LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA NORTHERN AND YORKE

Item 1.4

Northern and Yorke Landscape Board
Board Minutes #39

Date:	20 March 2025	🗣 **Verbal Report** 🗐 **Paper** ☒ **Nil Report**	
Start Time:	12:30pm	**Finish Time:**	4:30pm
Location:	Clare	**Room:**	CGVC office: Barbara J Long Function Room
Present:			
Board members: **Staff:**	Geoff White (Chair), Peter Angus, Erika Lawley, Sue Scarman, Holly Cowan, Leo Redden and Nicki Robins Tony Fox (General Manager), Chris Martin (Acting Manager, Business and Planning), Paul O'Leary (Landscape Operations and Compliance Manager), Samantha Johnson (Communications and Engagement Manager), Derek Sandow (Marna Banggara Project Manager), Libby Duncan (Projects Planning and Reporting Manager), Michelle Simes, Kate Pearce (Team Leader, Rangelands) and Paige Boylan (Executive Assistant/Officer; minute recorder)		
Guest Speaker	Wendi Avery (Item 4.4)		
Public Gallery	Nil		
Apologies:	Angela Ruddenklau		
Note:	Lunch provided at 12pm in the meeting room prior to the commencement of the meeting at 12:30pm		

1 Meeting Standing Items	
1.1	**Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and apologies** Chair
1.2	**Additional agenda items (6.1)** Nil
1.3	**Conflict of interest disclosures** Nil
1.4	**Minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting No 38 held on 19 February 2025, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting *S Scarman / E Lawley* ***Carried***
1.5	**Action List** Reviewed and updated
2 Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	**Northern Yorke Regional Drought Resilience Plan Overview** – General Manager The Drought Resilience plan was developed 2 years ago with numerous actions being undertaken by the NYLB from within the plan. The priorities and actions for drought resilience sit under Five Themes 1 Resilient Farm Enterprises: Capabilities 2 Resilient Industry; Regional economic diversification and increased livability 3 Resilient Community; town and infrastructure & Community innovation and cultural partnerships 4 Resilient Knowledge and Education; understanding climate projections and science and greater access to education 5 Research and Innovation; value add and integrated research The Drought Resilience Plan was developed with our Regional Alliance partners and will form the basis for some of our collaborations in the future.
2.2	**Guest Speaker - PIRSA** Apology. Angela provided a PIRSA update to the Regional Alliance meeting last week. The chair provided a brief overview of some of the key items outlined in that meeting.

2.3	**Board project status update** – Projects, Planning and Reporting Manager Information shared on NYLB projects, including Carbon farming Workshops, On farm dry-times Grants, Coastal Access strategy and Property Management Plans. Some discussion around notification of grant recipients ensued. It was noted that the terms of our contract with the Federal Government mean that we are somewhat constrained in how these programs are managed and in our communications.
3 Items for Decision	
3.1	**Financial Analysis YTD February 2025 –** Business and Finance Coordinator External project funding has been received as budgeted with Stronger Country invoicing expected to be completed by June 30, 2025. Activities are showing good progress with the cash flow and equity position expected to remain strong throughout the 2024-25 financial year. **Motion** ***That the Northern & Yorke Board:*** • ***receive and note the YTD February 2025 Financial Analysis.*** *P Angus / H Cowan* ***CARRIED*** ***AIF***
3.2	**Artificial Intelligence Policy** – Administration and Governance Services Coordinator It was noted that Artificial Intelligence software is accessible for everyone to use as it is supplied as standard on NYLB computers. This policy guides the use of this software and notes that this policy will need to be reviewed regularly as this is a rapidly changing sector and has implications for NYLB IT security, reputation and how we work. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***approve the implementation of a new artificial intelligence and large language model policy and include amendments as discussed*** • ***adopt the Department of the Premier and Cabinet Guideline for the use of Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Model Tools*** • ***note the effectiveness of the policy will be reviewed after 12 months, then two-yearly thereafter or when required to meet the ongoing needs of the Board*** *S Scarman / E Lawley* ***Carried*** ***AIF***
3.3	**Remote Piloted Aircraft Policy –** Landscape Operations and Compliance Manager NYLB own 2 Remote piloted Aircrafts (Drones) which are used to undertake a range of observational tasks and activities. The use of drones is and becoming more common when implementing projects. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***approve the attached Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Policy.*** *E Lawley / H Cowan* ***Carried*** ***AIF***
3.4	**Grassroots Grant Guidelines –** Team Leader, Rangelands Request to support the recommendation of funds for the Grassroots applications and changes to the application and assessments process.
	The Board nominated E Lawley and L Redden as the Board representatives on the assessment panel. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***approve the recommended allocation of funds of $200 000*** • ***note and approve the amendments to the eligibility criteria*** • ***nominate two Board members to the grants assessment panel*** • ***approve that any unallocated first nations project grant funding be quarantined for use towards supporting First Nations Projects*** *H Cowan / P Angus* ***Carried*** **AIF**

