

## 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 and we pay respect to Ngadjuri elders past and present. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to Country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples visiting / attending from other areas of Australia.*

Meeting Title: Board Meeting		NY Landscape Board Meeting # 17	
<b>Date:</b> Wednesday, 18 May 2022			
<b>Start Time:</b>	13.18	<b>Finish Time:</b>	16.09
<b>Location:</b>	Pt Broughton	<b>Room:</b>	Council Chambers Barunga West Council 11 Bay Street
<b>Attendees:</b>	Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member), Sarah Barrett, Geoffrey White, Sam Germein, Maree Wauchope and Peter Angus (Community Board Members)		
<b>Staff:</b>	Tony Fox (General Manager), T Boyce (Landscape Operations Manager), Chris Martin (Business and Finances Coordinator by Teams), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business Services Manager), M Simes Governance and Finance), Janet Moore (Project Manager) and Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant)		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>	Giverny Rodgers, A/Principal / Biodiversity Officer, PIRSA		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Phil Heaslip		
<b>Note:</b>	Prior to the meeting, a presentation from M Wauchope and then a site visit to Fisherman’s Bay which commenced at 11.00am		
Item	Meeting Standing Items		
1	<b>Welcome, Acknowledgment to Country, apologies and agenda check</b>		
1.1	<b>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</b> Nil		
1.2	<b>Minutes from the previous meeting</b> The minutes from meeting No 16 held on 16 March 2022, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.  G White / M Wauchope <b>CARRIED</b>		

1.3	<p><b>Action List</b> Reviewed and updated.</p>
1.4	<p><b>WHS minutes DRAFT minutes of meeting 10 March 2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was confirmed that the Region’s quad bikes are fitted with roll bars</li> <li>The disposal of a treadmill was queried.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion</b> <b>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>endorse the minutes of the WHS meeting held 10 March 2022</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein <b>CARRIED</b></p>
1.5	<p><b>NY Landscape Board Project and RLP update</b></p> <p>The quarterly report regarding the Board’s Projects and Sustainable Agriculture was discussed including funding assistance from the coastal project for the Osprey platform at Pt Broughton.</p> <p>An update on the Goyder’s Line, Marna Banggara and the Living Flinders Regional Land Partnership (RLP) projects. Project outcomes and milestones were presented and final project delivery requirements will be met was anticipated.</p>
<p><b>2 - Deputations and Presentations</b></p>	
2.1	<p><b>Willamulka Corridor Project – presentation by Janet Moore</b></p> <p>The project aims are to preserve the rail corridor and notably the “Mona Siding” which is situated within the council districts of Barunga West and Copper Coast.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The corridor is 28 kilometres in length with pre European vegetation making it of significant importance</li> <li>A steering committee has been formed and future Narrunga involvement is to progress.</li> </ul>
2.2	<p><b>Feral Deer Control Economic Analysis - presented by Giverny Rodgers</b></p> <p>It is estimated there are 40,000 deer in South Australia and an economic analysis has been completed with a proposed funding amount of \$14 million required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective eradication to reduce the population to 1000 deer by 2032 and shutting the gate on farmed deer is proposed</li> <li>Economic analysis to understand if it is valuable to eradicate the deer population</li> <li>The analysis report is expected to be released shortly and funding will be sourced for delivery and engagement with landholders and other stakeholders</li> <li>It is anticipated that culling will commence from July 2022</li> <li>Funding may be requested from landscape boards and on an ongoing basis.</li> </ul> <p><b>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>note the Feral Deer Control Economic Analysis</b></li> </ul> <p><b>(G Rodgers– left the meeting at 2.28pm)</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTED</b></p>

3 - Strategic Items	
3.1	<p><b>State Landscape Strategy</b> Presiding Members from all landscape regions have signed the agreement.</p> <p><b><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>note the information in this briefing and attachments regarding the State Landscape Strategy.</i></b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein <b>CARRIED</b></p>
3.2	<p><b>Business Plan</b> The final draft of the business plan was presented for discussion. An increase in the biodiversity area was noted.</p> <p><b><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>approve the 2022-2023 Annual Business Plan; and</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>seek Ministerial endorsement of the plan prior to 30 June 2022</i></b></li> </ul> <p><b><i>(2.32 pm M Wauchope left the meeting)</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein <b>CARRIED</b> <b>All in favour</b></p>
4 - Items for Decision / Discussion	
4.1	<p><b>Finance Presentation YTD 2021-2022</b> The Business and Finance Coordinator joined the meeting and presented the financial analysis.</p> <p><b><i>(2.40pm M Wauchope re-joined the meeting)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>note and receive the April 2022 YTD financial analysis</i></b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTED</b></p>
4.2	<p><b>2020-2021 Financial Benchmarking Exercise</b> The benchmarking of financial data against other regional landscape boards was presented to the General Managers at their recent meeting and was well received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Northern and Yorke is the only region apart from Green Adelaide that pays more in Water Management fees than receives in income</li> <li>• The work of the NY finance team in collating and presenting this information was commended.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>note the South Australian landscape boards' 2020-2021 financial data benchmarking presentation and key points from the results</i></b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTED</b></p>

