

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 # 15	
Date: Wednesday, 16 February 2022			
Start Time:	13.00	Finish Time:	16.22
Location:	Clare	Room:	Barbara J Long room
Attendees:	Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member), Sarah Barrett, Geoffrey White, Phillip Heaslip, Peter Angus, Sam Germein and Maree Wauchope (Community Board Members)		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business Services), T Boyce (Landscape Operations Manager), Chris Martin (Business and Finances Coordinator), Hannah Ling (Team Leader Communications and Engagement), Annie Bond (MERI Officer), D Sandow (Ecologist) and Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant)		
Visitors / Guests:	G Shirley – <i>Sevenses Creative PL</i>		
Apologies:	Rowan Ramsey MP and Geoff Brock MP		
Note:	A local site visit commenced at 10.30am prior to the meeting.		

Item	Meeting Standing Items
1	Welcome, Acknowledgment to Country, apologies and agenda check
1.1	Conflict of Interest Disclosures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Bond raised a potential conflict of interest due to her membership of the Nature Conservation Society of SA Management Committee • G White raised a potential conflict of interest with the Carbon Plus Biodiversity Project • P Heaslip raised a perceived conflict of interest due to his involvement with the Mt Remarkable District Council No further action was required

1.2	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting The minutes from meeting No 14 held on 13 December 2021, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / P Heaslip CARRIED</p>
1.3	<p>Action List Reviewed and updated.</p> <p>Action An update was requested of a presentation by Prof Craig Styan from the University of Adelaide at the September 2021 board meeting, proposing funding from the Board of \$10,000 to investigate the salt marshes as a future project in Pt Pirie.</p>
1.4	<p>RLP and Landscape Priorities Fund update An update on the NY board project and sustainable Agriculture for February 2022 was tabled and discussed.</p> <p>Action A report from Federally funded projects will be presented to the Board quarterly.</p> <p>Motion That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the tabled report on the update for NY board project and sustainable agriculture</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Barrett / G White CARRIED</p> <p>A brief discussion on the resilience coastal project application through the Landscape Priorities Fund.</p>
1.4	<p>WHS DRAFT minutes of meeting 17 December 2021 Noted</p>
2 - Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	<p>Indigenous Participation Plan A Bond summarised the revised Indigenous Participation Plan which had previously been presented to the Aboriginal Engagement Committee. The Committee recommended that the Board endorse the Plan as presented.</p> <p>All landscape projects will endeavour to commit to engaging Aboriginal Service Providers, utilising the list of suppliers that has been created to assist in this process.</p> <p>.Motion That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>endorse the revised Indigenous Participation Plan for submission to the Australian Government</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Barrett / S Germein CARRIED</p>

<p>2.2</p>	<p>Kangaroo Management Partnership Project G Shirley provided an update on the progression of the 'Optimising Kangaroo Management in South Australia' project by joining the meeting on Teams.</p> <p>The project is in its early stages of a two year partnership strategy which includes the SAAL Board. Robust outcomes are proposed and feedback is welcome.</p> <p>Note – There is not a member on the Steering Committee from NYLB or any other region but G Shirley was requested to note the possibility of a representative into the future.</p> <p>Motion That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notes the Kangaroo Partnership Project report <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p> <p>The Board welcomed Hannah Ling who has returned to the region to the position of Team Leader Communications and Engagement.</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p>Marna Banggara update and in kind support D Sandow introduced himself to the Board and presented a PowerPoint depicting the current position of the bettongs in the Marna Banggara project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare checks have proven that the animals are healthy and there is evidence of breeding, however, seven mortalities to date • Aerial baiting and targeted work has proven to be very effective • 40 bettongs from Western Australia and 40 from Wedge Island are to be released in both 2022 and 2023. <p>A brief presentation on the governance of the Marna Banggara project which comprises an executive committee, communications group, economic working group, community reference, translocation and a rewilding advisory group. These groups are supported by levy funds as is the various work from staff of the NYLB which includes intensive reporting and administration.</p> <p>The in-kind support that is included in all projects was raised and it was requested that the Board receive a report describing this work.</p> <p>Action An annual report of all the in kind support allocated to projects to be presented in a future briefing to the Board.</p>
<p>3 - Strategic Items</p>	
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Grassroots Grants Program 2022-2023 It was proposed to release the Grassroots Grants Program earlier in the year and it is envisioned that all landscape boards will be releasing theirs in March 2022.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion ensued on the quality of project applications received in past programs and it was queried if the region could fund more if important applications were received.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that ad hoc funding requests may not receive the same scrutiny as that of Grassroots grant applications. Should all ad hoc applications be put through the same process at Grassroots grants? • It is the discretion of the Board to fund projects and there is a need for flexibility when important project applications are submitted • Savings from Salaries and Wages may assist with the funding of some projects was suggested. <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>approve the launch of the 2022/2023 Grassroots Grants Program in March 2022; and</i> • <i>approve a budget allocation of \$200,000 for the 2022/2023 Grassroots Grants Program, which includes an amount equal to 2.9% of levy income at an additional \$23,116.</i> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / G White CARRIED</p> <p><i>(2.18pm meeting break and re-commenced 2.35pm)</i> <i>(2.35pm P Heaslip left the meeting)</i></p>
4 - Items for Decision / Discussion	
4.1	<p>Finance Presentation YTD 2021-2022</p> <p>A presentation on the current financial position and the balance sheet portrays a strong position.</p> <p>It was noted the finance report had previously been presented to the Board’s Governance and Finance Committee.</p> <p>With Martin Stokes from Green Adelaide no longer available to provide services, it was raised that the Water Allocation Planning may require further funds for contractor engagement. A future briefing to the Board may be required.</p> <p>Note – a water review can run concurrently with writing the Water Allocation Plan</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note and receive the January 2022 YTD financial analysis</i> <p style="text-align: right;">G White / P Angus CARRIED</p>
4.2	<p>Management Strategy for Pied Cormorants</p> <p>Various strategies have been attempted to alleviate the issue on the impact of the invasive native cormorant species in the Yorke Peninsula. The Board has been requested to assist in funding a management strategy development and a robust discussion ensued.</p> <p>M Wauchope raised a conflict of interest, however, was requested to remain in the meeting but abstain from voting.</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>approve the contribution of \$10,000 towards the development of an integrated Yorke Peninsula Pied Cormorant management strategy.</i> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein CARRIED All in favour – M Wauchope abstained</p>

