Richards, Ms Sally Scales (late, attended part of meeting)   |                     |  |

| <b>1 Opening Session</b> |   |
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| <b>1.1</b>               | <p><b>Welcome, Apologies, Acknowledgement of Country and Approval of Agenda</b></p> <p>Meeting opened at 9:15 am. The Chair, Mr Parry Agius welcomed all present to the meeting and Mr Peter Miller provided the welcome to Country. Mr Agius welcomed the new people to the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) Landscape Board (the Board), especially Mr Damian Miley, the newly appointed General Manager (GM), and those who have been with AW for some time. Everyone introduced themselves and spoke about their reasons for being involved with AW and their passions. The key words from the session were recorded (<i>refer whiteboard notes</i>).</p> <p>Parry referred to our current AW ‘family’ and connections and the need to make new friends, new connections and the need to plan. The Agenda for this meeting is all about planning, strengthening existing relationships and developing new connections. It is about setting the agenda for the next two years which will be 80% new direction and 20% connection to long term relationships from the old Board. He emphasized the need to take new initiatives and embrace new ways. He acknowledged AW’s new GM and the opportunity this appointment gives to take a new direction.</p> |

The next 2 years are critical for AW to set things in place and ensure that if there are changes to the membership of the Board in the future, they can take the wheel and continue steering the ship where this Board leaves things.

The Chair summarised the morning exercise as a valuable learning experience for the new GM, the AW Board and staff to connect and understand each other. The key words from the session will help form a connecting statement for the Board and staff.

**Action: General Manager to capture the essence of the introductory white board session and provide to the next Board Meeting.**

#### 1.2 **Conflict of Interest Disclosures/Related Party Disclosures**

Mr Parry Agius asked the Board to review the Agenda and assess whether they have any potential conflict of interest.

None declared.

#### 1.3 **Minutes of Meeting No 2** *(including reading time)*

Mr Parry Agius asked the Board to review the Minutes of Meeting No 2 held at the Royal Coach Hotel in Adelaide. It was agreed that the minutes reflect the discussions of the Board and the Minutes of Meeting No 2 were confirmed without amendment.

*Moved: Julie O'Toole  
Seconded: Peter Miller*

*All in favour*

No further discussion

## **2 Landscape Planning Workshop**

#### 2.1 **Landscape Plan – Prioritisation Workshop Part 1**

Ms Tatia Currie, Regional Planning Co-ordinator, and Ms Aude Loisier, MERI Officer, AW Landscape Board *(refer presentation and workshop notes)*

Tatia introduced this item and encouraged the Board Members to contribute. A recap was provided of what has happened to date and what needs to happen by 30 June 2021. The legislative requirement to evaluate the previous 10 year AW Natural Resources Management (NRM) Plan will be met today.

Aude advised that a mid- term review was undertaken in 2016 and the final review is due this year. Two independent reviews of the Board's performance were also undertaken in 2009 and 2018. A two day workshop was held in July 2020 with all AW staff which involved reviewing the Business Plan plus the programs and projects. The information from the evaluation will be used to in the development of the new AW Landscape Plan. The Chair asked for another review to be planned for 2021.

Aude presented the results of the review of the 10 year Strategic Plan under People, Country and Water and the Board Business Plan performance measures. An interactive session followed with the Board contributing their knowledge and expertise. Key points included:

- The loss of funding for AW staff to work on Country with Anangu. There are only a few senior community members with the traditional knowledge remaining and they are advancing in years. Risk of a loss of traditional knowledge and need to pass knowledge on to the younger generation. Young Anangu want to go out on Country to learn and AW staff need to go out with Anangu to engage in two way learning.

- There are activities and projects that community would like to do and are a priority but there is no funding. These need to be documented and communicated back to our communities so we ensure we keep track and try to access funding in the future.
- New targets that are developed during the life of the Plan need to be endorsed by the Board and added to the Plan for sourcing of additional funding.
- Work of the last 10 years will inform next Plan.
- The Chair asked the Communications Coordinator to think about linking the evaluation of NRM Plan to the Achievements Booklet.

