

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

Meeting Minutes

Meeting 5

Dates	24-25 June, 2021		
Day 1	Start time: 9.10am	Finish time: 4.40pm	
Day 2	Start time: 9.00am	Finish time: 4.00pm	
Location	Ceduna Foreshore Hotel, Ceduna		
Attendees	Peter Miller (Acting Chair), Michael (Mick) Haynes, Debbie Hansen, Sally Scales (via MS Teams, from 10.15 am), Kristy Richards, Julie O'Toole (via Phone from 10.50am)		
Staff	Damian Miley James Thiessen, Thuy Phan, Ollanta Lipcer, Tatia Currie, Helen Donald, Alex Fraser, Angela Whiting (Executive Support).		
Guests	Alison Sentence (MS Teams), Robbie Sleep, Joanne Lee, Birrin Hooper (MS Teams).		
Apologies	Parry Agius (Chair), Mark Anderson.		

1 Standing Items

1.1 **Welcome, Apologies, Acknowledgement of Country and Approval of Agenda**

The meeting opened at 9.10 am. The A/Chair, Mr Peter Miller welcomed all present to the meeting and provided the welcome to Country.

Apologies – Mr Parry Agius (Chair). Sally Scales and Julie O'Toole to join the meeting late.

The Chair asked for additional Agenda Items.

Agreed, Agenda approved.

No further discussion

The Chair then requested a one minute silence for AW extended family and friends who have passed this year.

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

Mr Peter Miller 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 4 (including reading time)**

Mr Peter Miller asked the Board to review the Minutes of Meeting No 4 held at Royal Coach Hotel, Adelaide in February 2021 and were given reading time. The Minutes of Meeting No 4 were accepted without amendment.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

1. **Approve** the minutes of Meeting No 4 without amendment.

*Moved: Debbie Hansen
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

CARRIED

No further discussion

1.4 **Business Arising**

The General Manager, Mr Damian Miley updated the Board on actions from Meeting 4. Actions completed were noted and actions in progress discussed.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the business arising completed and in progress from Meeting No 4.

*Moved: Sally Scales
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

NOTED

Actions Arising from the Minutes of Meeting 4:

Item 2.6 CSIRO and Biosecurity opportunity with rangers: To be deferred until Board Meeting # 7. GM to discuss with CSIRO (and also consider Department of Water, Agriculture and Environment) on future opportunities to meet rangers and communities and get a firsthand experience on what they are doing in regards to biosecurity.

Item 5.1: Nature Foundation SA (NFSA) – GM provided update that NFSA have verbally advised that they are interested in partnering with the board. GM to follow up with NFSA in writing.

No further discussion

2 Strategic Items

2.1 **ABC Foundation**

(J O'Toole joined by phone at 10.15am)

Ms Alison Sentence from the Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation (ABCF) attended the meeting via MS Teams.

Alison shared her PowerPoint presentation and referred to the last time she met with the Board – pre COVID in March 2020 and spoke about AW's interest in seeking funding from external sources.

Alison spoke about diversifying income streams, using DGR status and accessing philanthropists. The ABC collaboration model involves working with collaborators (funders), business partners (capacity builders/strategic partners) and community partners (projects). ABCF comprises of two organisations- the trust and the foundation (two separate entities). A Pilot project – Aboriginal Women's Research Assistant and Evaluation Training Project (AWRAE) was described and discussed.

No further discussion.

2.2 **Board Prospectus**

(S Scales joined by MS Teams at 10.50am)

Ms Helen Donald, Communications Coordinator *(refer Board Briefing Paper)*

The Board Members were provided with a draft Prospectus for review and were initially asked to check the photographs for appropriateness and if any needed to be removed for cultural reasons. The content was then discussed. Further feedback on the design and content was requested and received.

The board were asked to consider two areas of the document. Firstly, have all of the investment opportunities been identified, and secondly, discuss and provide feedback on investor involvement with communities.

The board were happy with the investment packages outlined in the document, which mirror the landscape plan and healthy country planning documents.

