

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 #21	
Date: 16 November 2022			
Start Time:	11.30am	Finish Time:	3.48pm
Location:	Orroroo	Room:	Golf Club
Attendees:	Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member), Geoffrey White, Sam Germein, Phil Heaslip and Maree Wauchope. Sarah Barrett and Peter Angus attended by Microsoft Teams (Community Board Members).		
Staff:	R Howard (Manager Business Services), C Martin (Business and Finance Services Coordinator), H Ling (Team Leader Communications and Engagement), P O’Leary (A/Regional Operations and Compliance Manager) and R McDowell (Executive Assistant)		
Visitors / Guests:	Nicola Barnes (Grassland Ecologist – MRLB) Wendy Stubbs (Team Leader, Landscape Ecology – MRLB)		
Apologies:	Tony Fox		
Note:	The meeting commenced at 10.00am with a site visit to Almerita Station. The Station was a participant in the Living Flinders project.		
Item	Meeting Standing Items		
1	Welcome, apologies and agenda check		
1.1	Conflict of Interest Disclosures S Barrett flagged a potential conflict of interest for item 1.4. No further action.		
1.2	Minutes from the previous meeting The minutes from meeting No 20 held on 21 September 2022, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting with the addition of Maree Wauchope as an attendee.		
P Heaslip / G White CARRIED			

1.3	<p>Action List Reviewed and updated</p>
1.4	<p>NY Landscape Board Project Update A brief verbal update on the presented project paper.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
2. Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	<p>Irongrass Project – Nicola Barnes Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland of Australia is the correct name of the project (INTG Project). The project was previously in the area of the SAMDB NRM Board (Goyder Council) and following boundary realignments it is situated in both M&R and NYLB.</p>
2.2	<p>NRM Knowledge Conference – Rebecca Howard A three day conference and Chairs Forum in Margaret River from 31 October to 3 November 2022 was attended by members of the Board and staff. The conferences are held bi-annually.</p> <p>Note - A net zero strategy for the Barossa which is in progress was suggested and the Executive Chair of Bega Cheese Ltd, Barry Irvin should be engaged as a guest speaker for a future event.</p>
3. Strategic Items	
3.1	<p>2023-2024 Landscape Levy The levy equalisation has affected four councils in the Northern and Yorke Region with an increase to the levy payment for their rate payers. The Region’s General Manager, and a NYLB member met with the CE and Mayor of each of the affected councils to discuss any issues.</p> <p>The Board was requested to approve the full CPI increase to the levy for the 2023-2024 financial year and a discussion ensued on how the levy is set and the various methodologies used. The councils are paid to administer the levy and this would attract the full CPI increase.</p> <p>Action A further briefing for the 2023-2024 Landscape Levy is to be presented at the December meeting of the Board with additional information included.</p>

	<p>Motion: That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to provide a breakdown of extra costs to the organisation associated with CPI increases, wage increases (EB) and superannuation guarantee by the next meeting • Staff to provide to the Board a recommendation for changes to the levy to cover those additional costs <p>A show of hands was requested for the new motion – All in favour</p> <p style="text-align: right;">G White / P Heaslip CARRIED</p>
4	Items for Decision / Discussion
4.1	<p>Financial Analysis Presentation YTD The Balance sheet depicts a strong position.</p> <p>Motion That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note and receive the October 2022 YTD financial analysis <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / M Wauchope CARRIED</p>
4.2	<p>Central Adelaide Water Levy This is new Water Levy and is across three landscape boards. The Board is requested to endorse the motion so it can progress to the next stage of the process. The levy will be included in the Boards Business Plan but it was noted, the CPI level must be identical across all three boards.</p> <p>Motion That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the Consultation Report for the introduction of a water levy for the Central Adelaide and Dry Creek Prescribed Wells Area; • endorse the inclusion of the Central Adelaide water levy in the draft business Plan 2023-24 for progression to the Minister for her consideration of the prescribed levy proposal. <p style="text-align: right;">G White / P Angus CARRIED AIF</p>
4.3	<p>Annual Report The draft report was tabled for endorsement subject to the return of financial reports from the Department.</p> <p>Motion That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • note the Annual Report process; • receive, and endorse the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Annual Report for 2021-22 <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / S Germein CARRIED</p>