The new AW Landscape Plan will connect Healthy Country Plans (HCP's) and recommendations from evaluation of 10 year NRM Plan. The new Plan will start with a why, then focus on the how and the what.

### Decision

That the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

- **Endorse** the evaluation results of the 10 year NRM Plan
- **Endorse** the integration of the evaluation results into the new Landscape Plan

*Moved: Peter Miller  
Seconded: Mick Haynes*

*All in favour*

No further discussion

## 2.2 Landscape Plan – Prioritisation Workshop Part 2

The workshop continued with Tatia leading the second part of the workshop. Started with reviewing the AW Regional Vision statement from the NRM Plan – “A healthy and valued Region, managed responsibly now, for the future benefit of people and country”.

For endorsement – the **guiding principles** that were developed in 2003 in Alice Springs and sourced from the AW NRM Plan (2011):

- Healthy Country, Healthy People
- Our children’s, children’s, children – add - (*tjitji*) (*generation to generation*)
- Recognition (*of Government*) and respect
- Knowledge is power
- Working together – *add – with you in partnership*
- Prevention is better than cure
- Courage is needed
- Learn from the past, use the best, adapt the rest - *add - for the future*

HCP’s will inform Landscape Plan. Brief overviews were provided of the Tallaringa (AMYAC), Yalata Anangu Aboriginal Corporation, Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation, Maralinga Tjarutja Lands (HCP and IPA in development), and APY Lands which also has 5 IPA Plans in addition to their HCP.

Targets for the Regional Plan were shared and discussed. The Regional Plan acknowledges the HCP’s and uses these to inform the AW Regional Plan. There is a need to align with State Landscape Priorities – healthy soil, pest plant and animal control, water management, land and sea biodiversity and Board leadership and strategy.

The need to include the protection of sacred sites and link to the Priorities was emphasised by the Board as well as the need for a Board Policy on the protection of sacred sites.

An update on engagement with Land Holding Authorities (LHA's) was provided. The Chair clarified that Co-management is a tool primarily used by State Government to manage Parks located on Native Title lands. Traditional Owners (TOs) and appointed Government representatives on the Committees and Boards make joint decisions. In some instances, there is not enough time for discussion and TOs have to make informed decisions when the relevant information is sent out late. This has cultural and ecological implications. With the move to Landscapes, Co-management has shifted to the Eyre and Far West Region and is managed by DEW's Parks, which creates challenges for AW to support TOs where necessary.

A potential invitation list of Anangu and LHA's for December meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the AW Board has more work to do and it would be better to invite those groups to attend after the Board has completed this work.

The Chair asked for the minutes to note a job well done by Aude and Tatia.

**Action: GM to send formal letters to FWC, AMYAC, Maralinga Tjarutja Lands, APY and Yalata inviting them to comment on our draft Landscape Plan Framework and inviting them to a future Board meeting next year.**

### **Decision**

That the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board, subject to changes outlined above:

- **Endorse** the proposed VISION statement/s and Guiding Principles for new AW Landscape Plan
- **Note** how the landholder targets have been integrated into developing AW's Regional Targets
- **Endorse** the proposed AW Regional Targets
- **Note** the status of LHA engagement
- **Note** the next steps in Landscape Prioritisation process

*Moved: Mick Haynes  
Seconded: Peter Miller*

*All in favour*

No further discussion

## **3 Strategic Items**

### **3.1 Communications update**

Ms Helen Donald, Communications Co-ordinator, AW Landscape Board (*refer presentation*)

Helen introduced this item and explained that the purpose was to seek endorsement of the AW Landscape Board's new Communications and Media Policy and for the Board to note the Achievements Report 2019-20, feedback from the IDA Conference and a general update.

Helen explained the Communications and Media Policy and the application of it. The key features to note –

- Policy statement
- Who has responsibility for what – authorisations and responsibilities
- Procedure for managing media – proactive and reactive

### **Decision**

That the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

**Approve** the AW Landscape Board Communications and Media Policy

*Moved: Peter Miller*

*Seconded: Mima Smart*

*All in favour*

Helen tabled the 2019-20 Achievements booklet, provided copies to Board Members and explained the purpose of it then showed the posters that were approved at Meeting 2 and gave out additional copies for Board Members to distribute in their communities. Learnings from a Virtual Indigenous Desert Alliance Conference that Helen attended were shared.

