

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 # 13	
Date: Monday 22 November 2021			
Start Time:	12.42	Finish Time:	16.16pm
Location:	Gawler	Room:	Gawler Civic Centre 89-91 Murray Street
Attendees:	Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member), Geoffrey White, Phillip Heaslip, Peter Angus, Sam Germein and Maree Wauchope (Board Members)		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business Services), Paul O’Leary (A/Landscape Operations Manager), Matt Turner (Aboriginal Partnership Officer), Jennifer Munro (Planning Officer), Sarah Johnson (Communication Coordinator), Veronica Clayton (Landscape Officer) and Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant)		
Visitors / Guests:	Karen Redman – Mayor, the Town of Gawler Council Henry Inat – CE, the Town of Gawler Council Sam Delena – Manager of Infrastructure and Engineering Services, the Town of Gawler Council		
Apologies:	Sarah Barrett (Board Member)		
Note:	Commencing at 11.00am, the Board attended a site visit to the Gawler River and met with local landholders.		
Item	Meeting Standing Items		
1	Welcome, Acknowledgment to Country, apologies and agenda check		
1.1	Conflict of Interest Disclosures Nil		
1.2	Minutes from the previous meeting The minutes from meeting No 12 held on 27 September 2021, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.		
M Wauchope / P Heaslip CARRIED			

1.3	<p>Action List Reviewed and updated</p>
1.4	<p>RLP update A brief verbal update on the RLP projects. (The meeting broke for lunch at 1.07pm and recommenced at 1.35pm)</p>
<p>2. Deputations and Presentations</p>	
2.1	<p>Regional Water Planning – Beetaloo, Barossa and Baroota – Jennifer Munro, Planning Officer</p> <p><u>Beetaloo</u> The recent release of the Beetaloo flows into the Crystal Brook creek with before and after photographic evidence was presented. An increase in water bird life and frogs has been reported by local community members.</p> <p>An evaluation report is being collated from the data collected to date, however, further funding may be required for additional evaluation. In principle support for further funding was agreed by the Board and a briefing to be presented at a future meeting.</p> <p>The Board noted the commitment of SA Water to the Beetaloo release.</p> <p>The monitoring of the River Red gums by Dr Anne Jensen has been carried out and further work will transpire.</p>
2.2	<p>Aboriginal Engagement Committee overview – Matt Turner, Aboriginal Partnership Officer</p> <p>The Board was presented with an overview of the outcomes of the Boards Aboriginal Engagement Committee since its inception in November 2020. The committee membership comprises of representatives of the regions five Aboriginal nations and other valued stakeholders. The committee is now seeking ongoing funding to support their continuity for a further 12 months.</p> <p>Action A confirmation is required from the two RDAs and Legatus seeking their continuation to contribute funds for the Aboriginal Engagement Committee.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • approve \$12,000 funding for the ongoing AEC committee for 12 months G White / P Angus CARRIED

2.2.1	<p>Wardang Island Indigenous Protected Area (IPA) Sea Country Funding Proposal</p> <p>A letter of support from the Board has been requested seeking their support for the consultation process to extend the Wardang Island IPA to include large areas of sea country. A lengthy discussion ensued.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>endorse the letter of support for consultation, with the aim of developing a position on the IPA</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 November 2021</i></p> <p>Note – The letter of support to be slightly amended</p> <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / P Heaslip CARRIED</p>
2.3	<p>Landscape Plan video presentation – Sarah Johnson, Communications Coordinator</p> <p>A presentation of the Landscape Plan and Marna Banggara videos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The videos can be used at field days and links will be added to the region’s website • It was raised that the videos should be available to schools and stakeholders and there was a suggestion of the Northern and Yorke creating local pod casts. No action was discussed. <p>A brief verbal update followed on the bettong release and the predator fence in the southern Yorke Peninsula for the Marna Banggara project.</p>
2.4	<p>The Town of Gawler Council presentation</p> <p>A PowerPoint presentation from the representatives from the Town of Gawler Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the installation of a Climate Emergency Action Plan is due to be completed in early 2022. The Town of Gawler is the first council in the state to declare a climate emergency • the Council is keen to work with the NYLB on projects of interest identified in the Council’s Biodiversity Management Plan. <p>Action</p> <p>The Town of Gawler Council Biodiversity Management Plan to be emailed to board members.</p> <p><i>(K Redman, H Inat and S Delena left the meeting)</i></p>