The board discussed and agreed on:

- Possible opportunities with ranger groups who would take philanthropists out on country as part of potential investment agreements, which would be negotiated.
- Use of virtual experiences – S Scales/Communications Coordinator to explore further.
- Use of investors' brand – promoting their organisation as an investor.
- Annual on-country trips to be offered to potential investors.
- Involve potential investors in Aboriginal festivals/events – this would be a long term plan that the board could work towards.
- Taking investors to locations such as Scotdesco and Yalata (specific beaches) and Googs Track.
- Use of images of Maralinga Tjarutja which could lead to future opportunities with MT.

The board noted that the final draft Prospectus and supporting guidelines that describe broad criteria that investors/donors would be required to meet, together with assessment process, will be progressed and provided to the board for approval.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Discusses** the draft Prospectus and provide input into the investment packages and investor/donor investing opportunities.
2. **Endorses** the proposed layout and design of the draft Prospectus.
3. **Supports** next steps including finalisation of the Prospectus for Board approval and development of a supporting document that will come back to the Board.

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Julie O'Toole

CARRIED

No further discussion.

Action: GM to follow up with Jeremy LeBois about opportunities with MT.

Action: Prospectus to include the names of the people/locations in the photos.

Action: GM to consider the preparation of a supporting guidelines document if this would assist.

Action: Board Member S Scales and Communications Coordinator to explore opportunities to offer potential investors virtual experiences and report back to the board.

2.3 Board Performance Report 2020-21

Mr Damian Miley, General Manager (*refer Board Briefing Paper*)

The Minister for Environment and Water (the Minister) has requested all Landscape Boards provide regular reporting against achievements. The administration has completed the Minister's template document for this purpose and is seeking feedback from the Board.

The letter from the Minister and the draft Performance Report 2020-21 were provided to the Board in the Board Meeting pack. The Audit and Risk Management Committee reviewed the draft Performance Report and endorsed without amendment.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the feedback on the Board Performance Report provided by the Audit and Risk Management Committee in relation to how the board is tracking against its agreed priorities, and governance and business operations
2. **Endorses** the Board Performance Report and the authorisation of the Chair's signature on the document for forwarding to the Minister by the 30 June 2021.

Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

CARRIED

No further discussion.

Action: GM to forward Board Performance Report to the Minister by 30 June 2021.

2.4 **Draft Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan 2021-26** (final for approval)

Ms Tatia Currie, Regional Planning Coordinator (*refer board briefing paper and PowerPoint*)

The development of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan (*the Plan*) has been undertaken in consultation with the Board over the past year (*refer briefing for details*). The public consultation has been completed and the final draft was presented to the board for final review and approval.

The board noted key feedback received from the Department of Environment and Water and PIRSA. The board recommended an amendment to the page headed 'What we value' add - 'Gawler Ranges within the boundaries of Alinytjara Wilurara' under the sub-heading 'Ranges and Rocky outcrops'.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the consolidated public consultation feedback on the draft Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan 2021-26 and how the feedback was incorporated into the updated draft documents.
2. **Notes** Maralinga Tjarutja has formally indicated they could not meet the deadline for providing feedback due to cultural business and that the Board will consider late comments from them.
3. **Approves** the draft Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan 2021-26 as amended and forwarding to the Minister for approval by 30 June 2021.

Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Mick Haynes

CARRIED

Action: Amendments to the Plan be made as noted prior to sending to the Minister.

Action: AW staff to contact MT and ask them to provide feedback by a revised deadline of one month from today.

No further discussion.

2.5 **Draft Annual Business Plan 2021-22 and Water Affecting Control Policy**

Ms Tatia Currie, Regional Planning Coordinator (*refer Board Briefing Paper*)

The *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act) stipulates that all Landscape Boards develop an annual Business Plan. The draft Business Plan was included in the Board Briefing Pack for Board Members to review. The requirements of the Act regarding what the Plan needs to address (funding sources, staffing etc.) were described.

As part of income/expenditure discussions, the board noted the transition process currently underway with the 10 Deserts Project transitioning from Desert Support Services (DSS) to the Indigenous Development Authority (IDA) and asked that this be noted on the Business Plan.

The Water Affecting Control Policy was discussed and agreed without amendment.

The board noted the work of the Regional Planning Coordinator, Communications Coordinator and the Business Manager in the design and presentation of the Business Plan.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Approves** the draft Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Business Plan 2021-22, as amended, including the Water Affecting Control Policy.

*Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

CARRIED

No further discussion.

2.6 **Iluka – Jacinth Ambrosia**

Ms Joanne Lee, Iluka (*refer PowerPoint Presentation*)

Ms Lee provided an update on the mining process underway at Jacinth Ambrosia including rehabilitation timetable and success; groundwater monitoring wells reporting an development of new well areas, update in the water affecting activity permit progress,

Ms Lee was asked about any future planned projects. Ms Lee indicated that Iluka was always looking for future opportunity. The board was advised if proposed projects progress further the AW Board would be informed as per normal planning and approval processes

The board noted that Far West Coast Rangers have been engaged with spraying and other activities. Ms Lee invited the board visit and tour the site.

No further discussion

2.7 **Co-Management Update**

Mr Robbie Sleep (Senior Ranger Eyre and Far West Region, DEW) presented on behalf of Mark Anderson A/National Parks and Wildlife Manager, Eyre and Far West, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) (*refer PowerPoint Presentation*)

Mr Sleep provided the Board with an update on Co-Management activities since Board Meeting No 3 in Port Lincoln in October 2020. The board noted that COVID-19 restrictions have impacted and the Co-Management Boards have found it difficult to meet to make decisions. As a consequence there have been a number of Out-of-Session decisions. Mr Sleep shared the good news story with the Camel Cull that was a collaboration with Eyre Peninsula and Far West Region, DEW, the board and communities and praised the collaborative effort and all involved.

No further discussion

2.8 Landscape Priorities Fund

Mr James Thiessen, Program Manager (*refer board briefing paper*)

The board submitted Stage 2 applications to the Landscape Priority Fund for two projects. On 13 May 2021, the Minister Speirs wrote to the board advising that AW was successful in the 2020/21 funding round for the *Camel and buffel grass control to support pastoral industry in APY Lands* project and that the *Restoration of culturally and ecologically significant women's rock holes* project was unsuccessful. Further opportunities to apply for funds for the latter project are available from July 2021.

The board noted that AW staff have since visited APY and meetings have been held with the APY General Manager, APY Manager Stakeholder Engagement and other key APY staff to discuss how the successful project may be implemented.

The board noted that APY approval is required to proceed with the proposed camel cull project; that the camel cull and buffel grass projects are being developed as 2 year projects and that a briefing to the Minister is required by 1 August, 2021.

The board also noted the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board (SAAL) were successful in receiving Landscape Priorities Funding for a collaborative project, which includes AW as a partner, around kangaroo management.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the *Camel and buffel grass control to support pastoral industry in APY Lands* project, valued at \$742,512 has been successful in the 2020/21 Landscape Priority Funding round.
2. **Notes** SAAL landscape Board was successful in a collaborative project, including the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board as a partner, regarding kangaroo management.

NOTED AND ACCEPTED

No further discussion.

2.9 Grassroots Grants

Mr. James Thiessen, Program Manager (*refer board briefing paper*)

The *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* requires each landscape board to establish and maintain a Grassroots Grant Program for its region. The board members received proposed draft Grassroots Grants Policy and Procedure, draft Guidelines for Grassroots Grants applications and the draft Grassroots Grants Expression of Interest Application Form in their board briefing packs.

Mr James Thiessen presented the proposed policy, procedure, guidelines and form that were endorsed with minor amendments by the Audit and Risk Management Committee at Committee Meeting No 2 on 23 June 2021, which proposes a process for the Land Holding Authorities that the board works with.

The Board noted a potential issue that other parties may query their ability to apply and then recommended a process that involves advertising the grants and a procedure, should there be more than one applicant. The board agreed that the application process will involve a selection panel that will include a board member. Applications will be brought to the board either out of session or at a board meeting.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the feedback from the Audit and Risk Management Committee regarding the proposed Grassroots Grant Policy and Procedure; Grassroots Grant Guideline and Expression of Interest Form.
2. **Approves** the Grassroots Grant Policy and Procedure; Grassroots Grant Guideline and Expression of Interest Form as amended.
3. **Endorses** the nomination of the Chair to be on the assessment panel.

*Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

CARRIED

No further discussion.

3 Standing Items

3.1 Chair Report

Mr Damian Miley presented on behalf of Mr Parry Agius (*refer board briefing paper*)

The Chair is required to provide a report to board members at every board meeting on activities since the previous board meeting. The board last met in February 2021 and during this time the Chair represented the board at various meetings and forums. The Chair's Report provided a summary of these activities including Out of Session meetings. The Board reviewed the Chair's report and requested more information especially regarding the AITSIS Conference and the Chairs Forums and are seeking feedback including outcomes from those meetings.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the activities of the Chair of the Board.
2. **Discusses** with the Chair any matters of interest.

NOTED AND ACCEPTED

Action: Further information on the AITSIS Conference and the Chairs Forums to be provided to Board Members including outcomes from those meetings.

No further discussion.

3.2 General Manager Report (including WHS Update)

Mr Damian Miley, General Manager (*refer board briefing paper*)

The Board was provided with an update on the General Manager's activities, including meetings and visits since the last board meeting and a Workplace Health and Safety Update. The Board noted progress on staffing matters including recruitment activities and the proposed introduction of a Consent Schedule which will improve meeting efficiency and allow time to discuss matters of high importance to the Board.

Workplace Health and Safety (WPHS)

The General Manager has hosted four Workplace Health and Safety (WPHS) consultative forums with all staff.

Staff bring WPHS matters for discussion. No issues have been raised to date.

There has been no reportable injuries since the last report.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

- **Notes** the activities of the General Manager since the last board meeting.

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards

NOTED AND ACCEPTED

No further discussion

3.3 Communications Update

Ms Helen Donald, Communications Coordinator (*refer board briefing and presentation*)

The board received an update on various board communications including social media, media releases, promotional materials, the *Palya* newsletter and business communications since Meeting 4 including the introduction of QR codes in board communications to allow readers to access further information. Staff and Board Members were encouraged to send photographs through to the Communications Coordinator or any AW staff, including the General Manager for use in board communications.

The board noted and praised the work of Ms Amanda Bowne in regard to her QR Codes initiative and her professional development since commencing a traineeship with the Board.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

- **Notes** the status of the communications update.

NOTED AND ACCEPTED

No further Discussion

4 Day One Meeting No 5 close

4.1 Day one close.

The A/Chair closed Day One of Meeting No 5 at 4.40pm and invited Board Members to attend the Board Dinner in the Murat 1 Function Room at 6.00pm.

No further discussion.

5 Standing Items (*Day two commenced at 9:00 am*) Ms Scales and Ms O'Toole to join the meeting later.

5.1 Audit and Risk Management Committee Summary and Recommendations

Mr. Damian Miley, General Manager and Ms Thuy Phan, Business Manager (*refer late board briefing paper*)

Ms Thuy Phan presented a summary of the Audit and Risk Management Committee's decisions and recommendations on a range of financial and risk management matters at Committee Meeting No 2 and provided a brief background to those decisions.

The board noted the progress of the AMYAC project in Coober Pedy (that was discussed when the Board Member from Coober Pedy was not present) and asked the GM to follow up with this Board Member.

The Board discussed the progress of projects delayed due to COVID-19 impacts and briefly discussed the Adelaide Meets the Bush project and agreed that further information is required to clarify what the purpose and desired outcomes of this project are.