### **Decision**

That the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

#### **Note:**

- the 2019-20 Achievements in the Alinytjara Wilurara Region Booklet
- feedback from Indigenous Desert Alliance conference
- general update

No further discussion

## 3.2 **Languages of AW Region**

Ms Helen Donald, Communications Co-ordinator, AW Landscape Board and Ms Lynette (Lyn) Ackland, Co-ordinator, Far West Languages Centre, Ceduna (*refer presentation*)

Helen introduced Lyn Ackland who connected to the meeting via telephone.

Lyn provided an overview of the Far West Languages Centre in Ceduna. Established in 2006 and focuses on endangered languages of the region Wirangu/Gugada-Kokatha and Mirning. It is 1 of 21 Language Centres nationally and 1 of 2 Language Centres in SA. Lyn explained that its main focus is to assist the revival, restoration, documentation, researching, maintaining and supporting the local indigenous languages within the region.

Lyn presented the AW map with all of the languages that feature within the region. There are 12-14 languages in the AW region and cautioned that writing materials in language for the AW region is challenging as there are so many languages and it is easy to offend people. Lyn went on to explain that the way words are spelt differs across the region and the same/similar words can have very different meanings. It is therefore common for the message to become distorted.

A discussion followed between Mima, Julie, Debbie and Lyn around the different words that are used across the region to convey the same meaning and the differences in dialects that have developed over the years due to people moving in and out of neighbouring communities. It was agreed that this makes it difficult document language accurately.

Helen explained that AW is looking to promote language and asked Lyn if she had any advice. This led to a discussion around sharing knowledge through the use of signing which is often used instead of words and the practice of using song. Lyn encouraged the Board Members to look at how they can contribute to conserving language.

No further discussion.

## 3.3 **Future Funding Opportunities**

Mr Parry Agius, Chair Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

The Chair introduced this item and explained that the purpose was to explore alternative ways to fund AW projects that the Commonwealth have not historically funded. Parry led a discussion, key points:

**How it could work**

AW Board to consider developing a “story book” (Prospectus is another word often used) to present to large organisations to encourage them to contribute to AW projects and in doing so receive social return on investment, increase their profile and gain a tax advantage. As soon as the AW Board approves the Landscape Plan, the projects go into the Plan and that together with the “story” can be taken to potential investors/donors.

**Opportunities**

An example could be a big mining company (e.g. *Iluka*) could reduce their tax obligation by contributing money into a trust to contribute to AW projects. The AW staff team could develop a story to take into various companies/potential donors.

**Current constraints**

Landscape Boards can enter into contracts and agreements as long as they are meeting the objectives of the Act. Boards can receive funds including donations to deliver on the Plan and meet the objectives of the legislation (and align to a Board donations, grants policy) however there is no ability for tax deductions.

**Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation (ABCF)**

AW NRM Board has an MOU with the ABCF which was signed in December 2019 and included references to amendment from NRM to Landscapes Board. The ABCF has a trust that private companies who wish to support projects can make donations to and receive tax relief through the Australian Taxation Office. There is an opportunity for the AW Board to consider leveraging this relationship to encourage donations through ABCF and these contributions can then be passed on to AW to fund identified projects and the donating companies receive recognition for supporting AW projects.

**Other options**

Damian provided an example – Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (KI LB) has a partnership (MOU) with Nature Foundation SA. Nature Foundation is an apolitical not-for-profit foundation that invests in conserving, restoring and protecting South Australian landscapes, flora and fauna to ensure their survival.

Nature Foundation SA, for a small admin fee, sets up donations for specific projects the KI Board seeks to secure funding. Nature Foundation SA provides a tax deductible arrangement and has dedicated staff to support all forms of donations. The KI Board then invoices when it requires the funds to deliver on board approved projects.

