Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today and we pay respect to Ngadjuri elders past and present. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples visiting / attending from other areas of Australia.

Meeting Title: Board Meeting		**NY Landscape Board Meeting # 12**	
Date: Monday 27 September 2021			
Start Time:	1000	**Finish Time:**	1628
Location:	Pt Pirie	**Room:**	Council Chambers
Attendees:	Sarah Barret (Acting Chair), Geoffrey White, Phillip Heaslip, Peter Angus, Sam Germein and Maree Wauchope (Community Board Members)		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager, Business Services), Chris Martin (Business and Finance Services Coordinator) and Rosemary McDowell (Regional Executive Support Officer)		
Visitors / Guests:	Prof Craig Styan, University of SA – 'Mangrove as Sinks' project Mark Stanley and Emma McInerney – Ag Ex Alliance Jonathan Clark, General Manager, EPLB - 'Eyes on Eyre' project Jennifer Munro, NYLB - Regional Water Planning update		
Apologies:	Caroline Schaefer – NYLB Peter Ackland, CE – Pt Pirie Council Leon Stephens, Mayor – Pt Pirie Council		
Note	The meeting commenced with a workshop presentation on the results of a 360 degree of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board performance. Six of the nine invited stakeholders and members of the Regional Management Team contributed.		

Item	**Meeting Standing Items**
1	**Welcome, apologies and agenda check** Acting Chair Sarah Barrett welcomed Maree Wauchope as the new member of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.
1.1	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** Nil

1.2	**Minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting No 11 held on 16 August 2021, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. P Heaslip / G White **CARRIED** The minutes from the Extraordinary meeting 19 July 2021, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. P Heaslip / S Barrett **CARRIED**
1.3	**Action List** Reviewed and updated
1.4	**WHS** **Note** – Quad bikes are to be auctioned and staff and board will be invited to sumbit a bid. A discussion ensued on the safety of these vehicles which are being replaced on farms with side by sides. It was suggested this may be a discussion for future years as a budgeted item to purchase side by sides.
1.5	**RLP update** A brief update on the components of the RLP funding. **Action** A status report on the Goyder Line Project to be sent to board members for their information.
2. Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	**University of SA – Mangroves as Pollutant Sinks project** A presentation on the potential of mangroves as pollutant sinks in the Spencer Gulf was provided. Further research is required and funding needed. A suggestion of $10,000 of funding for a PHD student to further investigate the salt marshes as a future project was raised. **Note** - The NY NRM Board had previously granted $25,000 to the project. **Action** A funding request for $10,000 for three years to secure a PHD student in the 'Mangroves as Pollutant Sinks' project work to be further discussed, with the suggestion of alternative funding sources.
2.2	**Ag Ex Alliance** A short presentation on the project work of the Ag Ex Alliance on a national and regional level. Ag Ex Alliance are involved with the SA Future Drought Fund Hub which includes six nodes focussing on drought preparedness. The NYLB has previously contributed funding for the Hub, Mesnet and the Ag Ex Alliance Forum. E McInerney presented on her role as the regions RALF, supported by the NYLB from NLP2 funding sourced by the Board.

2.3	**'Eyes on Eyre' – Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board** A presentation on the proposed project deriving from the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Coastal Action Plan, identify pressures, threats and assets. • A new approach to fund tourism sites that are undergoing increased visitor pressure • Joint project with Regional Development and EP LGA (11 Councils in the region). Previous unsuccessful bid with Landscape Priority Funding but is being resubmitted for the next round. • Using 'Bookeasy' for booking of council allocated campsites which is suggested will assist in paying for maintenance and to control sensitive areas. • A discussion on NY councils that are progressive may be interested in the system of booking and paying to assist in sensitive areas **Note** - Next step for NY would be to seek funding for a coastal visitor management strategy. **Note** - A suggestion to liaise with Aboriginal groups early in the planning was raised
2.4	**NYLB - Regional Water Planning - Beetaloo Reservoir update** Jen Munro provided an updated on proposed environmental flows to assist the river red gums in the Beetaloo creek area. • The NYLB has been working with 'SA Water' to brief the Minister on the issue and this has resulted in a positive response • The velocity is uncertain and how much will be delivered is unknown at present • It is anticipated flows will occur through October and November 2021 • Ground water impacts will be monitored and Dr Anne Jensen will monitor tree health. • This is anticipated to be the first environmental flow in the NY region. **Note -** There will be no public announcement or social media at present.
3. Strategic Items	
3.1	Nil
4	**Items for Decision / Discussion**
4.1	**Finance Presentation** That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board note and receive the August 2021 YTD financial analysis as submitted in the board papers. P Angus / M Wauchope **CARRIED**
4.2	**Brush-tailed Bettong Status Report** Discussed in item 1.5 **Motion** **That *the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***note the summary of events and the response by the Translocation Team regarding brush-tailed bettong mortality and welfare.***

