

Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We, the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, acknowledge Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and waters we live, play and work upon and we pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection, and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.

Meeting Title		NY Landscape Board Meeting #37	
Date: 12 December 2024			
Start Time:	2:00pm	Finish Time:	5:32pm
Location:	Clare	Room:	Board room, 155 Main North Road, Clare
Present:	Geoffrey White (Chair), Peter Angus, Sam Germein, Jenny Loftes, Bruce Michael, Erika Lawley, Sue Scarman, and Adrian Shackley		
Staff in Attendance:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business and Planning), Paul O'Leary (Landscape Operations and Compliance Manager), Samantha Johnson (Team Leader, Communications and Engagement), Derek Sandow (Marna Banggara Project Manager), Libby Duncan (Projects Planning and Reporting Manager), Chris Martin (Business and Finance Coordinator), Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant) and Paige Boylan (Executive Assistant/Officer; minutes)		
Guest Speakers:	Cyril Kartinyeri – Chair of the Five Nations Landscape Committee Jason Higham – Manager, Conservation and Threatened Species - DEW		
Apologies:	Russell Johnstone		
Note:	The meeting commenced at 2.00pm with a Strategic Planning Workshop		
Item	Meeting Standing Items		
1.1	Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and apologies Russell Johnstone		
1.2	Additional agenda items Northern and Yorke Regional Drought resilience plan		
1.3	Conflict of Interest Disclosures Nil		

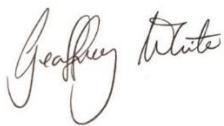
1.4	<p>Minutes from the previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes from meeting No 36 held on 20 November 2024, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S Scarman, J Loftes CARRIED</p>
1.5	<p>Action List</p> <p>Reviewed and updated</p>
2. Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	<p>Guest Speaker - Cyril Kartinyeri</p> <p>The Presiding Member welcomed C Kartinyeri, Chair of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's Five Nations Landscape Committee.</p> <p>C Kartinyeri provided a presentation on some of the topics progressed at the Five Nations Landscape Committee, including cultural site protection, cultural burning, and environmental flows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Five Nations Landscape committee has been in operation in its current form since 2020 • In June 2023, C Kartinyeri was elected as the First Nations Committee Chair. <p>In closing his presentation, C Kartinyeri thanked the Board for setting up the First Nations Committee to work together to care for Country. He stated it was a privilege to join the meeting as a representative of the Five Nations Landscape Committee and proud of the member as they work toward solutions and strengthening relationships. He made some recommendations around connecting with projects at the initial planning stage.</p>
2.2	<p>Biodiversity Act Update presented by J Higham (MS Teams)</p> <p>In December 2023, a discussion paper was released following 1400 people submitting feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations were consulted separately • Proposal is to strengthen biodiversity protection • Cabinet endorsed the discussion paper with a draft Bill currently being prepared <p>J Higham extended an opportunity for board members to provide feedback on the development of the SA Biodiversity Act.</p> <p>Action: Executive Assistant to provide J Higham's details to board members.</p>
2.3	<p>Financial Analysis YTD – Business and Finance Coordinator</p> <p>The use of retained earnings in this financial year has been rejected, but the Board may re-apply to utilise their retained earnings in February 2025. The Board's ability to continue all services will not be affected.</p> <p>It is anticipated that DEW will issue invoices for water levies by 31 December 2024.</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>receive and note the YTD November 2024 Financial Analysis</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Scarman, A Shackley CARRIED AIF</p>