**Existing partnerships**

AW also has existing arrangements through the 10 Deserts Project (10D) and BHP direct.

**Risk**

In terms of risks, Damian explained that it is all about ensuring good governance which includes the appropriate governance (MoUs, contracts, policies) and planning processes, reporting through the Board (board decisions) and then reporting back to Community. Can only see positives. The Board issues an invoice and the funds are released – that is the way it

works with KI LB MoU with Nature Foundation. How it would work between ABCF and AWLB depends on the MoU.

**Action: General Manager to re-negotiate the MOU with the Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation including considering opportunities for donation collaboration.**

**Action: General Manager to provide other example case studies where Boards have accessed funding either through MOU or legal mechanisms.**

No further discussion

### 3.4 **Grassroots Grant Update**

Ms Ollanta Lipcer, A/Operations Manager and Ms Karrena Veltman, Sustainable Communities Co-ordinator, Ms Mima Smart, AW Board Member (*refer presentation*)

Ollanta (Ollly) introduced herself and this item which is to note the commencement of the Grassroots Grant project and the future plan for the community-led project. Karrena then provided a project update.

The Yalata Minymaku Project came about through a Grassroots grant that was awarded to Yalata for a Woman's project to enhance knowledge exchange between generations and to empower women in land management.

The project began with an on Country Trip to Pidinga Rockhole, Footness Cave and Mexican Hat. The goals of the trip included transfer of knowledge, sharing Tjukurpa, re-connecting women to their traditional landscape practices and inspiring young people. The plan is to develop a book that can be used in Yalata and Ceduna in schools and other places.

Mima explained that it was important to take the young women out on country and for the older ladies to share the Tjukurpa and song lines with the younger ones. Four generations participated - 34 women attended and there was a 70 year age gap between the youngest and eldest participant. It was an important trip and have a *Walkabout School* because they were able to pass on the stories of the Rockholes and other special places.

The Chair asked Mima for permission to use the term "*Walkabout school*" so there can future "*Walkabout Schools*". This is a traditional term that could be used in future projects.

No further discussion

### 3.5 **Landscape Priorities Fund – Project Submission Update** – Item deferred to Meeting No 4

## 4 Day One Close

### 4.1 **Day one close**

The Chair closed day one of Meeting No 3 at 5:20 pm.

No further discussion

## 5 Guests/Workshop Day Two Commenced 9:30 am

### 5.1 **SAAL/EP Boards – Memorandum of Understanding and future opportunities**

Mr Parry Agius, Chair AW Landscape Board and Mr James Thiessen, A/Program Manager AW Landscape Board, Mr Ross Sawers, Chair South Australian Arid Lands (SAAL) Landscape Board, Ms Jodie Gregg-Smith, GM, SAAL Landscape Board, Mr Brian Foster, Board Member Eyre Peninsula (EP) Landscape Board and Mr Jonathan Clark, GM, EP Landscape Board.

The Chair introduced this item – there are representatives of three Landscape Boards in the room – three voices that have influence, networks, expertise and connections to their own



communities and industries within their respective regions. The theme of the session is 'How can we reimagine Landscape Boards and think less about boundaries and more about opportunities? And 'What would it look like if we took more of a neighbour perspective – and an Aboriginal neighbour perspective as well?'

Parry led a discussion amongst the three boards with the following key points made:

- NRM brought us this far, how we can reimagine that under Landscapes. How can we bring together Aboriginal people, farmers and regional communities? Current opportunities under Landscapes Priorities Fund and Tourism opportunities.
- An annual get together with the three boards could be worthwhile.
- Climate change is impacting landscapes. Landscapes flow across boundaries.
- Resourcing issues - need to be facilitators not deliverers and maximise resources.
- Need to develop new young leaders. Consider targeting young people in school and offer traineeships, cadetships and ranger programs that lead to jobs.
- Aboriginal Women's Conferences – it is important to bring Aboriginal women together. They are opportunities to create links between Boards to develop young leaders and create cross regional connections. Form a similar model for men.
- Previous EP/AW NRM Board MoU is an example of how boards can work together.
- EP and SAAL do not have any Aboriginal Board Members - need to have them especially when there sacred sites where mining is planned or already occurring.
- All of AW's funding comes Government at the moment - looking at developing a partnership with ABC Foundation that may lead to other funding opportunities.
- Both EP and SAAL Boards are keen to work together to form a critical mass to create opportunities and resolve problems together.

