

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

Annual Business Plan 2026–27

 **LANDSCAPE**
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
ALINYTJARA WILURARA



Acknowledgement

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board acknowledges the Traditional Owners and custodians of Country in the Alinytjara Wilurara region. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and recognise the deep and continuing cultural relationship with land, waters and sky.

We acknowledge that their sovereignty and responsibilities to Country continue. We will continue to listen, learn, and work shoulder-to-shoulder with communities to care for the landscapes of the Alinytjara Wilurara region.

This is a regional landscape board business plan under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* in accordance with the requirements of section 51(1), (3).

This annual business plan is consistent with the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan 2026-31 and has been adopted by the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board to fulfil the board's requirements under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*.

I, Peter Burgoyne, member of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board, after taking into account and in accordance with the requirements of section 51 of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, hereby adopt the 2026-2027 Business Plan on behalf of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board.



Peter Burgoyne

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board

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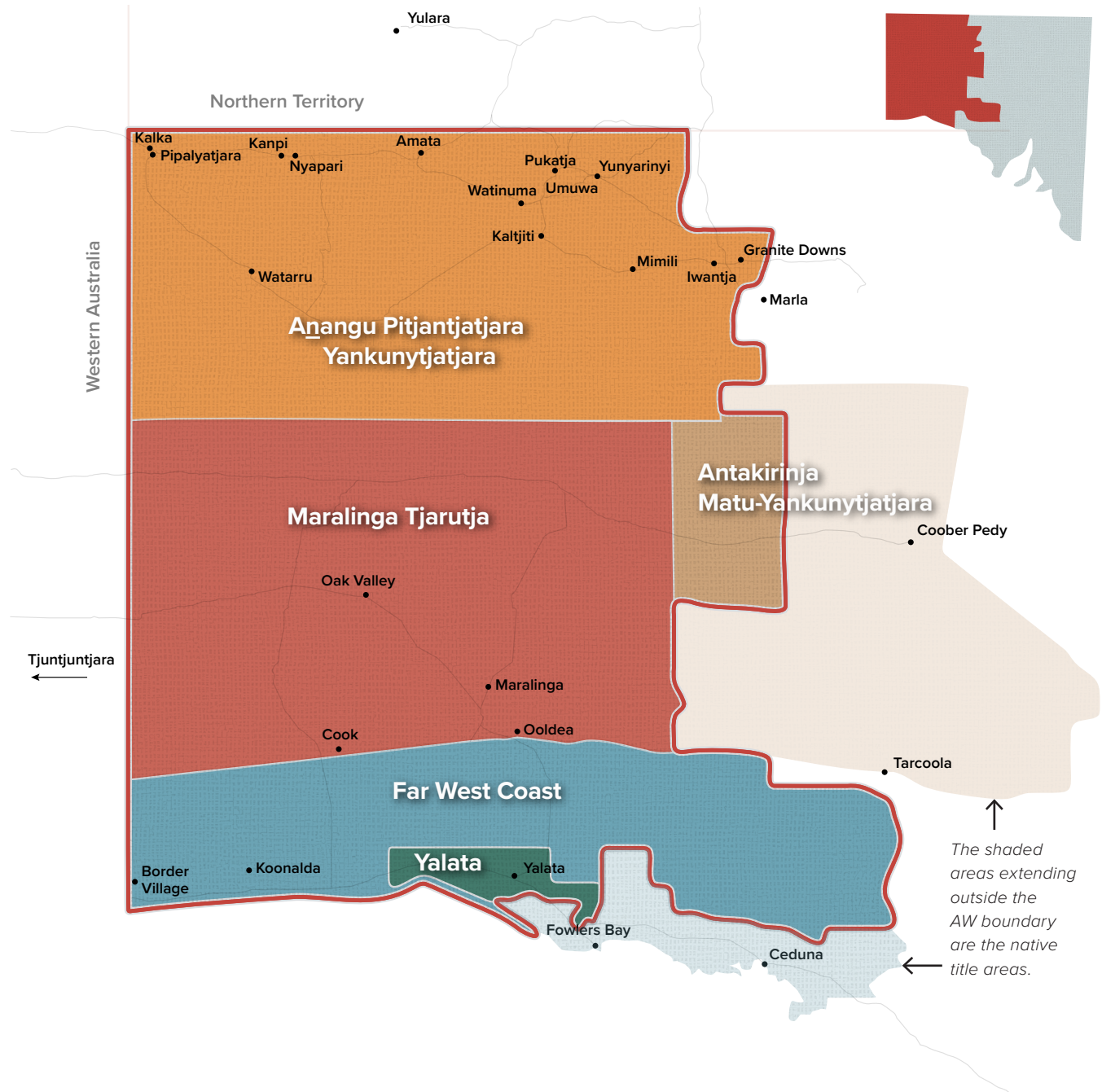
Our region

The Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) region covers over a quarter of a million square kilometres, stretching from the Northern Territory and Western Australian borders south to the Great Australian Bight Marine Park. It is home to approximately 4000 people.

Throughout the region, Anangu have a cultural connection to Country and have recognised traditional ownership of Country.

The primary land tenure is formally recognised Anangu Lands, Indigenous Protected Areas, Wildlife Reserves, co-managed National Parks and Wilderness Protection Areas.

The Alinytjara Wilurara region is rich and diverse in its flora, fauna and cultural heritage. It contains some of South Australia's hottest and most remote areas with no permanent rivers or creeks. Water is a limiting factor throughout the region with the recharge of groundwater, rockholes, springs and soaks dependent on infrequent heavy rainfalls. Consistent groundwater extraction is therefore unlikely to be sustainable over the medium to long term.



Regional priorities



People and partnerships

We foster strong collaborative relationships that sustain healthy landscapes.



Land and sea conservation

We care for land and sea Country, so important plants and animals are healthy, abundant, and resilient.



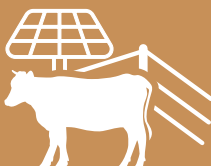
Climate change readiness

We support communities to build future readiness for climate change and plan for natural disasters.



Pest plant and animal control

We help keep Country strong by detecting and managing priority pest plants and animals.



Sustainable agriculture

We support adaptive land management that looks after water, soil and plants alongside pastoral operations that are sustainable in the long term.

Our vision

A healthy and valued region, managed responsibly now, for the future benefit of people and Country.

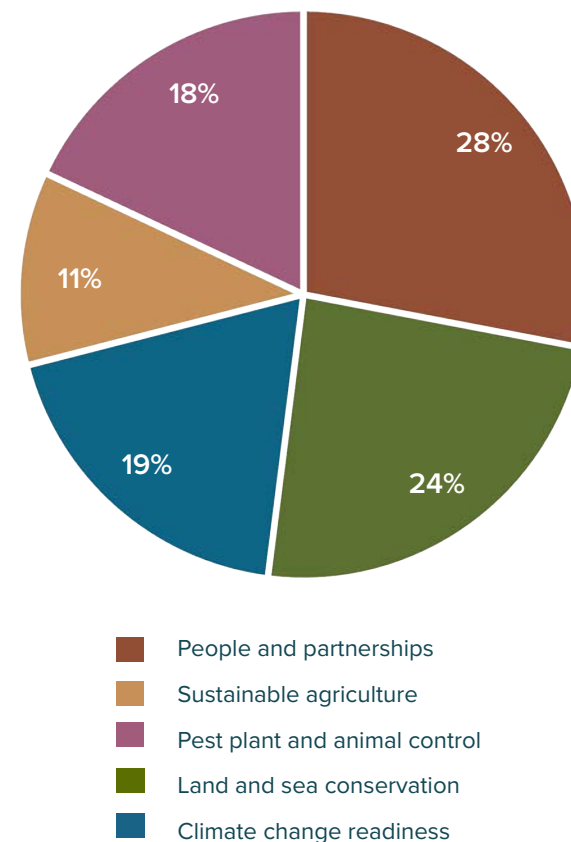
Investment

This table sets out the expenditure and sources of funding for the financial year from 1 July 2026.