2.4	Board Project Update – General Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board noted that Wauraltee Beach on the Yorke Peninsula will be closed to overnight camping from February 2025. Revegetation within the Copper Coast Council area has been damaged. The Council’s plan is to replace the damaged vegetation and reinforce fenced areas to protect the revegetation efforts.
3. Items for Decision	
3.1	Subsidised baiting program for the Rangelands District Landholders from the Burra Rangelands Action Group recently applied for a Grassroots Grant to subsidise fox baits in the Rangelands District. They were unsuccessful with their application although the project concept was deemed to have some merit. A discussion followed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> acknowledging there are associated costs to the Board in the distribution of fox baits, but a trial to see whether this program could improve the take up of fox baiting be supported. The Board approved the fox bait project on a trial basis, noting staff will gauge, monitor progress and document outcomes and present the results to a future Board meeting to help guide future decisions around fox baiting programs and costs. <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>approve the provision of fox control products to landholders in the Rangelands District at discounted rates as part of a trial as detailed in this paper with reporting as determined by the Staff.</i> <i>approved limiting the expenditure from the board to \$11,500.00</i> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus, S Germein CARRIED AIF</p>
3.2	Approval of Landscape Planning Principles correspondence A briefing to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water from all Landscape Board seeking approval for planning principals to guide the development of Landscape Boards five-year strategic plan was noted. <p style="text-align: right;">NOTED</p>
3.3	Board Induction Day and Landscape Forum (May) Noted and discussed in Item 3.5
3.4	Committee recommendations <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 First Nations Landscape Committee Meetings held on 25 September and 27 November 2024</i> <p style="text-align: right;">A Shackley, E Lawley CARRIED AIF</p>

3.5	<p>Board calendar of events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-25 January 2025 - Gynburra - E Lawley • 11 February 2025 - Governance and Finance Committee meeting. Note change of date to accommodate the mid-year financial analysis. • 13 February 2025 - BIGG conference - B Michael (or G White) • 2-6 June 2025 - International Rangeland congress; includes a bus tour through the Region. • The Board has purchased a bronze level sponsorship and waiting for the program to be released.
<p>4 Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only</p>	
4.1	<p>Biodiversity Act Discussed at item 2.2</p> <p>Motion</p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>note the information provided in this briefing regarding the development of the SA Biodiversity Act.</i> <p style="text-align: right;">S Scarman, P Angus CARRIED AIF</p>
<p>5 Standing Reports for Noting (to be discussed only if required)</p>	
5.1	<p>Presiding Member report - verbal Attended the Regional Alliance meeting on 4 December 2024</p>
5.2	<p>Board Member reports Written reports received from B Michael and P Angus</p>
5.3	<p>Communication and Engagement Report</p>
5.4	<p>Correspondence The Board recently completed their audit with the <i>Audit Office of South Australia</i>. It was raised that once again there were no audit findings. The Presiding Member thanked and acknowledged the work of the staff in this significant achievement.</p> <p>Tabled: Correspondence was sent to Minister Close and Minister Scriven from the Conservation Council, The Invasive Species Council and the Australian Land Conservation Alliance regarding the feral cat control, feral deer eradication and the management of feral goats.</p>
5.5	<p>RLT report</p>
5.6	<p>Board Forward Planner The Board is waiting for a response from the Crown Solicitors Office (CSO) regarding the Barossa and Baroota Water Application Plan (WAP) to progress public consultation.</p>

6 Board In Camera Session	
	Nil
7 Other Items	
7.1	<p>Additional agenda items from Item 1.2</p> <p>Northern and Yorke Regional Drought resilience plan The Plan was developed in 2022 by the Regional Alliance, funding received from PIRSA and assisted by CSIRO. Northern-and-Yorke-Regional-Drought-Resilience-Plan_Final-compressed.pdf</p> <p>Action:</p> <p>At the 19 March 2025 board meeting, a presentation on the Northern and Yorke Regional Drought Resilience Plan, as developed by the Regional Alliance.</p> <p>Board Project Update Adrian Shackley provided a verbal update on the invertebrate board project with monitoring of sites occurring through the assistance provided by landholders and volunteers.</p>
8 Meeting Closure	
8.1	<p>Invitations for next meeting February: Nil</p>
8.2	<p>Next meeting details 19 February 2025 – Gawler; River Room</p>
8.3	<p>Meeting closed 5:32pm</p> <p>Board members S Germein and R Johnstone were farewelled and thanked for their service as their tenure on the Board ended. Both have chosen not to seek a further term. R McDowell, long standing staff member, retires in December 2024 and was thanked for her service.</p>

Signed



Geoff White
Presiding Member