

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. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to Country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal peoples visiting / attending from other areas of South Australia

Meeting Title: Board Meeting		NY Landscape Board Meeting #19	
Date: 17 August 2022			
Start Time:	11.30am	Finish Time:	3.48pm
Location:	Maitland	Room:	Visitors Centre
Attendees:	Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member), Sarah Barrett, Geoffrey White, Peter Angus, Sam Germein and Maree Wauchope (Community Board Members)		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business Services), H Ling (Team Leader Communications and Engagement), Jennifer Munro (Planning Officer) and Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant)		
Visitors / Guests:	James Johnston – Ministerial Advisor Nicki de Preu – Senior Project Leader, NYLB Myall Tarran - Feral Deer Control Coordinator, PIRSA		
Apologies:	Phillip Heaslip and Fraser Ellis MP		
Note:	The meeting commenced with a site visit at Ardrossan commencing from 10.20am		
National Feral Deer Action Plan - Myall Tarran	A proposal to eradicate deer from the landscape over a 10 year period was presented. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board would be required to allocate \$1,826,000 funding over the next 10 years towards the project. 		
Barossa Water Allocation Planning (WAP)- Workshop	There are four pillars to the Barossa WAP - Resource capacity, Environmental Water, Water Access and Cultural Water objectives (new).		

	<p>Seven options were presented and the risk issues, pro and cons deliberated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partial unbundling of water allocation is proposed to offer the ability to trade water• Groundwater is declining and salinity is a major issue• The <i>SA Landscape Act 2019</i> states equitable, sustainable and environmental outcomes• Community Engagement Timeline is October to December 2022• Agreement to present the 'not recommended' options at community consultation. <p>1.26pm - The Board convened for a short break</p> <p>Emma Leonard, President of the Maitland Progress Association gave an impromptu presentation on the work undertaken from Grassroots grants funding received from the Board.</p> <p>Action Photographs from the launch of the native garden trail in Maitland from the Maitland Progress Association will be sent to the Board via the Executive Assistant.</p> <p>1.35pm - The workshop reconvened to make a decision and recommendations on the Barossa WAP.</p> <p>Options for the community consultation were raised and contributions from all members followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Show them the science• Streamlined set of options and be more specific without actions• Should not be a surprise to anyone• Community champions and further education needed• Water security plan and water allocation plan need to be aligned with each other.• Options need to be on a one page document and request for innovated ideas from the community. <p>Action The presentation is to be sent to board members for their information and feedback to the Manager, Business Services.</p>
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Item	Meeting Standing Items
1	Welcome, apologies and agenda check
1.1	Conflict of Interest Disclosures Nil
1.2	Minutes from the previous meeting The minutes from meeting No 18 held on 15 June 2022, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. <p style="text-align: right;">G White / S Germein CARRIED</p>
1.3	Action List Reviewed and updated
1.4	WHS The draft minutes of the meeting held 9 June 2022 were accepted <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / G White CARRIED</p>
1.5	NY Landscape Board Project Update The Board accepted the report as presented and noted the importance of the Osprey project.
2. Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	Guest Speaker – Nicki de Preu for a Marna Banggara update An update on the Marna Banggara project by the projects Senior Project Leader was presented. It was reported that female bettongs are producing pouch young, the removal of the transmitter collars is an ongoing process and overall the wildlife continue to thrive.
3. Strategic Items	
3.1	DEW Service Level Agreement (SLA) The draft SLA presented has an overall price increase of approximately 2%. The SLA is yet to be completed and it was noted that this will again be an audit finding as per the previous year however our staff have complied with all requirements. Some minor issues are to be completed and it is suggested that next financial year, a three year agreement will be implemented and an assurance sought to have a completed agreement two or three months prior to the end of the financial year.