The board's investment will be delivered through a range of projects and approaches including direct investment, contracts for works or services, and grants to community organisations

Regional priorities		Focus areas	\$2026–27
	People & partnerships	• Support communities with their healthy Country priorities. • Connect the right partners so we can achieve more together. • Secure and channel funding and support for community priorities. • Support community-led development of skills and leadership in caring for Country. • Champion the region's environmental and cultural values and raise awareness of what's needed to keep Country healthy.	1,446,667
	Sustainable agriculture	• Embed climate-smart decisions across all Board business. • Support communities to be prepared for climate impacts. • Support wise water use.	575,698
	Pest plant & animal control	• Partner with communities to plan, resource and deliver targeted control of priority pest plants and animals. • Grow community-led skills and share information to support what works. • Influence strong state and national pest plant and animal policies and funding that enable region-wide action. • Support prevention of emerging pest plants and animals.	900,008
	Land & sea conservation	• Partner with communities to care for priority land and sea Country. • Protect and strengthen the region's unique, intact and functioning ecosystems. • Support the conservation of important plants and animals (i.e. culturally significant and threatened species). • Knowledge, learning and innovation that support better landscape decisions.	1,249,120
	Climate change readiness	• Build capacity of communities to adopt climate-smart, sustainable agriculture practices. • Coordinate effective pest plant and animal and biosecurity programs that protect production and land condition. • Support sustainable agriculture business pathways. • Support carbon-smart land management and participation in emerging carbon and nature-based markets. • Support wise land use.	999,658
Total			5,171,150

Proposed Expenditure 2026–27



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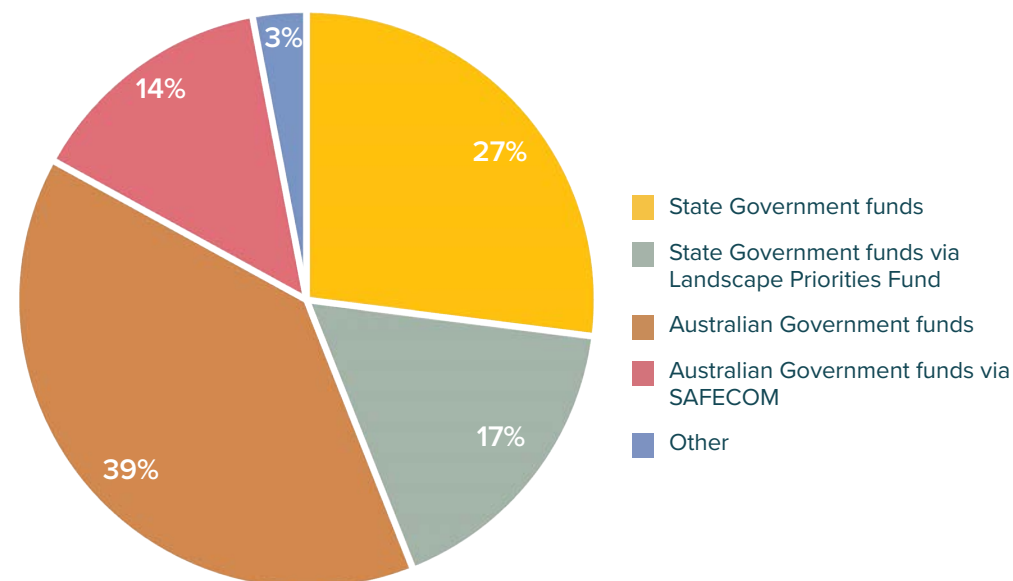
Australian Government

Sources of funding

The board receives funds from a range of sources to implement the programs described in the table below. These funds are also used throughout the year to leverage additional funds to the region, either directly to the board or through some of our partner organisations.

