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Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Board Meeting number 44

Minutes

Date:	6 November 2025		
Start Time:	9:09am	Finish Time:	3:09pm
Location:	Marion Bay 20 Slow Street	Room:	Marion Bay Hall Meeting Room
Present:			
Board members:	Geoff White (<i>Chair</i>), Peter Angus, Sue Scarman, Holly Cowan and Nicki Robins, Erika Lawley and Leo Redden		
Guests:	Eddie Newchurch (<i>Chairperson of Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation</i>), Paul Heck, (<i>GM Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation; Narungga</i>), Letitia Dahl-helm (<i>Environment Officer YP Council</i>), Stuart Murdoch (<i>Formby Bay environmental action group</i>), Murray Williams (<i>Formby Bay environmental action group</i>)		
Staff:	Tony Fox (<i>General Manager</i>), Rebecca Howard (<i>Manager, Business and Planning</i>), Libby Duncan (<i>Projects Planning and Reporting Manager</i>), Samantha Johnson (<i>Manager, Communications and Engagement</i>), Ben Smith (<i>Predator Control Team Leader, Marna Banggara</i>), Danielle Bone (<i>Business and Finance Services Coordinator [Teams]</i>), Janet Moore (<i>Team Leader, Yorke</i>), Jennifer Munro (<i>Planning Officer [Teams]</i>), Dylan Sortino (<i>NYLB Landscape Project Officer, Marna Banggara</i>) and Jack Hall (<i>Predator Control Officer, Marna Banggara</i>) and Paige Boylan (<i>Executive Assistant/Officer; minute taker</i>)		
Note	On 5 November the board met in Minlaton for presentations, followed by site visits to Wild Dog hill road and Marna Banggara projects		
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 9:09am, welcoming members, NYLB staff and acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.		
1.2	Additional agenda items Project Update		
1.3	Conflict of interest disclosures Nil		
1.4	Confirmation of minutes The minutes from board meeting number 43 held on <i>17 September 2025</i> were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. <div style="text-align: right;">S Scarman / H Cowan: CARRIED / AIF</div>		
1.5	Confirmation of actions The Action Register was reviewed and updated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was confirmed the Water affecting activity permits (WAA's) are for three years 		

2 Items for Decision	
2.1	<p>Financial Analysis (YTD September 2025)</p> <p>D Bone presented a comprehensive financial analysis for the first quarter, including a detailed review of income, expenditure, carryovers, and project funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water levy invoices have been sent out • Summary graphs show healthy progress across priority areas for the end of September. <p>There are no significant financial or governance risks identified for the quarter.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board receive and endorse the YTD September 2025 Financial Analysis</i></p> <p>P Angus / E Lawley: CARRIED / AIF</p>
2.2	<p>Committee Recommendations: Governance and Finance Committee meeting</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note and approve the recommendations of the Governance and Finance Committee Meeting held on 22 October 2025</i> <p>H Cowan / S Scarman: CARRIED / AIF</p>
2.3	<p>Annual Report 2024-25</p> <p>All Landscape boards are required to provide an Annual Report outlining the activities and performances at the end of each year and submit to the Premier for approval. The final report will be submitted to the Minister on 28 November 2025.</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minor edits to be made to the Annual Report <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>receive and endorse the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Annual Report for 2024-2025</i> <p>N Robins / H Cowan CARRIED / AIF</p>
2.4	<p>Strategic Risk Register</p> <p>The Strategic Register was discussed at the previous Governance and Finance Committee meeting (October 2025), where a new layout was introduced. A summary page was requested to make it easier to understand what has been happening over the last reporting period, with dates to be included.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging risks were highlighted with the use of AI, confidential information breaches and capturing the financial risk • Broader AI implications to be explored; Geographic Information System upskilling, drone technology and emerging technical integration across the board • NYLB are currently making staff aware and providing an understanding on how to resource information • Engage with a consultant for a six month period to assist with training <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Howard to include financial risk to the summary and include reporting period dates • N Robins to obtain further information from Faith College regarding the steps they are taking to become AI future ready <p>Recommendation</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note and endorse the Strategic Risk Register, including identifying new risks (if any) for inclusion</i> <p>E Lawley / P Angus: CARRIED / AIF</p>