Parry thanked guests and Board Members for their contributions to the discussion.

No further discussion.

## 6. Guest Speakers - *Sally entered meeting at 10.30*

### 6.1 **Co-Management Update**

Mr Tim Hall, National Parks and Wildlife Manager, Eyre and Far West Region, Department for Environment and Water (*refer presentation*)

Tim provided an overview of Co-Management activities since the last Co-Management update to the AW Board Meeting 67 of the AW NRM Board. Key points from Tim's update:

- Co-management business continued out of session during COVID restrictions.
- Managing camels particularly around Rockholes so they don't damage cultural sites.
- Managing Buffel Grass by undertaking inspections and control works,
- Visitors to be provided with information so they can learn about and respect culture and Country and use proper tracks and campsites.
- New signage in Parks – AW led the way and this work is now being continued by EP.

No further discussion.

### 6.2 **DEW – Future Opportunities and Partnerships**

Mr John Schutz, CE Department for Environment and Water (DEW)



Parry welcomed John to the meeting and updated him on the morning session with EP and SAAL and the considerations to the Ministers 5 Priorities.

John congratulated Parry on his appointment as Chair/PM and thanked Mick for his leadership during his time as PM of the AW NRM Board and willingness to stay on the board. John also congratulated Damian on his appointment as GM and thanked James for his time acting GM.

John went on to make the following points:

- AW has always been an exemplary board. Minister's re-appointment of all the Board Members confirms this. It has never been consumed to be the deliverers of the work and modelled the *facilitating of delivery for communities* approach.
- AW is a thoughtful and considered board and understands the Ministers reform - putting communities at the centre and working with them to build capacity.
- AW Board provides leadership in the AW Region. Setting a strategic direction – partnerships that are focussed on delivering outcomes for identified issues.
- There are big water management challenges and opportunities – DEW can assist.
- There should be more cultural management of landscapes and encouraged Parry to engage with other Landscape Boards, be a positive change agent and develop their Aboriginal engagement capacity. AW brings cultural perspective to the heart.
- DEW has possibly shadowed AW too much, he now wants to be a true partner.

AW Board Members made the following contributions to the discussion:

- Concerns around extraction and management of water by mining -John acknowledged that water is a significant issue in AW Board has a role in leading the way water is managed. Parry to liaise with Minister directly.
- Aboriginal people can take a lead in the Climate Change space -John acknowledged traditional knowledge and is more than happy to ask his Climate Change team to come and talk with the AW Board.
- For too long Aboriginal knowledge and intellectual property has been taken and used with no financial return. AW Board has a vast knowledge and there are opportunities for economic growth.
- There is a need to support work that will provide economic outcomes for Aboriginal people – Ranger Programs for Women and Men. Respectful relationships required going forward. Come sit on the ground with us and support us.
- AW's Grassroots Grant project - passing knowledge on to the young women. There is a need for junior rangers and a women's ranger program which have been talked about for many years and they want to see them happen now. John acknowledged the need to pass on knowledge – happy to talk to Parry to see how he can assist. Parry and John to talk about Junior/ Women's Ranger Program. Both made a commitment to support this going forward.

Parry thanked John for his time and his recognition and reinforcement that AW is heading in the right direction. Parry will continue to talk to John around the issues that assist the development of the Landscape Plan and AW's communities.

John Schutz left the meeting. Discussion continued, the key points were:

- Other Boards need to have Aboriginal Board Members and AW can lead the way in encouraging boards to recruit Aboriginal Board Members.

- It can be difficult for women or young people alone on boards as they need support.
- Debbie advised that she needs back up in WA with monitoring sacred sites.

Parry brought the session to a close and reinforced the need to work with other boards.