The board accepted the new streamlined format for the *Audit and Risk Management Committee Summary and Recommendations* to the board and thanked the administration for this initiative.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the outcomes from the Audit and Risk Management (A&RM) Committee meeting on 23 June 2021
2. **Notes** the financial performance through income and expenditure dashboard reports at 30 April 2021 has been approved by A&RM Committee
3. **Notes** the 2021/22 budget has been approved by A&RM Committee
4. **Approves** the financial management compliance program (FMCP) as per A&RM Committee's recommendation
5. **Approves** the new format of the risk register and additional/modified risks (with minor amendments)
6. **Approves** the following Board policies and procedures as recommended by A&RM Committee
 - a. Sponsorship (outgoing) policy and procedure
 - b. Asset management policy
 - c. Asset disposal policy
 - d. Asset disposal procedure
 - e. Fraud and corruption control policy
 - f. Fraud and corruption control procedure
 - g. Whistle blower's Protection Policy
 - h. Grant (incoming) policy
 - i. Purchase card policy
 - j. Purchase card procedure
7. **Approves** the disposal of two (2) Aerosol as recommended by the A&RM Committee
8. **Approves** the instrument of delegation of the following as recommended by A&RM Committee
 - a. Instrument of Authorisation – Contract Execution
 - b. Instrument of Authorisation – Contract Execution Via Purchase Card
 - c. Instrument of Authorisation - Procurement – Contract Pre-Approval – Procurement - Payment & Disbursement
 - d. Instrument of Authorisation – Affix Common Seal
 - e. Instrument of Authorisation – AWLB – Landscape SA Act 2019
9. **Approves** the final draft of the SLA from (12 April 2021 to 30 June 2022 between DEW and AW Board
10. **Approves** the A/Chair to sign the Service Level Agreement (SLA)

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

CARRIED

Action: GM to follow up with Coober Pedy Board Member regarding AMYAC project.

Action: Board to further discuss Adelaide Meets the Bush project and clarify the purpose and desired outcomes of this project under other business at the conclusion of Meeting 5.

No further discussion

6 Strategic Items

6.1 Retained Earnings

Mr Damian Miley, General Manager (refer board briefing paper)

The General Manager outlined a project concept proposal for funding a three year strategic, coordinated approach to protecting the Great Victoria Desert from buffel grass.

The board members were reminded of Minister Speirs visit at Board Meeting No 2 and his expectations that he outlined for applications to access retained earnings, including meeting his Letter of Commission priorities. In addition, other Landscape Boards, DEW and PIRSA were consulted.

Board members suggested approaching the 10 Deserts Project (10D) to partner in this project. Preliminary discussions have been held with 10D and they are interested in partnering on this proposal.

The General Manager introduced a verbal proposal on behalf of the Chair, Mr Parry Agius, which suggested another project which could involve formal targeted training in all of the AW Communities which results in real employment outcomes.

The board discussed both proposals and agreed that the board needs to focus on what AW's core business is and noted that there are other organisations in the region undertaking work connected to training and employment.

Board Members advised that they cannot support a proposal that has not been submitted in writing and presented as a formal board briefing.

The board noted the process to access retained earnings that the administration will follow (*attachment 1, 4b refers*).

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

1. **Approves** the project concept to support a strategic, coordinated approach to protecting the Great Victoria Desert from buffel grass **recommended** by the Audit and Risk Management Committee.
2. **Approves** the Chair formally writing to the Minister seeking his approval to prepare a submission to access your retained earnings.
3. After careful consideration and due consultation the board did **not support** an additional proposal regarding training and accreditation leading real jobs until a formal project concept is presented and supported by the board.
4. The Board further noted it could **not support** retained earnings proposals that are not aligned with the Minister's directions and outlined in the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan.

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards

CARRIED

No further discussion

6.2 **Board Succession Planning**

Mr Damian Miley, General Manager (*refer board briefing paper*)

At Board Meeting No 4 the board discussed the need to consider succession of our board members so we continue to grow and bring the next generation of community with us. The board noted that there have been two recent departures from the board membership resulting in two vacancies that require urgent filling.

The board noted that there are only around 5-7 more meetings before another five board membership terms (including the Chair) expire in February 2023.

The Audit and Risk Management Committee (*the Committee*) at Committee Meeting No 2 on 23 June 2021 considered board succession planning and suggested the board consider the following:

- Does the board consider term limits important? The Board can make a recommendation to the Minister on term limits for our Board.
- Five board members finish in February 2023 (18 months' time) – the board needs to ensure that there is an overlap of knowledge and experience to guide the GM. There needs to be a strategy to ensure some of those members stay and the other vacancies can be filled new board members.
- Consider board advisory roles – these would be non-voting members of the board who do not receive sitting fees but there would be some level of remuneration under a contract of service. Philanthropic opportunities to support youth leadership and women's leadership, could be explored.
- Proposal that in six months there will be a strategy on succession planning that will include an overlapping approach.