4.4	<p>Correspondence requiring a response – Heritage Agreements review. It was queried if road reserves are subject to heritage agreements and a discussion ensued. Funding for a trial survey of road reserves is currently in progress.</p> <p>Action A draft reply to the Heritage Agreement Review to include a statement on road reserves and to be circulated out of session.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the correspondence from the Native Vegetation Council and endorse a response by the Presiding Member if necessary</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / P Heaslip CARRIED</p>
4.5	<p>Correspondence requiring a response- Snowtown Shed Crown Land has agreed to change the small parcel of land that currently houses the shed at Snowtown to parklands. The shed ownership can then be transferred to the local community group to utilise.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>receive correspondence regarding a proposal from a local community group interested in utilising the shed located in Snowtown</i> • <i>note that a letter will be directed to the Chief Executive Officer of Wakefield Regional Council asking them to reconsider the transfer of shed ownership</i> • <i>note that a letter of response will be provided to the local community group in due course, once a decision has been reached by Wakefield Regional Council</i> <p style="text-align: right;">P Heaslip / S Germein CARRIED</p>
4.6	<p>Board Committee Recommendations No further comments</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 meeting held on 19 October 2022</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / P Heaslip CARRIED</p>
4.7	<p>Board Calendar Reviewed</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>

5 - Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
5.1	<p>Achievements Report A hard copy of the achievements report was tabled.</p>
6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)	
6.1	<p>Presiding Member report Completed in item 2.2.</p>
6.2	<p>Board Member reports – Geoff White, Sarah Barrett and a verbal report by P Angus and P Heaslip</p> <p>The NYLB supported a Federal grant application from the Barunga West Council which has been successful. It was suggested that the NYLB may be asked to assist.</p>
6.3	<p>Communication and Engagement Report</p>
6.4	<p>Correspondence Correspondence received from PIRSA for weed control was discussed and a request to present to the Board.</p>
6.5	<p>RLT report</p>
6.6	<p style="text-align: right;">Items 5.1 to 6.6 NOTED</p> <p>Further items raised</p> <p>Aboriginal Engagement Committee (AEC)</p> <p>A motion to rescind a previous motion approved from item 4.3, meeting number 20 was supported. It was suggested that as financial contributions are received from RDAs and Legatus towards the committee costs, they should be included in a discussion at the AEC meeting on the financial entitlements of members.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>Rescind the previous motion and take the matter back to the Aboriginal Engagement Committee for further discussion and later endorsement by the Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">C Schaefer / M Wauchope CARRIED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An audit response has identified a potential issue with the membership and board appointments of each First Nations committee member and their tenure. • The committee is ministerial approved and their Terms of Reference (ToR) states two members from each First Nation receive sitting fees but with only one vote apportioned.

	<p>Action</p> <p>A briefing is to be presented at the next meeting of the AEC to determine the First Nations' membership and payment of entitlements.</p> <p>WAPAG meetings</p> <p>Action</p> <p>An updated WAPAG Terms of Reference is required and a proposed change of focus was recommended with clear definitions required.</p>
7 - In Camera Session	
	<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;">M Wauchope / S Barrett 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;">M Wauchope / P Angus CARRIED</p>
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	Invitations for next meeting
8.2	Next meeting details – 14 December 2022 in Clare
8.3	<p>It was queried if board members are required to have 'A Directors ID' and it was noted we are still awaiting a response.</p> <p>Note – Following the board meeting, it was announced that board members are not required to complete the paperwork for a Directors ID for membership of the NYLB</p> <p>Meeting closed 4.16pm</p>

Signed



**Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member**