4.3	<p><b>Correspondence requiring a response – Wild Dog Program</b> The Board agreed to again finance the Wild Dog Program for 2021-2022.</p> <p><b><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>note the SA Wild Dog Trapping Program outcomes for 2021-2022</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>approve a funding contribution of \$18,750.00 to the 2022-2023 Wild Dog Trapping Program</i></b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / G White <b>CARRIED</b> <b>No dissent</b></p>
4.4	<p><b>Goat Steering Committee Project</b></p> <p>The establishment a goat steering committee with other boards to investigate options for the management of feral deer was requested. It was further requested that the Board contribute \$20,000 towards contracted services for work within the project. All other boards have committed funds.</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>It was queried if any landholders have been involved in the establishment of the goat steering committee and this is to be followed up.</p> <p><b><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>approve the contribution of \$20,000 towards the Goat Management Steering Committee Project.</i></b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / S Barrett <b>CARRIED</b> <b>No dissent</b></p>
4.5	<p><b>Flows for the Future Project</b></p> <p>A range of options are being investigated and will be presented to the Board in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was raised that some low flow devices that have been installed but have not, as yet had any water flow</li> <li>• A potential weakness was suggested that there is no contingency for ongoing inspections and maintenance replacements.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>note the details of this briefing regarding the Flows for the Future project and potential cost recovery options.</i></b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTED</b></p>
4.6	<p><b>Disposal approval for shed at Snowtown – Michelle Simes</b></p> <p>A three bay storage shed at Snowtown, previously owned by the Animal and Plant Board and now an asset of the Board is surplus to needs. Four options were presented, seeking a decision.</p>

	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>A suggestion for inserting an advertisement in public notices seeking community interest for a private sale of the Snowtown Shed but with the proviso the cement base be removed. The sale to be offered for nil consideration to a community body which is suitably insured.</p> <p><b>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>approve the shed, located at Snowtown be offered for sale for nil consideration to a community body which is suitably insured and if that option is not taken, we offer the shed for private sale</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">S Barrett / P Angus <b>CARRIED</b></p>
4.7	<p><b>Weather station network in NY</b></p> <p>Following the transition to landscape boards and boundary realignments, the Region gained ownership of five weather stations which now require a network upgrade at a financial cost.</p> <p><b>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>approve funding in the 2022/2023 financial year of up to \$15,000 for the upgrade and maintenance of the weather station network, noting ongoing operation and maintenance costs of approximately \$5000 per annum will also be incurred.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">M Wauchope / P Angus <b>CARRIED</b> <b>All in favour</b></p>
4.8	<p><b>Water Planning and Management Contributions</b></p> <p>A discussion on the water planning and science charges from the Department of Water and Environment (DEW) compared to the other landscape regions and the income generated.</p> <p>It was noted that SA Water will be decreasing their contribution next financial year and a further opportunity for discussion can be raised at the Region's Water Planning Steering committee.</p> <p><b>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>note the information provided in this briefing regarding Water Planning and Management contributions.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTED</b></p> <p><i>(3.42pm M Wauchope left the meeting)</i></p>
4.9	<p><b>NAIDOC celebrations support – paper to be held over to 15 June 2022 meeting</b></p>
4.10	<p><b>Acting General Manager Arrangements</b></p> <p><b>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>approve Mrs Rebecca Howard, Business Manager act in the role of General Manager, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board for the period 20 June 2022 to 11 July 2022.</b></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">P Angus / S Germein <b>CARRIED</b></p>

4.11	<p><b>Board Committee Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>note and approve the recommendations of the Planning and Performance and Governance and Finance meetings held 20 April 2022</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">S Germein / P Angus <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><i>(3.46pm P Angus left the meeting)</i></p>
4.12	<p><b>Calendar of Events</b></p> <p>All 15 councils in the region will be visited by the General Manager and others on an annual basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition of WAPAG meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>Action</b></p> <p>The NRM Knowledge Conference 31 October to 2 November 2022, in Margaret River to be added to the Board calendar of events. The Board may wish to send a representative and the matter is to be discussed at a future meeting.</p>
<b>5 - Items for Noting.</b>	
5.1	<b>SA Drought Hub</b>
5.2	<b>NYLB Communications and Engagement</b>
5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>note items 5.1 to 5.2 inclusive</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)</b>	
6.1	<p><b>Presiding Member report</b></p> <p>A brief verbal report</p>
6.2	<b>Board Member reports</b> – nil received
6.3	<b>Communication and Engagement Report</b>
6.4	<b>Correspondence</b>
6.5	<b>RLT report</b>
6.6	<b>Board forward planner</b>
6.7	<p><b>District Reports</b></p> <p><i>That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>note 6.1 to 6.7 inclusive</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>NOTED</b></p>
<b>7 - In Camera Session (if required)</b>	
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8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	<b>Invitations for next meeting</b>
8.2	<b>Next meeting 15 June 2022 in Clare</b>
8.3	<b>Meeting closed 4.09pm</b>  <b>Action</b> A mistletoe control briefing to be presented at the next meeting of the Board

Signed



**Caroline Schaefer**  
**Presiding Member**