4.3	**Landscape Priorities Fund update** A verbal update on the proposed project Expressions of Interest. • A coastal visitor management strategy within the NY coastal plan will again be included, similar to the one discussed during the 'Eyes on Eyre' presentation at item 2.3. Two smaller project bids will be included: 1. Enhancing barn owl nesting in southern Yorke Peninsula 2. A project related to the Marna Banggara for red tailed Phascogales. The Board may be asked to approve extra funding for this proposed project. Co-contribution from other organisations will also be pursued.
4.4	**Board Advisory Committees 2021/2022/2023** A proposed committee membership was briefly discussed and endorsed. The proposal for the Chair to be rotated will be discussed further at the relevant committee meetings. **Motion:** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the membership of the board committees*** • ***endorse the position of Chairs within the committees*** S Germein / P Angus **CARRIED**
4.5	**Board meeting schedule 2022** The proposal to move the meetings which have been customarily been held on the fourth Monday of each month and following a discussion, it was agreed to amend the meeting days. **Motion:** **That *the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the meeting schedule for 2022 for the Board and Board Advisory committee meetings*** • ***endorse the meetings be held on the third Wednesday of a month*** • ***endorse the 2022 meeting schedule be available on the Regions website*** G White / S Germein **CARRIED**
4.6	**AEC recommendations and draft minutes** A brief discussion on the two Committee recommendations. It was noted that the action item for the Native Foods Cultural Sharing Event with Li Meng did not include an approval for funding and further investigation was suggested. **Note** - Three native food applications were successful in the recent round of Grassroots grants.

	The AEC members are invited to attend a Kaurna repatriation in Smithfield and a discuission arose on payment for committee members attendance at events. **Action** Matt Turner (Aboriginal Partnership Officer) is to seek alternative funding for AEC attending events based on committee members attending a Kaurna repatriation in Smithfield. **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***note the recommendations of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee meeting held on 10 September 2021***
4.7	**Calendar of Events** **The list of calendar events was reviewed and some additions for attendance of board members:** • 30 September 2021, Northern Areas Council, Jamestown – P Angus (tbc) • 5 October 2021, Copper Coast Council Kadina – M Wauchope • 12 October 2021, Yorke Peninsula Council, Maitland – S Germein • 26 November 2021, Auditor Generals Performance and Risk Committee Chair • Governance & Finance Committee - 25 October Proxy for S Barrett – P Angus • Aboriginal Engagement Committee - 15 December Proxy for S Barrett
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5.2	**Future Drought Fund Bid** No further discussion. **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • **note the submission of the Improved economic, environmental and social resilience of the SA Rangelands through integrated feral goat management grant application.**

6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)	
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6.2	Board Member reports received from G White and S Germein
6.3	Communication and Engagement Report
6.4	Correspondence
6.5	RMT report – including the presentation of the bettong release
6.6	Board forward planner
6.7	District Reports
7 - In Camera Session (if required)	
7.1	**Levy Equalisation and Carryovers**
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	**Invitations for next meeting** It was recommended to save presentations to Microsoft Teams and less presentations at future board meetings. A brief discussion on media releases and a suggestion to source them from the regions councils.
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