**Action: GM to arrange a meeting PM and CE, DEW to continue discussing opportunities around a Junior Ranger Program.**

**Action: GM to send thank you letters to EP/SAAL for attending Meeting 3 including a paragraph around how AW can assist with engagement with Aboriginal people.**

**Action: GM to follow up with Debbie and with the PM to understand how AW Board can provide support for Debbie Hansen.**

No further discussion

## 7. Standing Items

### 7.1 Chair Report

Mr Parry Agius, Chair/Presiding Member, Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board (*refer presentation*)

Parry advised the purpose of the item is for the Board to note the activities of the Chair and then discuss any matters of interest with the Chair. He explained that is a part of good governance for the Chair to report back to the Board. Key points:

- PM/Chairs Forums – collaborating on future corporate services delivery. New Chair of the H&F Board to attend a future AW Board Meeting
- Parry attended the launch of SA's response *Climate Change* – a report by Professor Garnaut and *Climate Change – Science and Knowledge Plan for South Australia*. Both documents were tabled and distributed.
- Bushfire Recovery Taskforce and the Community Working Group Parry chairs.

**Action: GM to write Chair H&F Board in regard to future opportunities for collaboration and invitation to future Board meeting.**

No further discussion

### 7.2 A/General Manager Report

Mr James Thiessen, A/General Manager (*refer presentation*)

James explained that the purpose of this item is to update the Board regarding the outcomes and work of the A/General Manager and AW staff. Key points:

- Transition to Landscape Boards continues. AW staff still belong to DEW Communities of Practice e.g. PEMSA, GM's Forum etc.
- AW Board activities include progressing the AW Landscape Plan (due July 2021), 10D Program Evaluation, Landscapes Priorities Fund and Grassroots Grants program.
- AW staff activities include the 5 year Landscape Planning process, contract development with APY, Oak Valley, Far West Coast, Yalata and AMY. Field trips including fauna surveys and buffel grass control planning after rain events.

**Decision:**

That the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

- **Note** the Chair/Presiding Member Report and discuss any items of interest
- **Note** the report from the A/General Manager, Alinytjara Wilurara

*Moved: Peter Miller  
Seconded: Sally Scales*

*All in favour*

No further discussion

### 7.3 **Financial Report, including updates on SLA, Corporate Services and Uniform**

Ms Thuy Phan, Business Manager, AW Landscape Board (*refer presentations*)

Thuy explained that her first item is to update the Board on the progress of the Corporate Services model and its future delivery options and seek Board input on the model.

DEW still providing Corporate Services during transition period. AW is the only Board to have all staff transition to the Board. The Corporate Services catalogue incorporates Business/Finance/Governance/Human Resources Services and ICT. Advantages and disadvantages of the Corporate Services Model and the proposed Hybrid Corporate Services Model for Landscape Boards were explained and discussed.

#### **Decision**

The AW Board

- **Notes** the proposed Hybrid Corporate Services Model
- **Provides input** to the proposed Hybrid Corporate Services Model

*Moved: Mick Haynes  
Seconded: Mima Smart*

*All in favour*

**Action: GM to advise the Board on options for office accommodation at a future meeting.**

#### **2020-21 Service Level Agreement (July-December 2020)** (*refer presentation*)

The purpose of this item is to seek approval from the Board for the 6 months 2020-21 Service Level Agreement between DEW and the Board.

SLA between DEW and the Board is currently for the first 6 months of the 2020-21 financial year and the Corporate Services Fee for 2020-21 was advised. The Board has been advised that the Minister is supportive of DEW providing corporate services to Landscape Boards to 30 June 2021 to ensure finance and budget functions are aligned to a full financial year.

#### **Decision:**

The AW Landscape Board:

- **Approves** the 6 months 2020-21 SLA between AW Landscape Board and DEW
- **Delegates** the Presiding Member to sign the 6 month SLA between AW Landscape Board and DEW on the Board's behalf

*Moved: Mick Haynes  
Seconded: Julie O'Toole*

*All in favour*

#### **2020-21 Financial Report (as 30 September 2020)**

This item is to seek approval of the Board's financial report at 30 September 2020.

