

Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Board Meeting Number 41

Minutes

Date:	18 June 2025		
Start Time:	10:33am	Finish Time:	3:15pm
Location:	4 Seventh Street Gawler South	Room:	River Room
Present			
Board members:	Geoff White (<i>Chair</i>), Peter Angus [via Teams], Erika Lawley, Sue Scarman, Holly Cowan, Leo Redden and Nicki Robins		
Staff:	Tony Fox (<i>General Manager</i>), Rebecca Howard (<i>Business and Planning Manager</i>), Paul O’Leary (<i>Landscape Operations & Compliance Manager</i>), Samantha Johnson (<i>Communications and Engagement Manager</i>) Libby Duncan (<i>Projects Coordinator</i>) [via Teams] Chris Martin (<i>Business and Finance Services Coordinator</i>), Danielle Bone, (<i>Business & Finance Services Coordinator</i>), Janet Moore (<i>Djulda-wawa Badja Project Manager</i>), Michelle Simes (<i>Administration and Governance Coordinator</i>) and Paige Boylan (<i>Executive Assistant/Officer; minute recorder</i>)		
Guest:	Anna Pannell (<i>URPS</i>) [via Teams]		
Apologies:	Nil		
1 Meeting Standing Items			
1.1	Welcome and Quorum, Acknowledgement of Country and apologies The Chair opened the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board (NYLB) meeting at 10:33am, welcoming members and NYLB staff L Redden acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.		
1.2	Additional agenda items Refer to item 7.1		
1.3	Conflict of interest disclosures H Cowan declared a conflict of interest for an in-camera item.		
1.4	Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting The minutes from board meeting number 40 held on 22 May 2025, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. G White / S Scarman CARRIED / AIF		
1.5	Confirmation of actions The Action List was reviewed and updated. - Consumer Pricing Index (CPI) 2025-26 Water Levy application for gazetting - Invite Green Adelaide to the September 2025 meeting. The Board to consider changing the location from Clare to the Barossa - E Newchurch, Chair of the Point Pearce Aboriginal Corporation (PPAC) be invited to attend the next board meeting (20/8/25 in Clare) to provide feedback on the AIATSIS Summit he attended in Darwin		
2 In-Camera			
2.1	Board In Camera Session T Fox explained an item was being moved from the main Agenda to an In Camera session due to confidentiality provisions needing to be adhered to. At 10:50am the meeting was moved to ‘In Camera’ due to the information the disclosure (J) of which: <i>(i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official</i>		

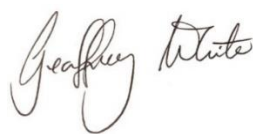
	(ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; (Ref: Section 23 (5) LSA Act) it was noted staff remained in the room for the session G White / S Scarman CARRIED Motion At 12:08pm the meeting moved out of 'In Camera' and back to the main meeting G White / S Scarman CARRIED
3 Deputations and Presentations	
3.1	L Duncan provided the Quarterly Board Projects update with a comprehensive review of the Projects being implemented since January 2025 as well as an account of the projects being wrapped up by the end of the financial year. Adapting to Climate and Emissions (ACE) Farmer Highlights: - On-farm Dry Times Grants: 70 Grants were funded covering a total 219 037Ha of improved land management practices, with an impressive 17 day average for farmers to receive their money into accounts - A checklist guide to reduce emissions and increase efficiency - podcasts completed: 'What you need to know now' - The delivery of 21 workshops/field days - Carbon Farming, roadside vegetation, nature repair, Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU) scheme Fact Sheets/booklets created 'Watch this space' for the Northern and Yorke Landscape board Sustainable land management survey Some upcoming events for board member to become involved with: Carbon Ready Ag Conference; - this is the first conference to be held in the State. The location has been organised in Port Pirie and recognised as a region best suited to promote as many primary producers as possible to engage in practices - E Pratt was acknowledged for the work she has committed in pulling the resources together for this event - Exciting space for the Northern and Yorke Landscape board to be delivering Weed wise; know the rules, take control - An Initiative by M O'Dea and N Modra. The project identified many farmers not being aware of their obligations under the Landscape Act. Successful workshops were rolled out across the region, providing a clear understanding of the legal responsibilities. Attendees are to be provided with a free chemical user training certificate after completing the session. Stronger Country Highlights: 16 site visits and property plans near completion 2 First Nations events held on Ngadjuri Country 2 Pygmy Blue-tongue lizard fauna population surveys completed with Flinders University - A video on Iron-grass Natural Temperate Grassland 5ha of weed removal to improve the Threatened Ecological Communities (TEC) condition Presiding Member congratulated the team for all the worthwhile work they are doing, and the valuable information being offered to communities.
4 Items for Decision	
4.1	Financial Analysis YTD May 2025 Operations have resulted in a higher YTD deficit for the year compared to what was forecasted. This will be offset by 4th quarter Levy income and the expected result will align with the financial year forecast of the full year deficit of \$377.4K. The boards' cash position remains in a strong position at the end of May with no risks foreseen regarding cash management.