The Board discussed engaging the best people for the job as opposed to selecting representatives from each specific area and thought it was important to ensure there is an overlap of experienced and newer less experienced board members as per the Far West Coast model outlined by the A/Chair.

The General Manager thanked the board members for their advice and input into this important discussion and advised that he now has good information to progress and report back to the board.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

1. **Agrees** to the formation of a working group with board and key staff to discuss and prepare a paper for future discussion on a board succession plan.
2. **Notes** the APY Executive is still yet to provide a community replacement for the current vacancy.
3. The Board members will **further consider** and discuss with the Chair and GM out of session about a replacement for the vacancy vice M Smart resigned.

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

CARRIED

Action: A working group (including the Chair and GM) to be established to explore ideas to bring back to the board on the back of a discussion paper prepared by the General Manager.

Action: GM to develop a document in consultation with Chair to bring back to the board.

For Noting as Action Arising: Board to note that Board Members Ms J O'Toole and Ms D Hansen have received advice that their terms expire on 28 February 2023 and that all Board Members now have the same term membership expiry date.

No further discussion

A Minutes silence was observed for a former Board Member of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board who passed away recently.

Close of Day One at 4 .40pm

6.3 **Cultural Protocols Workshop**

Mr Damian Miley, General Manager (*refer board briefing paper*)

The importance of developing a cultural safety protocol for AW staff (and visitors) when working on country was raised at Board Meeting 4. An action from this meeting was for the General Manager to address cultural safety and competency and scope out a cultural protocols workshop for Board Meeting 5.

Staff were asked to respond to questions provided as part of the board brief. The notes from the workshop were captured (*refer Attachment 1 to these minutes*). The board provided responses.

The Board noted this will be a recurring item until all staff have had the opportunity to speak to the Board and for board responses. A document has been established which will capture these points which will lead to a guiding policy document in future.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

1. **Discusses** cultural protocols for the AW region and consider what should be documented for staff, contractors and volunteers.
2. **Supports** this activity to be an ongoing activity for the board until all staff have attended and listened to the board members and provided feedback on what they know and don't know.
3. **Agrees** to capture these notes which would then become a Cultural Protocols document for the development of a future policy.

*Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

CARRIED

No further discussion

Action: GM to document the outcomes of each cultural protocols session, provide an update at each board meeting, leading to the development of a future policy.

6.4 **United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity**

Mr Birrin Hooper, Biodiversity Policy, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Canberra, ACT. (*refer board briefing paper and PowerPoint presentation*)

At Board Meeting No 4 the board was informed about the Australian Government's involvement in negotiating the Global Diversity Framework (GDF) with the United Nations and noted the proposed consultation to get Indigenous Australian views on what should be reflected in the GDF. An action from Meeting 4 was to invite a representative from the Australian Government to the next board meeting to enable the board to provide feedback directly. Mr. Birrin Hooper accepted an invitation to present at Board Meeting No 5.

Birrin shared a PowerPoint presentation via MS Teams which provided a background to his work and some statistics around indigenous people's involvement in biodiversity. Board Members provided advice around how the board engages with communities through strong partnerships and MoU's.

The board provided feedback on Target 19 of the Convention on Biological Diversity which was noted. The board was interested to note the other Aboriginal communities and organisations that have been consulted and the challenges that that the Australian Government has experienced in receiving feedback.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the update from the Australian Government regarding current negotiations on the Global Diversity Framework under the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity and that it is seeking advice as to how it can best engage with Aboriginal communities.
2. **Provides** the Australian Government representative with their views on the Global Diversity Framework.
3. **Notes** the General Manager will contact the representative on the board's behalf to finalise the board's input.

NOTED

Action: GM to provide the Australian Government Representative with formal feedback on the Global Diversity Framework on behalf of the board.

No further discussion

6.5 **AW Board Member on Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) Board**

Mr James Thiessen, Program Manager (*refer late board briefing paper*)

The Chairperson of the Indigenous Desert Alliance Board, Ms Nyaparū Rose, wrote to the board on 9 June 2021, inviting the board to join the Indigenous Desert Alliance as a member.

The board discussed the cost/investment and logistics and was assured by the administration that there is no initial cost to the board and that further costs and impacts will be explored and clarified. A staff member will support the board member/s who are accepted as members of the Indigenous Desert Alliance Board.