	<p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>note and endorse the draft SLA for execution by the Presiding Member at the conclusion of the consultation period, including any amendments which result from further consultation or clarification with DEW.</i> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / G White CARRIED</p>
4	Items for Decision / Discussion
4.1	<p>Enquiries Statistics</p> <p>The number of complaints received in the Region and the system for logging them was raised at the July 2022 Governance and Finance Committee meeting. It had been proposed that verbal complaints be included in the reporting. The process has been reviewed and all complaints are being captured.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>note the enquiries statistics for the period 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022.</i> <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / S Germein CARRIED</p>
4.2	<p>Mistletoe in the Clare Valley</p> <p>Action</p> <p>An educational day with practical demonstration sites is to be coordinated for the issue of mistletoe in the Clare Valley.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> note that Mistletoe is covered in the Native Vegetation Act, 1991 note that the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, in conjunction with the Native Vegetation Unit, will seek the opportunity to facilitate a community education program for responsible management of Mistletoe <p style="text-align: right;">C Schaefer / G White CARRIED</p>
4.3	<p>Workforce Planning</p> <p>A new organisational structure was implemented and commenced on 15 August 2022.</p>

	<p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> note the new Workforce Structure, implemented on 15 August 2022 <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein CARRIED</p>
4.4	<p>Committee Recommendations (GF only)</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>note and approve the recommendations of the Governance and Finance meeting held on 27 July 2022</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / G White CARRIED</p> <p>Action</p> <p>A briefing paper is to be presented regarding the membership payments of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee</p>
4.5	<p>Calendar of Events</p> <p>An additional person is to be an attendee at the NRM Knowledge Conference The addition of water meetings is to be added to the calendar and board attendance may be required.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
<p>5 - Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only</p>	
5.1	<p>Land Management Agreement Register</p> <p>A register of land management agreements the Board has entered into with 23 landholders has been created. The agreements secure board investment on private properties. Funding is provided in good faith and it is anticipated that environmental activities will be ongoing. The Drought Management Plan recommendations include spot checks to ensure the Board investment is protected and the landholder is benefiting from the agreement. The agreements are effective for ten years.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>note the 2021-22 Land Management Agreement Template and Register of Land Management Agreements entered into in the 2021-2022 financial year</i> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein NOTED</p>

5.2	<p>Appointment of Responsible Officers</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the appointment of two Responsible Officers (Mr David Hughes and Ms Elizabeth Duncan) pursuant to section 12(1) of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018</i> • <i>note that mandatory training will be completed by designated Responsible Officers as soon as possible</i> • <i>note that public interest disclosure procedures will be published on the Board’s website for the general public to access</i> <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / G White CARRIED</p>
5.3	<p>Wild Dog Trapper Program Update</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the reports provided by PIRSA regarding the SA Wild Dog Trapper Program to 30 June 2022</i> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)	
6.1	<p>Presiding Member report</p> <p>The Presiding Member and General Manager attended an Ngadjuri board reconciliation dinner as guests of the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council.</p>
6.2	<p>Board Member reports – Geoff White, Peter Angus and Phil Heaslip</p>
6.3	<p>Communication and Engagement Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ‘bite size grants’ funding process has commenced and will be reported to the Board • The 2021-2022 Achievements report is to be released soon • An insert is to be included into 50,000 council rates for the next mail out. <p>Note - A state wide communication report is to be included in the next board meeting</p>
6.4	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Ten items of correspondence noted.</p>
6.5	<p>RLT report</p> <p>An invitation for the General Manager and a board member to attend council meetings to liaise with all councillors will replace the previous system of coordinating meetings with CEs and Mayors.</p>

6.6	Board forward planner
6.7	<p>District Reports</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Note items 6.1 to 6.7 inclusive</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Barrett / M Wauchope CARRIED</p>
7 - In Camera Session	
	<p>The meeting was moved to 'In Camera' due to the information the disclosure (J) of which:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest;</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein CARRIED</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>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 style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Barrett CARRIED</p>
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	Invitations for next meeting
8.2	Next meeting details – Burra
8.3	Meeting closed 3.48pm

Signed



**Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member**