	Most external project funding has been received as budgeted with the balance of Stronger Country and ACE Farmer invoicing expected to be completed by June 30, 2025. Recommendation <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</i> <i>receive and endorse the YTD May 2025 Financial Analysis.</i> S Scarman / E Lawley CARRIED / AIF
4.2	2025-26 Business Plan Following the June board meeting, feedback was provided to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's leadership team. The Business plan was discussed and examined for consideration on refining the content for approval. Action: P Angus suggested to welcome new members and acknowledge ongoing members G White to update the Introduction R Howard to include at \$50k provision for works complimenting the 4 catchments project, which will include urban rivers. Update Regional description to include the renewable energy sector Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>approve the 2025-2026 Annual Business Plan.</i> <i>with amendments as discussed at the board meeting on 18/6/2025</i> S Scarman / E Lawley CARRIED / AIF
4.3	2025-26 Budget The 2025-26 Budget has been prepared for consideration and aligns with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's priorities as outlined in the 2025-26 Business Plan. Following approval, the 2025-26 Budget is loaded into the treasury budget system. Action G White proposed that the budget management policy be included on the agenda for the July 2025 Governance and Finance meeting for endorsement, then to the Board for approval. Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>approve the 2025-2026 Budget as outlined in this paper</i> <i>approve in principle the revision of the Board Budget Policy to allow flexibility throughout the year, including providing authority to the General Manager to reallocate budgets within each priority.</i> S Scarman / E Lawley CARRIED / AIF
5. Items to note and carry as one Motion (the Board to note information papers in this section)	
5.1	WHS minutes Minutes of the Work Health Safety and Wellbeing meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2025 were tabled.
5.2	Summary of grant programs 2022-2025 A Grants and Projects Officer has recently been appointed and will assist with the administration tasks for the 2025-26 grants round. P O'Leary explained that the unsuccessful grassroot grant applicants will be contacted by K Pearce and directed towards other funding opportunities, such as bite-sized grants and working alongside existing district landscape officer projects.

	Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>note the summary of the Bite-sized Grants and Grassroots Grants programs delivered from 2022 – 2024</i>
5.3	Natural Resource Centre Project Proposal Request to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to note and approve the funding to support the Barossa Bushgardens Natural Recourse Centre (NRC). The NRC received funding to support its Connect to Country project which involves schools and the community restoring native vegetation. Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>Note 24/25 funding grant approved by the General Manager to support the Barossa Bushgardens Natural Resource Centre (NRC).</i>
5.4	Revisiting Natural Capital Approach The SA Landscape Boards have committed considerable time exploring opportunities to develop Statewide Natural Capital Accounts. J Barwick was engaged by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board (NYLB) in February 2024 to assist. She proceeded to research the scope and options, then approached experienced organisations, resulting in interviewing two groups to carry out the Natural Capital Approach (NCA) work for the NYLB. The NYLB chose IDEEA as the group to undertake the work to develop a biodiversity scorecard as a trail of the use of the NCA for our Region. The overview has been presented to the Landscape Board General Managers, who are supportive of the concept. This model has the capacity to scale to cover the other regional priorities and it is hoped that it will form the basis for our works programs and reporting in the future. Recommendation <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>note the progress by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board towards developing a regional Natural Capital Scorecard</i>
5.5	Regional delivery partner indigenous participation plan With numerous changes to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, the Indigenous Participation Plan (the Plan) aims to support meaningful engagement and participation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Plan outlines what the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board need to do to meet the requirements of The Plan. Motion <i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i> <i>note the approval of the Northern and Yorke Indigenous Participation Plan in relation to the Panel of Regional Delivery Partners for Environmental Protection, Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Services</i> H Cowan / P Angus CARRIED / AIF

6 Standing Reports for Noting (to be discussed only if required)	
6.1	Presiding Member report reported on attendance at various conferences, meetings and forums
6.2	Board Member reports E Lawley reported on her attendance at the International Rangelands Congress
6.3	Landscape SA forum; survey results M Simes provided information on the feedback received from the Landscape SA Forum held from 12-14 May 2025. Responses were informative and offered improvement suggestions and topics for future forums.
6.4	Communications and Engagement report Reviewed and noted
6.5	Correspondence Reviewed and noted
6.6	Board Forward Planner Reviewed and updated
6.7	Board Calendar of Events Reviewed and updated Action: S Johnson to provide information on the National Tree Day Events R Howard to provide Water Allocation Plan consultation dates
7 Other Items	
7.1	Algal bloom occurring on SA coastlines Presented [via Teams] by Grant Pelton from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Note: N Robins and L Redden left the meeting at 2:45pm and 3:00pm respectively
8 Meeting Closure	
8.1	Invitations for next meeting Budget papers
8.2	Next meeting 20 August 2025 in Clare
8.3	Meeting closed 3:15pm

Signed



Geoff White
 Presiding Member