The board noted that this item was presented at the Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting No 2 on 23 June 2021 and the Committee endorsed the paper, recommending the nomination of an AW Board Member for membership of the Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) Board.

The board members discussed and agreed to nominate two AW board members, Mr Michael (Mick) Haynes and Ms Debbie Hansen. Mr Haynes and Ms Hansen accepted the nominations.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Agrees** to become a member of the Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA)
2. **Agrees** to nominate two Board Members (M Haynes and D Hansen) to join the Indigenous Desert Alliance Board.
3. **Notes** the benefits of the strategic alliance with the Indigenous Desert Alliance (Attachment A).

*Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Peter Miller*

CARRIED

Action: GM to advise the Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) of the board decision to nominate Mr Haynes and Ms Hansen for membership to the IDA Board

No further discussion

6.6 **10 Deserts Project Transition to IDA**

Mr James Thiessen, Program Manager (*refer board briefing paper*)

Alinytjara Wilurara has been an official project partner with the 10 Deserts Project (10DP) via its implementing organisation Desert Support Services (DSS) since January 2019. Initially as

the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board and as the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board since 1 July 2020. Board members Mick Haynes, Debbie Hansen and AW Program Manager James Thiessen currently represent the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board on the 10 Deserts Project Steering Committee.

From 1 July 2021, the 10 Deserts Project will be incorporated into the Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA). The original 10 Deserts Project design was for it to transition from its original implementing organisation Desert Support Services (DSS) to an Indigenous led organisation. The Indigenous Desert Alliance Board comprises eight indigenous representatives from their membership.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the 10 Deserts Project transition to the Indigenous Desert Alliance from 1 July 2021.

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards

NOTED AND ACCEPTED

No further discussion

6.7 Revised Declared Animal Policies under the Landscape SA Act

Mr James Thiessen, Program Manager (*refer board briefing paper*)

A number of Ministerial declared animal policies have been revised to bring them into line with the new Landscape South Australia Act 2019 and associated Regulations. The board noted that four Ministerial policies (feral deer, feral pigs, feral goats and mice) have been revised and an additional policy to prevent the establishment of new and emerging introduced animals has also been developed.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** four Ministerial policies for declared animals that have been updated to bring the documents into line with the new Landscape South Australia Act 2019 (the Act) and associated Regulations and that a general policy to prevent the establishment of new and emerging introduced animals has been developed.

NOTED

No further discussion

7 Standing Items

7.1 Correspondence

The A/Executive Officer, referred to the overview of the incoming and outgoing correspondence since Meeting No 4 as provided in the Board Briefing Pack. Board Members were invited to raise any items of interest for discussion. The overview of the incoming and outgoing correspondence was accepted and noted.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the overview of the incoming and outgoing correspondence since Meeting Number 4.

NOTED

	No further discussion.
7.2	<p>Decisions of Meeting Number 5</p> <p>The board reviewed the Decisions List for Meeting Number 5 and agreed the list was an accurate reflection of the decisions of the meeting. The Decision List was printed and distributed to Board Members for sharing with their communities.</p> <p>No further discussion.</p>
7.3	<p>Proposed Meeting Arrangements for Meeting 6</p> <p>Mr Damian Miley, General Manager (<i>refer board briefing paper</i>)</p> <p>The General Manager led a discussion on the proposed arrangements for Meeting No 6.</p> <p>The board noted that the General Manager (GM) and Chair are meeting with AMYAC in July and it is therefore not necessary for the whole board to meet with them.</p> <p>A simple Board agenda will be developed but the focus will be on Traditional Owner and APY Executive stakeholder engagement, including MoU review, and project reviews as part of the partnership.</p> <p>The board further noted the potential risk of cultural business in APY and recommended a backup arrangement to travel to Alice Springs and invite APY Executive to meet with the board there when they are available.</p> <p>The GM advised that the administration will explore options and consult with individual Board Members before progressing the organisation of logistics.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves, in principle, the meeting dates for Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting 6. 2. Approves the meeting schedule and itinerary in principle. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Moved: Kristy Richards Seconded: Mick Haynes</i></p> <p>AGREED and CARRIED</p> <p>Action: GM to liaise with each Board Members regarding arrangements for Meeting 6.</p>
7.4	<p>Key Messages for the Minister</p> <p>The key messages from Meeting No 5 for highlighting to the Minister for his attention were –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A previous NRM board member has passed away and a minutes silence held. 2. The board noted the future loss of senior board members in February 2023, discussed succession planning and approved the creation of working group to progress. 3. The Landscape and Business Plans were signed off and the board’s involvement throughout the processes was acknowledged. 4. The draft prospectus was discussed with the layout, design and next steps endorsed for progress. 5. Access to Retained Earnings – the administration will be writing to the Minister separately on this matter. 6. The approval of the Board Performance Report for submission by 30 June 2021. <p>No further discussion.</p>