3.5	**Board Advisory Committees 2025** Board members nominated their preferences and were allocated to the committees. **Five Nations Landscape Committee**: E Lawley, H Cowan, N Robins **Governance and Finance Committee**: P Angus (Chair), S Scarman, L Redden **Baroota WAPAG**: S Scarman **Barossa WAPAG**: G White (Chair) **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the membership of the Five Nations Landscape Committee and the Governance and Finance Committee, including the nomination of Governance and Finance Committee Chair, for a period of two years; and*** • ***Endorse the appointment of Board Members to the existing Barossa and Baroota WAPAG's.*** *P Angus / E Lawley* ***Carried*** ***AIF***
3.6	**Strategic Plan process** General Manager The Strategic plan for 2026-2031 has commenced with various staff and community surveys providing beneficial feedback. Following planning workshops and consultation, the final Draft Plan will be ready to seek approval from the Minister in June 2026. (post State Election). All Landscape Boards have agreed to work towards this timeframe. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***Endorse the Strategic Planning Process to be undertaken to develop the Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031.*** *S Scarman / H Cowan* ***Carried*** ***AIF***
4 Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
4.1	**Animal Welfare Act Review –** Marna Banggara Project Manager The updated Animal Welfare Act has been passed in Parliament. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the passing of the updated Animal Welfare Act in parliament***
4.2	**SA Draft Biodiversity Bill** To note the submission of the Biodiversity Act to better protect the states unique and precious biodiversity. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the information provided in this briefing regarding the Northern and Yorke Landscape Boards submissions to the draft Biodiversity Bill.***
4.3	**Nature Repair Market** The Nature Repair Market has recently been launched by the Federal Government. Large parts of the NYLB are eligible to participate using the first method of assessment released. This could provide significant opportunities for revegetation projects in the region **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the information provided in this briefing regarding the Nature Repair Market and opportunities for the Northern and Yorke region*** *4.1 4.2 4.3* *S Scarman / H Cowan* ***Carried*** ***AIF***

4.4	**Worlds End Conservation** - Presented by Guest Speaker: W Avery W Avery provided a passionate update on the WEC, including the history and goals they want to achieve with the bushland and biodiversity. Some ways for the Board to support this work were discussed at the conclusion of the presentation.
5 Standing Reports for Noting (to be discussed only if required)	
5.1	**Presiding Member report** Tabled
5.2	**Board Member reports** Nil
5.3	**Communications and Engagement report** Tabled
5.4	**Correspondence** Tabled
5.5	**RLT report** Tabled
5.6	**WHSW Minutes draft** Tabled
5.7	**Board Forward Planner** Reviewed and updated
5.8	**Board Calendar of Events** Reviewed and Updated • NYLB office opening celebration • Five Nations Landscape Committee meeting • Cultural Capability Training • SA Industry Climate Change Conference • Landscape Boards forum • International Rangelands Congress • NRMRA Knowledge Conference – Cairns Sept 25
6 Other Items	
6.1	**Additional agenda items from Item 1.2** Nil
7 Meeting Closure	
7.1	**Invitations for next meeting** Marna Banggara
7.2	Next meeting 22 May 2025 in Port Pirie
7.3	Meeting closed: 4:30pm

Signed

Geoffrey White

Geoff White Presiding Member