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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: Board Meeting		**NY Landscape Board Meeting #34**	
Date: 21 August 2024			
Start Time: 12.30pm		**Finish Time:**	
Location:	Watervale	**Room:**	'The Vale'
Present:	Geoffrey White (Chair), Peter Angus, Sam Germein, Jenny Loftes, Bruce Michael, Erika Lawley, Sue Scarman, Adrian Shackley and Russell Johnstone		
Staff in Attendance:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business and Planning), Chris Martin (Business and Finance Services Coordinator), Paul O'Leary (Landscape Operations and Compliance Manager), Samantha Johnson (Team Leader, Communications and Engagement), Libby Duncan (Projects Planning and Reporting Manager) and Rosemary McDowell (Executive Assistant / Minutes)		
Visitors / Guests:	Bob Perry (Burra Revegetation Group)		
Apologies:	Lindsay Thomas (Nukunu Nation)		
Note:	The meeting commenced at 11.30am with a workshop - 'Finance 101' presented by the Business and Finance Services Coordinator.		

Item	**Meeting Standing Items**
1.1	**Welcome, apologies and agenda check.**
1.2	**Additional agenda items** • People Matter Survey results. • Board member induction 17 February 2025.

1.3	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** A conflict of interest and a perceived conflict of interest for A Shackley and B Michael respectively was raised for item 3.6.
1.4	**Minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting No 33 held on 19 June 2024 were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. R Johnston / S Scarman **CARRIED**
1.5	**Action List** Reviewed and updated. L Thomas, acting as chair at the June 2024 meeting of the Five Nations Landscape committee was invited to present to the Board but was a late apology. A suggestion that attendance by Microsoft Teams into the future may be a better option but it was also noted that it is invaluable to have face to face contact.
2. Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	**Guest Speaker -** Bob Perry Following a request from the Regional Council of Goyder in 2012, a subcommittee of volunteers was formed to plan maintenance for a 6–7-kilometre length of the Burra Creek. • A report was created and presented illustrating the years 2012 - 2024 and an Executive Summary was tabled at the meeting. • The Board commended the great commitment by the volunteers in this project and may be able to offer assistance for weed spraying in the future.
3. Items for Decision	
3.1	**Draft Financial Statements 2023 - 2024** A thank you to the relevant staff for submitting the draft financial statements. Little change is proposed to the final version. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the draft financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2024.*** A Shackley / E Lawley **CARRIED**
3.2	**Business Plan minor amendment** – tabled. The carry over figure in the Business Plan 2024-2025 has decreased. An amendment to reflect the change was completed following previous approval from the Board and the Plan has been uploaded to the Board's website.

	Action A letter to the Minister is to be drafted to note the amendment made to the carryover figure in the 2024-2025 Business Plan. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the amendments to the Business Plan*** • ***endorse the Business Plan as presented.*** R Johnstone / J Loftes **CARRIED**
3.3	**Wild Dog Program** The Board has been a supporter of the Wild Dog program since its inception both financially and with board and staff attending the South Australian Wild Dog Group (SAWDAG) meetings. • The Board has a current representative, but they have not been invited to attend a meeting, however no meetings have been held in the past 18 months. • Whilst no dogs have been destroyed in the last financial year within the Northern and Yorke Region, it was suggested that may be due to the work carried out further north. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the report on the SA Wild Dog Trapping program for 2023-2024.*** • ***approve the NYLB financial contribution of $18,750 for the 2024-25 SA Wild Dog Trapping Program*** P Angus / S Germein **CARRIED**
3.4	**Financial contribution to support study of red Stringybark** - resubmitted The Board was interested in the study, but it was queried if it is an appropriate funding source and a lesser contribution from the initial request was proposed. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***approve a financial contribution of $2,000 to University of South Australia for the development of science-based management action proposals for supporting the survival of the Red Stringybark population of Spring Gully Conservation Park.*** A Shackley / P Angus **CARRIED** **Majority in favour**