4.3	<p>Landscape Priority fund update</p> <p>It was anticipated that a verbal announcement on the region’s application would be available, however, this is now expected in a few days. Once a response has been received, the Board will be notified.</p>
4.4	<p>BPOP Agreement</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>endorse the commencement of a Water Affecting Activities Best Practice Operating Procedure Agreement with the District Council of Mount Remarkable</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / G White CARRIED</p>
4.5	<p>Board committee recommendations</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note and approve the recommendations of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee meeting held on 15 December 2021 and the Planning and Performance and Governance and Finance meetings held 27 January 2022</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / G White CARRIED</p>
4.6	<p>Calendar of events 2022</p> <p>The Board is encouraged to inform of any important events that can be added to the calendar of events.</p> <p>Note - Congratulations to S Barrett who is now the State Chair of Landcare Association of SA.</p>
<p>5 - Items for Noting.</p>	
5.1	<p>LGA Advocacy for the review of the Dog and Cat Management Act</p> <p>The position of the Board on the issue of domestic cats had been raised at a previous meeting. It was now raised, if a policy decision by Legatus be forthcoming for domestic cats, would this change the view of the board members?</p> <p>It was agreed the Board’s position is for feral and not that of domestic cats.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
5.2	<p>Greater Adelaide Environment Network (NRCs)</p> <p>A letter from the Gawler Environment Centre was tabled seeking secure ongoing funding beyond the 2021-2022 financial year.</p> <p>S Barrett and P Angus raised a conflict of interest with their involvement with the Barossa Bushgardens.</p> <p>A discussion followed and it was proposed that although the NRCs are attempting to align with the Ministers environmental priorities, they still do not.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested they pursue other funding opportunities • The issue will again be an agenda item at a meeting between the CEs of the relevant landscape boards • The Board will need to make a decision prior to their next budget. <p>Action An acknowledgement of the correspondence received is to be sent to the Greater Adelaide Environment Network (GAEN). They are to be advised that there are to be further discussions with the other landscape boards and a suggestion for GAEN to submit an application for the Grassroots grants program.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
5.3	<p>Pygmy Bluetongue lizard funding submission The Board is requested to note a funding submission which has only in-kind support from the NYLB.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
5.4	<p>SA Drought Hub Collaboration Agreement The Board to note the signing of the Deed Poll of Accession, 18 January 2022.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)	
6.1	<p>Presiding Member report The annual Regional Alliance forum was held on line on 11 February 2022. The theme was ‘Opportunities on Regional Employment’ and C Schaefer, P Angus and S Germein attended. The long service employment of Dr Andy Sharp was noted by the Board. Dr Sharp has taken 12 months leave to work in Tasmania.</p>
6.2	Board Member reports – Peter Angus
6.3	Communication and Engagement Report
6.4	Correspondence
6.5	RLT report
6.6	Board forward planner
7 - In Camera Session (if required)	
	<p>The meeting was moved to ‘In Camera’ due to the information the disclosure (J) of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; <p style="text-align: right;">G White / P Angus CARRIED</p> <p>Motion: That the meeting move out of <i>In Camera</i> and back to the main meeting where members of the public may be present.</p>

	P Angus / S Germein CARRIED
	The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Achievements report 2020-2021 was tabled and will be distributed to stakeholders. A two page document of achievements has been created to be inserted into all council rates notices.
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	Invitations for next meeting
8.2	Next meeting details 16 March 2022 in Pt Broughton
8.3	Meeting closed 16.22pm

Signed



**Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member**