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Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Board Meeting number 43

Minutes

Date:	17 September 2025		
Start Time:	11:12am	Finish Time:	2:02pm
Location:	Clare 5 Sabine Street	Room:	Clare Lutheran Church Meeting Room
Present:			
Board members:	Geoffrey White (<i>Chair</i>), Peter Angus, Sue Scarman, Holly Cowan and Nicki Robins, Erika Lawley		
Staff:	Tony Fox (<i>General Manager</i>), Rebecca Howard (<i>Manager, Business and Planning</i>), Libby Duncan (<i>Projects Planning and Reporting Manager</i>), [Teams] Samantha Johnson (<i>Manager, Communications and Engagement</i>), Danielle Bone (<i>Business and Finance Services Coordinator</i>), Chris Martin (<i>Business and Finance Services Coordinator</i>), and Paige Boylan (<i>Executive Assistant/Officer; minute taker</i>)		
Apologies:	Leo Redden		
Note	A one hour workshop was held prior the main meeting commencing at 11:00am		

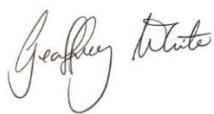
Item	1 Meeting Standing Items
1.1	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and apologies The Chair opened the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board (NYLB) meeting at 11:12am, welcoming members and NYLB staff and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land. It was noted: • L Redden is an apology for this meeting. • The recent sad passing of Cyril Kartinyeri. His contributions to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board were recognised and appreciated. Flowers sent to his grieving family was acknowledged
1.2	Additional agenda items Nil
1.3	Conflict of interest disclosures Nil
1.4	Confirmation of minutes The minutes from board meeting number 42 held on 20 August 2025 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. H Cowan / P Angus : CARRIED / AIF
1.5	Confirmation of actions The Action Register was reviewed and updated • SA Wild dog trapper program committee meeting: S Scarman has not received information regarding dates for meetings • Governor's Multi-cultural Award: Nominations in progress with M Simes collating information for the Five Nations Landscape Committee public service award

2 Presentation	
2.1	Carbon Ready Ag Conference – Libby Duncan L Duncan presented a detailed overview of the recent Carbon Ready Ag Conference. This conference was the first in South Australia and hosted by Port Pirie and aimed to engage primary producers • 147 tickets sold, with 25% attendance being primary producers • 27 Speakers participated, with the presentations recorded for online sharing. • Survey feedback was very positive, especially regarding the quality of the speakers and venue choice • Participants expressed a strong interest in future conferences • Additional activity included a feedlot tour and a carbon calculator workshop The event coordinators were congratulated by the Presiding Member on such a positive event organised by the NYLB. R Howard, N Robins and G White were acknowledged for their contribution.
2.2	Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) Conference (Cairns) The conference this year was attended by Presiding Member G White, R Howard, L Duncan and E Pratt. The event was for four days of collaboration, consisted of conference sessions, hands-on workshops and immersive field trips. Indigenous Leadership: • Caring and country was the foundation • There are barriers working around government structure • Investment challenges around elections • Funding; there is a focus on training, but not employment. How to make it convert to career opportunities Nicki Sweaney presented on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the need for boards to be on top of it. Boundaries need to be set with policies and for NYLB to engage in staff training. SA boards are considering inviting N Sweaney to provide in house training. • For most, it's a scary place, but N Sweaney encourages everyone to 'embrace it'. • DEW are cautiously getting on board and currently carrying out some testing. There are restrictions with NYLB's ability to use AI • It's happening, but slowly. AI has efficiencies, but a human brain is still required Disaster resilience • A seven year period of natural disasters: flood, fire, drought, house and business loss. These disasters will become more severe and have personal and career impacts • Northern NSW have redone their strategic plan – overarching philosophy is long term resistance in changing climate. • A Leadership program has rolled out in Queensland to include mentorship, capability testing and staff connections • Operational performance with an excellence framework was implemented and a case study completed to measure the improvement. The result a realisation of the need to change the focus. (peer review framework)
3 Items for Decision	
3.1	Finance Analysis YTD August 2025 The Boards' equity position remains strong at the end of August with the Cash at Bank and Receivables balance increasing. • Outcomes continue to be achieved • There has been reasonable progress against the priorities for the end of August No Governance, Finance or operational risks have been identified as at August 2025, and the Board continues to be well positioned to achieve the objectives of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Plan.