Program	\$2026–27
State Government funding	
SA Government Landscape Allocation ¹	1,392,000
subtotal	1,392,000
State Government funding via Landscape Priorities Fund²	
Landscape Priorities Fund (LPF3)	394,000
Landscape Priorities Fund (LPF5)	392,829
Landscape Priorities Fund (LPF6a) <i>Water in the desert</i>	100,000
subtotal	886,829
Australian Government funding³	
NHT (DCCEEW) – Malleefowl	625,000
NHT (DCCEEW) – Malleefowl – Sandhill Dunnart project	153,237
NHT (DCCEEW) – Regional Capacity Services	416,800
NHT (DAFF) – Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator	536,599
NHT (DAFF) – Climate Smart Agriculture	259,576
subtotal	1,991,212
Australian Government funding via SAFECOM⁴	
NEMA/SAFECOM - DRF - Roots of Resilience	737,109
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Others	
Interest	164,000
subtotal	164,000
TOTAL	5,171,150

Projected Income 2026–27



Program notes:

1. The State Landscape Fund is a statutory fund established by the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*
2. State Landscape Priorities Fund is funded from landscape levies collected by Green Adelaide in the Adelaide metropolitan area and redistributed to South Australia's regional landscape boards to local communities and landowners to be directly responsible for sustainably managing their region's landscapes with an emphasis on land and sea conservation, climate change management, pest animal and plant control and management, and pest animal and plant control.
3. As the appointed regional delivery partner of the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust, the board collaborates with the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) to effectively deliver the implementation of environment protection, sustainable agriculture and natural resource management services.
4. The Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) was established by the Australian Government to improve Australia's resilience to natural hazards. It is an Aboriginal-led program working with remote South Australian communities to strengthen disaster resilience and governance.

About the board

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board is a statutory regional board formed under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. The functions of the landscape board are:

to undertake, promote and integrate the management of natural resources within its region, with particular reference to land management, water resource management and pest animal and plant control, to build resilience in the face of change and to facilitate integrated landscape management and biodiversity conservation; and

- a)
 - i. to prepare a regional landscape plan and (where relevant) water allocation plans, landscapes affecting activities control policies and water affecting activities control policies, in accordance with this Act; and
 - ii. to facilitate the implementation of those plans and policies; and
 - iii. to monitor, evaluate and report on the extent of success of those plans and policies in achieving their objectives; and
- b) to promote public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable natural resources management within its region, to undertake or support educational initiatives with respect to natural resources management, and to provide mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to implement programs or to take other steps to improve the management of natural resources; and
- c) to provide advice with respect to the assessment of various activities or proposals referred to the board under this or any other Act; and
- d) to undertake an active role in ensuring, insofar as is reasonably practicable, that the board's regional landscape plan, water allocation plans and water affecting activities control policies, and the Planning and Design Code under the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, form a coherent set of policies and, in so doing, when an amendment to that Code that is relevant to the activities of the board is under consideration under that Act, to work with the entity or entities engaged in undertaking the amendment under that Act; and
- e) to undertake an active role in ensuring, insofar as is reasonably practical, that the board's regional landscape plan, landscape affecting activities control policies, water allocation plans and water affecting activities control policies, advance the objects of the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and promote the conservation of wildlife as envisaged under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*; and
- f) at the request of the Minister, or on its own initiative, to provide advice on any matter relevant to the condition of landscapes within its region or on the management of those landscapes, or to provide any other advice or report that may be appropriate in the circumstances; and
- g) to facilitate an understanding of, and to provide information to landowners on, land management, water management and pest animal and plant control, and other issues, relevant to landscape activities and, where necessary, to take action under this Act to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Act; and
- h) to assist in the management of any native animals that adversely affect the natural or built environments, people or primary production or other industries, or to facilitate action to mitigate or manage the impact of those native animals, by:
 - i. supporting educational initiatives; or
 - ii. identifying or promoting mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to implement programs to manage the native animals; or
 - iii. supporting other steps or action to improve the management of native animals; or
 - iv. providing information about the management of native animals in these circumstances; or
 - v. taking any other action prescribed by the regulations.
 - vi. such other functions assigned to the board by the Minister or by or under this or any other Act.
 - vii. the board consists of 10 community members with a range of skills and knowledge, appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water. Board Members are listed on the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board website.