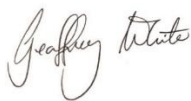
3 For Noting

3.1	<p>Climate Ready Schools Program</p> <p>A new initiative to the existing Nature Education Program, which will complement the current activities and strengthen the delivery of sustainable education across SA, especially urban areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYLB to help get schools on board with promotional information i.e. flyers, articles and case studies. NYLB branding to be displayed• Identify research within the region and work with teachers and other boards in sharing information• A soft launch is planned for Term one of 2026 with an intention of it being used as part of the curriculum <p>It was noted Green Adelaide are generous with sharing their information and that NYLB have access to many of the resources they've developed.</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• that all schools are linked and have access to the program• Acknowledge the support of Green Adelaide <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>note the new addition of the Climate Ready Schools program to the NYLB Nature Education program for 2026</i>
3.2	<p>Wild Dog Hill Road Property Proposal</p> <p>A proposal to develop a "Guuranda Botanical Garden and Cultural Centre" on the 264ha Wild Dog Hill Road property in partnership with the Narungga community and other stakeholders was presented. This proposal would exist alongside a proposed operations base for the Marna Banggara team.</p> <p>Looking to progress this initiative with a staged approach which will commence with a scoping and partnership prospectus. The board will seek external funding support and partnerships to defray cost and risk:</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commence scoping and partnership prospectus• Obtain costs involved in demolishing the existing house; Council approvals <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Notes the information provided in this briefing related to the Wild Dog Hill Road Property development proposal</i>• <i>Endorses the continuation of collaborative planning with Narungga and other stakeholders</i>• <i>Endorses the preparation of a draft Master Plan and Business Case for NYLB's further consideration</i> <p style="text-align: right;">Noting 3.1 and 3.2 S Scarman / H Cowan: CARRIED / AIF</p>

4 Board In Camera	
4.1	<p>At 10.32pm the meeting was moved to 'In-Camera' due to the information the disclosure (J) of which:</p> <p><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></p> <p><i>(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; (Ref :Section 23 (5) LSA Act)</i></p> <p>Staff members left the room with board members and Executive Assistant/officer remaining.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G White CARRIED</p> <p>Motion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 10:40am the meeting moved out of 'In-Camera and back to the main meeting for the board meeting to continue <p style="text-align: right;">E Lawley / P Angus: CARRIED</p>
5 Standing Reports (discussed if required)	
5.1	<p>Presiding Member</p> <p>Nil</p>
5.2	<p>Board Members</p> <p>Nil</p>
5.3	<p>Communications and Engagement</p> <p>Reviewed</p>
5.4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Noted</p>
5.5	<p>Board Forward Planner</p> <p>Reviewed</p>
5.6	<p>Board Calendar of Events</p> <p>Reviewed and updated</p>
6 Deputations and Presentations	
6.1	<p>AIATSIS Summit in Darwin feedback and Stronger Country Cultural Camp</p> <p>E Newchurch thanked the board for his invite to the meeting. He provided the group with some feedback from his experience in attending the AIATSIS Summit and acknowledged his appreciation of the NYLB sponsorship to attend the Summit. He also provided positive feedback from the recent Stronger Country Cultural Camp on Ngadjuri country.</p>
6.2	<p>Formby Bay Environmental Action Group Project (FBEAGP)</p> <p>S Murdoch explained to the group the work that the FBEAGP team do within the community. He explained the incredible work being accomplished with the engagement of M Williams who is being funded to manage the feral pest program. His local knowledge of engaging local landholders has been essential to the success. S Murdoch explained the Formby Bay Environmental Action Group are an active group, with few members and limited funding. The group valued attending the board meeting and look forward to further collaboration.</p>
6.3	<p>YP District Update</p> <p>J Moore presented an account on the projects her team is involved with over the Yorke Peninsula, followed by Leticia Dahl-helm (Environment Officer YP Council) who shared an informative presentation on the work the YP Council is achieving.</p>
7 Other Items	
	<p>Project Update</p> <p>L Duncan reported on the NYLB projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Money continues to be available for Project opportunities Some of the big projects are in the final stages

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterwise Farming; funding from Priority funds and SA Drought and Innovation Hub, partnering with SARDI/PIRSA and the Barossa Improved Grazing Group. Delivering lined catchments, monitoring and leak detection technology and best practice dam management. • National Soil Monitoring Program; funding from NYLB and DAFF through CSIRO, partnering with Landscape Boards • Future Grant opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Future Drought Fund Scaling Success program - Strengthening Drought Resilience on Country program
8 Workshop	
8.1	Landscape Plan Presented by R Howard Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members to provide further feedback by 14/12/25
9 Meeting Closure	
9.1	Invitations for next meeting: presentations G Pelton: Algal Bloom T Flaherty: Coastal Officers Program
9.2	Next meeting <i>#45 3 December (Barossa; location tbc)</i>
9.3	Meeting closed at 3.09pm

Confirmed on 3 December, as a true and correct record



Geoffrey White
Presiding Member