3. Strategic Items	
3.1	<p>Climate Change Sector Agreement – Regional Alliance</p> <p>A brief overview of the work of the Regional Alliance, which is a partnership between Legatus, the RDA Yorke and Mid North and now the RDA Barossa Gawler Light Adelaide Plains.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the details of the updated Climate Change Sector Agreement with the Regional Alliance and project report</i> • <i>note the Future Drought Fund - Opportunities for the Northern and Yorke region document</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
3.2	<p>Development of a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan</p> <p>The Board was asked to endorse the development of a strategic action plan . A discussion ensued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there is an appetite for supporting carbon farming on farms, so we may need to be more flexible in what is added to the action plan • engaging in the carbon market, blue carbon, sea grasses and native forest plantings could be exciting projects in the future • an action plan that focuses on small projects to commence with and easy opportunities. <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the range of current Board projects incorporating climate amelioration actions.</i> • <i>note the proposed strategy to facilitate participation in carbon farming activities and future alignment with programs under the Emissions Reduction Fund.</i> • <i>endorse the proposal to develop a regional climate change strategy and action plan.</i> • <i>endorsed to develop an action climate change strategy, taking into account the current limitation on onground developments for landholders.</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">P Heaslip / G White CARRIED</p> <p><i>(3.26pm - Staff members S Johnson, M Turner and V Clayton left the meeting)</i></p>

4	Items for Decision / Discussion
4.1	<p>Finance Presentation</p> <p>A financial presentation depicted a good position in the year to date.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note and receive the October 2021 YTD financial analysis</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / G White CARRIED All in favour</p>
4.2	<p>Interim Audit Result</p> <p>The Interim Audit has now been completed with three audit items raised which are consistent across all landscape boards.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the Interim Audit Result for the 2020-2021 Financial Year; and</i> • <i>note a response to the Auditor-General will be prepared for approval by the Chair.</i> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
4.3	<p>Annual Report</p> <p>The Annual Report has been completed and the Board is requested to endorse the document before it is submitted to the South Australian Parliament. We are currently awaiting the financial statements which are to be included with the document.</p> <p>The report was endorsed with one minor amendment.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the Annual Report process;</i> • <i>receive, and endorse the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Annual Report for 2020-21</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">G White / P Angus CARRIED</p>

<p>4.4</p>	<p>SA Wild Dog Trapper Program and Eradication Proposal</p> <p>It has been suggested that wild dogs can be eradicated this side of the predator proof fence. The Board has again received a request to fund a share of the project as per previous years and a discussion ensued.</p> <p>Motion:</p> <p>PIRSA recommends that the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the briefing on the SA Wild Dog Trapping program and Eradication proposal</i> • <i>approve the NYLB financial contribution of \$18,750.00 to the 2021/22 SA Wild Dog Trapping Program</i> <p><i>as presented at the Northern and Yorke Board Meeting 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / S Germein CARRIED</p>
<p>4.5</p>	<p>Workforce Planning</p> <p>It was suggested whilst the matter of workforce planning is operational, the Board appreciated being updated on the process.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the Workforce Planning work undertaken to date, including the new Organisation Structure for 2021/2022</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
<p>4.6</p>	<p>New Policies</p> <p>The policy framework is currently being investigated to streamline the process of adopting policies.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>adopt seven new Landscape SA corporate policies; namely Key Management Personnel – Related Parties Policy and Procedure, Asset Management Policy, Freedom of Information Policy, Seeking Legal Advice Policy, Employment Screening Policy, Outside Employment Policy and Work Health and Safety for Landscape Board and Committee Members;</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note that these policies will be reviewed and updated, where required to meet the ongoing needs of the Board; and</i> • <i>revoke two board policies that have been superseded by the introduction of state-wide landscape board policies; namely freedom of information policy and non-current asset accounting policy</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">P Heaslip / P Angus CARRIED</p>
4.7	<p>Best Practice Operating (BPOP) Agreements for Water Affecting Activities</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>endorse the renewal of the Water Affecting Activities Best Practice Operating Procedures agreements with the District Council of Orroroo Carrieton and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">G White / S Germein CARRIED</p>
4.8	<p>Board Committee Reviews</p> <p>A survey monkey review of the Planning and Performance and the Governance and Finance Committees was collated, and findings will be addressed at their following meetings.</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the results of the Governance and Finance and Planning and Performance committee self-assessment reviews</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
4.9	<p>Committee Recommendations Summary</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 Planning and Performance and the Governance and Finance Committee meetings held on 25 October 2021</i> <p><i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 November 2021</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / P Heaslip CARRIED</p>

4.10	Calendar of Events 2021 Reviewed
5 - Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
5.1	New ICAC Conflicts of Interest Guide Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the new guide produced by the Independent Commissioner Against Corruption to help public sector employees identify, disclose and properly manage conflicts of interest</i> <i>as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 November 2021</i>
6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)	
6.1	Presiding Member report
6.2	Board Member reports - Submitted by Phil Heaslip and Peter Angus Note –The final sign off for Grassroots grants successful applicants is expected to be brought forward in the future due to some timing issues experienced with the recent round of funding.
6.3	Communication and Engagement Report
6.4	Correspondence
6.5	RMT report
6.6	Board forward planner
6.7	District Reports
6.8	2021 Yorke Peninsula Field Days Report
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 / P Angus CARRIED</p>

	<p>Motion:</p> <p>That the meeting move out of In Camera and back to the main meeting where members of the public may be present</p> <p>P Angus / P Heaslip CARRIED</p>
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	Invitations for next meeting
8.2	Next meeting details 13 December 2021 <u>Forward planner</u> The Boards position on wild cats and a policy decision for owned cats
8.3	Meeting closed

Signed



Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member