	Recommendation <i>That the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board</i> <i>Receive and endorse the YTD August 2025 Financial Analysis</i> S Scarman / E Lawley CARRIED / AIF
3.2	Committee Recommendations Five Nations Landscape Committee The Five Nations Landscape Committee elected P Waria-Read as Chair and E Sansbury as Deputy Chair of the Committee. Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>note and approve the recommendations of the Five Nations Landscape Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2025</i> E Lawley / N Cowan : CARRIED / AIF
3.3	Strategic planning day Board members, Stakeholders and staff attended the second workshop on 15 September 2025 in Gawler for the development of the 2026-2031 Landscape Plan. The day was facilitated by SA Futures working on the next steps toward the Strategic Plan. The information was collected and will be collated and distilled into a draft report by November. - Focus on finalising the Plan in December for public consultation in January. - Following community consultation and the post election care-taker period, the aim is for the Plan to be approved by June 2026 - Community and farmer survey results will feed into the plan. - The current plan is current until 2026 Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>Note the Strategic Planning Process to be undertaken to develop the Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031.</i> H Cowan / P Angus : CARRIED / AIF
4 Items for Noting.	
4.1	Land Management Agreement 2024/25 The new Land Management Agreements are underway and similar to past arrangements, focusing on property management plans and agreed works. Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>note the land management agreements established during the 2024-25 financial year</i>
4.2	Closure of Board Offices During the 2025-26 Christmas and New Year Period The Christmas break is set from noon 24 December 2025 to 5 January 2026. Slightly longer period to include Friday 2 January 2026. Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>note that subject to approval from the Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment, it is proposed to close the board offices to the public from 12:00 pm Wednesday 24 December 2025, re-opening at 9:00 am on Monday 5 January 2026</i>
4.3	Clare Valley Feral Deer Control The financial component of the project to note the funding allocated to feral deer control in the Clare Valley Region. Ground shooting will follow on from the previous work undertaken in the Clare Valley. Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>note the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to note the funding allocated to feral deer control in the Clare Valley Region for 2025/26 financial year.</i>

4.4	Marna Banggara Executive Steering Committee Meeting - The Steering Committee meeting is focused on funding the Marna Banggara project and urging partner organisations to increase funding to support the project. - With additional funding, there are opportunities for staff to structure the program and plan for additional new species. - There are challenges with partners committing to the project. - An opportunity for SA Tourism to participate in the Program as a potential tourism opportunity. A planning workshop is being organised to explore options. Items 4.1 to 4.5 E Lawley / H Cowan : CARRIED / AIF
5 In-Camera	
5.1	At 1:11pm the meeting was moved to 'In-Camera' due to the information the disclosure (J) of which: <i>(i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official</i> <i>(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; (Ref :Section 23 (5) LSA Act)</i> It was noted D Bone and C Martin removed themselves from the meeting, with T Fox, R Howard, S Johnson and P Boylan remaining. G White CARRIED Motion At 1:52pm the meeting moved out of 'In-Cameral and back to the main meeting for the board meeting to continue G White / P Angus CARRIED
6 Standing Reports (discussed if required)	
6.1	Presiding Member Tabled
6.2	Board Members Tabled
6.3	Communications and Engagement Reviewed
6.4	Correspondence Noted
6.5	Board Forward Planner Reviewed
6.6	Board Calendar of Events Reviewed
7 Other items	
7.1	Additional Agenda item from 1.2 Nil
8 Meeting Closure	
8.1	Next meeting #44 5 & 6 November on YP (location tbc)
8.2	Meeting closed at 2:02 pm

Minutes confirmed on 6/11/2025, as a true and correct record



Geoffrey White
Presiding Member