Thuy shared the projected income for 2020-21. Some income not received as project delivery has been impacted by COVID. Expenses were explained and it was noted that the Board needs to ensure expenditure increases. Warru project may not deliver all of the

milestones – consultation to occur with APY re translocation of Warru in APY (negotiating with Commonwealth with this one). APY has only just re-opened – COVID has had a big impact on this project. Consultation with Anangu and anthropologists re family lines to ensure no special family sites are disturbed.

**Decision:**

The AW Landscape Board:

- **Approve** the 2020-21 Financial Report at 30 September 2020.

*Moved: Mima Smart  
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

*All in favour*

**Action: GM to provide the Board with an updated organisation chart once he has had the opportunity to review the existing structures and consider, in discussion with the Chair, the best model. This will include reflecting on the role of Community Engagement.**

**AW Landscape Board Uniform - Policy and Guidelines** (*refer presentation*)

The purpose of this item is to seek approval of the AW Landscape Board Uniform Policy.

Thuy explained the AW Uniform Policy including cost estimates. After some discussions, the Board made the following recommended amendments to the AW Uniform Policy –

- No shorts to be used and not to be worn in communities. Adhere to cultural protocols in communities and any official AW events.
- Managers to ensure their team members adhere to the policy and it is the discretion of the GM to approve minor variations to the policy.
- GM will inform guests and officials travelling on formal AW business that they need to adhere to AW uniform policy and respect cultural protocols.

**Decision**

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

- **Approves** the AW Landscape Board Uniform Policy with amendments as above

*Moved: Peter Miller  
Seconded: Mick Haynes*

*All in favour*

No further discussion

7.4 **Conflict of Interest** – Item deferred to Meeting No 4

7.5 **Key Messages to the Minister**

Highlights for Day One and Day Two – messages for the Minister

- The meeting opened with all Board Members and staff present sharing their passions and why they want to be with AW.
- New vibrant thinking (in regard to funding opportunities) – AW has led the way before and can lead the way with other Boards again.
- Landscape Planning process is on track – staff grateful for feedback from Board.
- Evaluation report on 10yr NRM Plan.
- Acknowledgement of the new General Manager and the outgoing acting GM.

- Session with SAAL and EP Boards. All three Boards are keen to pursue partnerships. Commitment to speak as one voice and develop young leaders. The importance of Aboriginal knowledge and engaging with Aboriginal Communities was highlighted.
- Support for Aboriginal people on Boards to be explored through a policy noting the importance of understanding the challenges for Aboriginal people on Boards and the difficulties in attracting Aboriginal Board Members. Share with EP/SAAL Boards.
- Water Management – AW Board to work with DEW and other Boards in partnership.
- Approved SLA until December.
- The meeting with CE DEW John Schutz was very positive. The Board looks forward to continuing to collaborate with DEW and John expressed interest in working AW.

No further discussion

#### 7.6 **Invitations to upcoming Meetings and proposed agenda items for Meeting 4**

Agenda – extension of Landscape Planning workshop.

Consider invitations to the Coastal Protection Board, Iluka, PM of the Native Vegetation Council, ABC Foundation, Climate Change guest– DEW or Martin Haese. Invite John Schutz Mike Williams and Cate Hart to a dinner.

Potential items - proposals for ranger program to be funded by 10D, 10D Evaluation Project.

No further discussion

#### 7.7 **Proposed Meeting Dates and locations for Meeting 4**

9 and 10 and potentially a part day if necessary on 11 December, 2020 in Adelaide.

#### 7.8 **Action Register**

The A/Executive Officer introduced were informed on the progress of current Board actions and, following Board discussions, the Action Register was updated.

No further discussion.

#### 7.9 **Correspondence**

The A/Executive Officer provided an overview of the incoming and outgoing correspondence since Meeting No 2.

No further discussion.

### **8. Meeting Closure**

Chair closed the meeting at 4.45pm.

Endorsed by:



Parry Agius

Chair/Presiding Member

ALINYTJARA WILURARA LANDSCAPE BOARD

Date: 23 November 2020