Jeremy Lebois



Debbie Hansen



Duane Edwards



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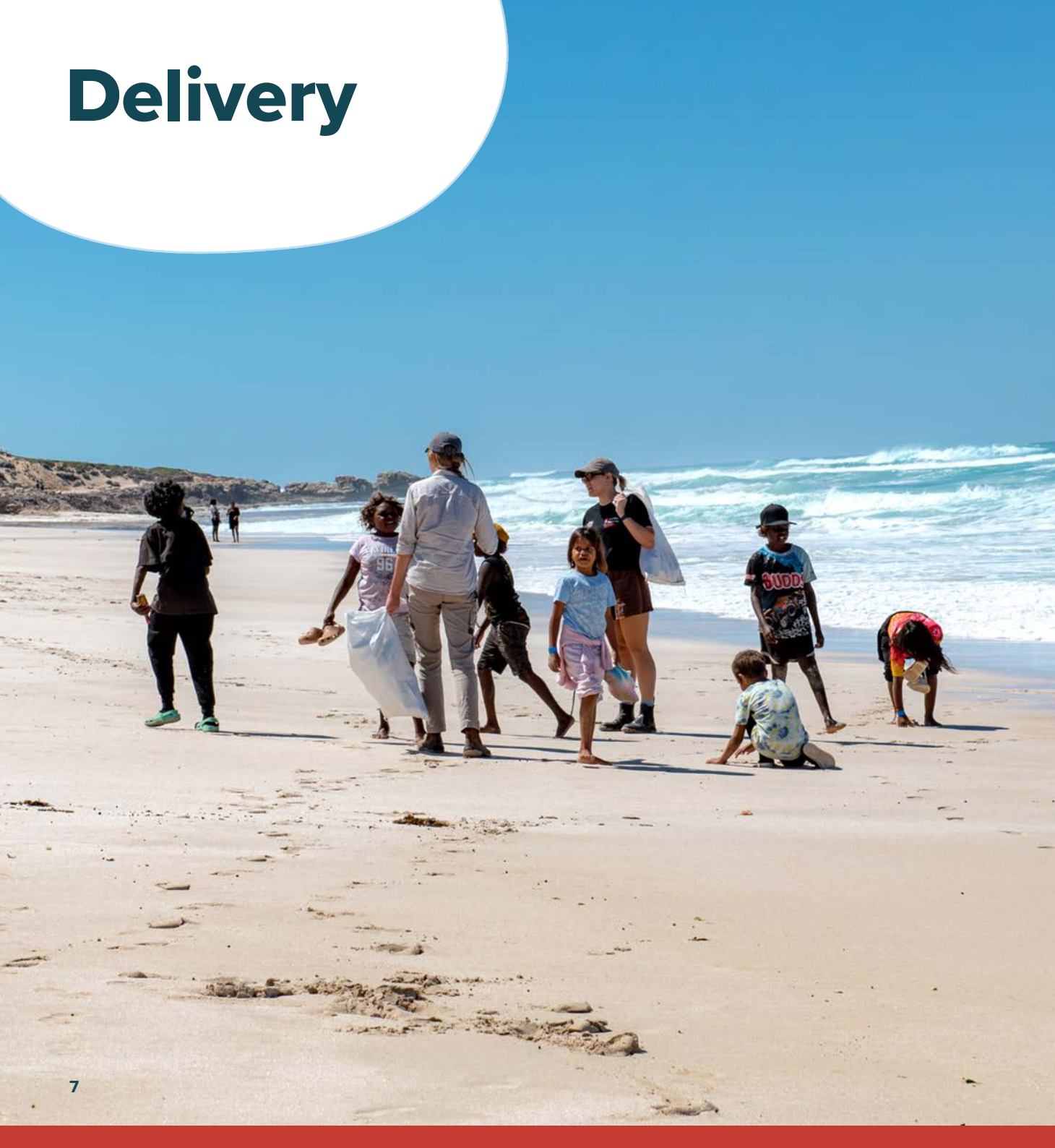
Peter Burgoyne