Late Papers

SA Landscape Excellence Awards

Mr James Thiessen, Program Manager (*refer late board briefing paper*)

The Landscape SA Excellence Awards is a new initiative of the Minister for Environment and Water to recognise individuals and communities that deliver projects that contribute towards achieving landscape scale outcomes aligned with the *Landscape SA Act 2019*. The board has been invited to submit a nomination/s for the Landscape SA Excellence Awards for endorsement. The board discussed and agreed to the nomination of Oak Valley Rangers (MT Lands) for their role in Feral Camel Control.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the Ministers' invitation to the Board to submit nominations for the Landscape SA Excellence Awards.
2. **Endorses** proposed Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board's nomination of the Oak Valley Rangers (MT Lands) for their role in the Feral Camel Control.

*Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

CARRIED

No further discussion

Climate Change Action Plan

Mr James Thiessen, Program Manager (*refer late board briefing paper*)

At Board Meeting No 4 the Board noted Minister Speirs' launching of the South Australian Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025. On 25 May, 2021, the Chief Executive of the Department for Environment and Water wrote to the board seeking endorsement of the associated draft implementation schedule. The board noted that, in principle, the Climate Change Action plan implementation schedule aligns with AW Landscape Plan and reporting.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the implementation schedule commitments for the Board in SA Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025.
2. *In principle* **endorses** the draft implementation schedule (Attachment A) for the SA Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025.

*Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

CARRIED

No further discussion

Other Business

From Item 2.6 Iluka – Jacinth Ambrosia

Water – The Board agreed that they were comfortable with the information Ms Lees provided and noted the need for the Board to be vigilant about mining impacts especially on water.

From Item 5.1 Audit & Risk Management Committee Summary and Recommendations – a request for clarity

Adelaide Meets the Bush – the General Manager raised in the Audit and Risk Management Committee that the Adelaide meets the bush budget line has an allocation of \$30,000 but does not have a project or activity against its outcomes at this point. The General Manager is required to develop a project concept for board consideration.

The board were reminded of the history of Adelaide meets the Bush and the board were asked for their thoughts on the future of this project. The board discussed and noted:

- The importance of building board connections in Adelaide.
- The possibility of taking people from Adelaide to Koonalda and along Googs Lake.
- Queried what the project is trying to achieve and what its purpose is now – *are we trying to sell AW Board? Are we trying to sell the AW Region (animals etc.) and if so how are we going to do it?*

Action: The General Manager to prepare a Project Concept for Adelaide Meets the Bush for board approval which supports all of the board's issues and concerns.

Support for women on country all across the Alinytjara Wilurara Region.

The board noted and discussed a request from a board member for more support for women on country across the AW Region.

Action: AW staff, led by the Operations Manager, together with board members Debbie Hansen and Kristy Richards, will look at how the board can better support women on country across the whole region, including Tjuntjuntjara. This will involve looking at the Far West Coast Women's Council to start the process.

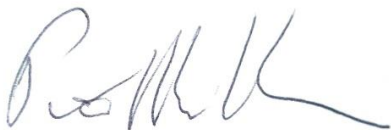
8. Meeting closure

8.1 Meeting closed

The A/Chair, Mr Peter Miller closed Board Meeting Number 5 at 4.00pm.

No further discussion.

Endorsed by:



Peter Miller

A/Chair

ALINYTJARA WILURARA LANDSCAPE BOARD

Date: 3 August, 2021