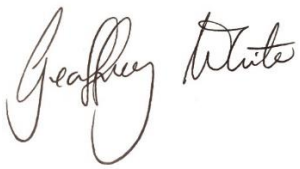
3.5	**Ratify Out of Session -** Grassroots Grants A discussion arose on the process for an out of session briefing and a slight amendment to the Boards Meeting Processes Guide working copy will be noted with a review scheduled for May 2025. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note their out of session approving the successful Grassroots Grants applications for 2024-2025 and the re-direction of underspent funds.*** A Shackley / E Lawley **CARRIED** **B Michael did not vote**
3.6	**Unsuccessful Grassroots Grants 2024** **(A Shackley left the meeting at 1.54pm due to a conflict of interest)** The successful applicants for the Grassroots Grants are to be notified on 22 August 2024. Many of the unsuccessful grant applications will be assisted by board staff to apply for alternative funding or reapplying in the next round. **(2.01pm J Loftes raised a conflict of interest in an unsuccessful grant application and left the meeting)** All the 15 councils in the Region were represented with community applications except for Barunga West with no applications received. It was noted that many councils are applying for funding through the Grassroots Grants process but more applications from community groups are to be encouraged. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note and discuss the unsuccessful Grassroots Grants application.*** R Johnstone / P Angus **CARRIED** **AIF** **(2.05pm – A Shackley and J Loftes returned to the meeting)**
3.7	**Discussion - Board Meeting processes guidelines** The Board Meeting processes guidelines document was endorsed by the Board at the 15 May 2024 meeting and was discussed at item 3.5.
3.8	**Meeting schedule for 2025** A draft meeting schedule was presented for endorsement and minor date changes were noted for amendment. **Note** - the Landscape Conference scheduled for 13- 14 May 2025 in Adelaide

	Motion: **That *the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the meeting schedule for 2025 as amended for the Board and Board Advisory committee meetings with the amendments.*** • ***endorse the 2025 meeting schedule be available on the Regions website.*** R Johnstone / B Michael **CARRIED**
3.9	**Committee recommendations** - First Nations Landscape and Governance and Finance Committees **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***note and approve the recommendations of the Governance and Finance and the Five Nations Landscape* Committee *meetings held on 26 June and 24 July 2024*** S Scarman / B Michael **CARRIED AIF**
3.10	**Calendar of events** A review of the calendar dates and board representation for attendance: • 19 September 2024, Hart Field Day – J Loftes • 20 September 2024, Agricultural Bureau of SA – G White • 22 September 2024, Beetaloo Water release – Sue Scarman • 17 February 2025, Board member induction in Adelaide - all members The *Grassroots Committee Listening Tour* in Pt Pirie was held on 12 August 2024. Following the event S Scarman was notified that Jack Batty MP, Acting Shadow Environment Minister will visit the region and she would be invited to attend at a date to be advised.
4 - Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
4.1	**Community Insurance** The Board was requested to review the list of community groups covered under the Board's insurance and advise if any further groups should be added. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board*** • ***note the independent community groups that have been provided with insurance coverage while undertaking board related activities during the 2024-25 financial year.*** E Lawley / S Germein **NOTED**

5 – Standing Reports for Noting (to be discussed only if required)	
5.1	**Presiding Member report** A verbal report was presented and a written one to be sent following the meeting.
5.2	**Board Member reports –** Received from A Shackley, E Lawley, J Loftes and S Scarman
5.3	**Communication and Engagement Report**
5.4	**Correspondence**
5.5	**RLT report**
5.6	**Board Forward Planner**
5.7	**WHS - draft minutes**
6 - Board In Camera Session	
	The meeting was moved to 'In Camera' due to the information the disclosure (J) of which: (i) would divulge information provided on a confidential basis by or to a Minister of the Crown, or another public authority or official; (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest; Tony Fox, Rebecca Howard, Libby Duncan, Sam Johnson, Chris Martin and Rosemary McDowell all were requested to remain for the In Camera meeting. G White / P Angus **CARRIED** **Motion** 3.35 pm - That the meeting moves out of *In Camera* and back to the main meeting where members of the public may be present. G White / S Scarman **CARRIED**
7 - Other Items	
7.1	**Additional agenda items from Item 1.2** <u>People Matter Survey results.</u> A preliminary look at the results of the recent survey completed by the public sector. It was noted that the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board did very well. The management team will review, analyse, and work out an action plan to ensure focus remains on the results. A summary will be presented to the Board. <u>Board member induction 17 February 2025</u> An invitation for all board members to attend.

8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	**Invitations for next meeting** Mayor Kerley and the members of the Board's Project Planning and Reporting team
8.2	**Next meeting details** Pt Broughton 18 September 2024
8.3	**Meeting closed.** **3.52pm**

Signed



Geoff White
Presiding Member