Wanda Miller

Three vacancies on the board are expected to be filled in 2026-27.

Delivery



The key role of the board is to improve the health and trend of natural resources within the region and to support communities in achieving their natural resource management aspirations.

In 2026–27, considering flexible working arrangements, it is expected that there will be 19 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions employed by the General Manager on behalf of the board. Our current FTE is 16.5 with vacancies and new positions expected to be filled during 2026–27.

AW staff work closely with Anangu to achieve their Healthy Country Plans, which are at the core of AW's Regional Landscape Plan. AW works with communities to look after land, water, plants and animals across the region, so people and nature thrive.

AW staff also support landholding authorities in developing and implementing sustainable pastoral practices that improve land condition and productivity. This includes close collaboration with APY Pastoral across the APY Lands, as well as supporting similar efforts in Yalata.

South Australia's landscape boards are supported in the delivery of their landscape plans through Australian and South Australian Government funding, as well as non-government sources.

With all of the AW region's land being either Anangu community freehold or government reserves, the AW Landscape Board is the only South Australian landscape board that does not receive revenue through water or land levies.

To adequately resource delivery of national, state and regional priorities, the board will continue to seek additional funding opportunities through external parties.

The board is dedicated to achieving the best possible results for our region and to do so will continue to build strong relationships and partnerships that enable priority projects to be undertaken.

Planning and reporting

Planning	Reporting	
State Landscape Strategy Sets the state-wide direction for the management of landscapes and natural resources for the next 10 years. Includes a guiding framework for the management of the state's natural resources and principles for the Landscape Priorities Fund.	Regional Landscape Plan will align with the State Landscape Strategy and may provide data about contributions to progress.	10 years
Regional Landscape Plan Sets the strategic direction for the next five years and identifies regional priorities and focus areas.	Report from the review of the Regional Landscape Plan An evaluation of the progress made towards the plan over the past four years to inform the drafting of the subsequent five-year plan.	5 years
Annual Business Plan Allocates funding for the next financial year to implement programs and projects.	Annual Report An assessment of how the board has succeeded in implementing the preceding year's Business Plan, including the board's audited accounts and financial statements.	Annually
Implementation Leadership and governance, regional work plans guide program and project delivery throughout the region. Effective community engagement, collaboration and partnerships. Continual improvement through effective monitoring and evaluative processes.		

The AW Landscape Plan 2026–31 was developed in partnership with landholding authorities and the communities of the region. It builds on our previous plan and reflects the aspirations of the people who care for this Country.

The plan sits within a broader state and regional planning and reporting framework. Our Business Plan sets out our commitments each year, and our Annual Report demonstrates what has been delivered and how funding has been invested across the region.

Monitoring and evaluation



We are committed to tracking our progress, learning from our work, and adapting our approach over time. A Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) framework is being developed to sit alongside the Landscape Plan and guide this work.

The MERI framework will set out what we monitor, how we evaluate progress, and how we use this information to support learning and improvement, strengthening program delivery and informing decision making as we go.

Yearly actions and outputs are tracked and strategies adapted as required. At the end of five years, Key Evaluation Questions and learnings will be used to assess how successfully regional priorities have been met.

Communities undertake their own monitoring through Healthy Country Plans or equivalent. AW's focus is on what is needed to meet our responsibilities, reporting to funding partners and supporting outcomes at a regional scale.

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