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. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to Country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal peoples visiting / attending from other areas of South Australia

Meeting Title: NY Board Meeting		**NY Landscape Board Meeting # 7**	
Date: Monday, 22 February 2021			
Start Time:	1030	**Finish Time:**	1550
Location:	Nuriootpa	**Room:**	Barossa Council Chambers
Attendees:	Caroline Schaefer (Presiding Member), Sarah Barrett, Geoffrey White, Phillip Heaslip, Peter Angus and Sam Germein (Community Board Members)		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Rebecca Howard (Manager Business Services), Terry Boyce (Landscape Operations Manager), Chris Martin (Business and Finance Services Coordinator), Jennifer Munro (Planning Officer), Rosemary McDowell (Regional Executive Support Officer)		
Visitors / Guests:	Mike Fuller, General Manager, Water Licensing, DEW		
Apologies:	Anna Baum (Community Board Member)		

Item	**Meeting Standing Items**
1	Welcome, apologies and agenda check
	Workshop The Board Members completed a site visit to the Barossa Bushgardens following their presentation and invitation at the 14 December 2020, board meeting.
1.1	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** A perceived conflict of interest was raised regarding the Baroota Water Allocation Plan by Phil Heaslip in his duty as the Mayor of the Mount Remarkable Council. This disclosure was suggested as a professional conflict and no further action taken.

1.2	**Minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting No 6 held on 14 December 2020, were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. G White / S Barrett **CARRIED**
1.3	**Action List** Reviewed and updated
1.4	**Work Health Safety (WHS)** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note, review and analyse summary details provided of all work health and safety hazards and incidents reported from 1 September 2020 to 31 December 2020*** ***as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021.*** P Angus / S Germein **CARRIED**
1.5	**Board Project Status** **Other items** A perceived potential conflict of interest was raised by board member Geoff White due to his involvement with *Trees for Life*. It was noted that board members may on occasion be subject to perceived conflict of interest situations due to their involvement with other organisations. No further action. **Noted** – The move to the new office in Gawler is proposed for 12 March 2021 **Noted** - The common seal will be used to transfer the ownership of the Burra office
2. Deputations and Presentations	
	A workshop presentation on the development of the new Landscape Plan and noted at item 4.5
3. Strategic Items	
3.1	**Baroota Water Allocation Plan** Mike Fuller, General Manager, Water Licensing DEW presented to the Board and gave a brief background of the Baroota Prescribed Water Resources Area. It was prescribed on 19 June 2008 and there are 18 existing users with use between 1.9 and 2.8 GL per annum. There are no further issuing of licenses but a transfer to an existing user can occur. Two methods for approaching existing users is proposed and was discussed. Theoretical Crop requirements (TCR) or metered use. It was noted that a carry-over allocation for users can transpire but is dependent on the current water levels at that time. A two month consultation period with the community is projected and is to be led by the Board. It is proposed the WAP consultation should commence in March 2022. It was suggested the Pump Hydro power at Baroota will not have a significant impact on the Baroota Plan.

	It was further suggested that an environmental water plan for the Board should include environmental and cultural water flows. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the proposed approach to progress the Plan and for allocating water to existing users in the Baroota PWRA;*** • ***note the expected timing for progress the Plan and the existing user process outlined in Attachment 2;*** • ***note that the Board will be kept informed of progress, including any significant risks to project delivery or amendments in the timeline throughout the project;*** • ***endorse the proposed approach to progress the Plan so that work can commence.*** **as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021** P Heaslip / P Angus **CARRIED**
4	**Items for Decision / Discussion**
4.1	**Finance report – YTD January 2021** The Statement of Comprehensive report noted a surplus as at 31 January 2021 and a surplus at the end of the financial year. • The current asset position is strong, however, there is still a lot of spending to occur until the end of the financial year • Water licence payments may need to be reviewed at the end of the third quarter.
4.2	**Landscape Land Levy CPI Increase and Equalisation** The CPI has been revised to a level of 1% which will significantly affect the levy income. Additionally the levy equalisation will affect the income. • The Region is actively pursuing large landscape projects to minimise risks to the Board's income. • A five year projection will be presented to the Board with staff wages and fixed costs once the final cash balance is available. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***note the confirmation of the consumer price index for the Landscape Land Levy in 2021/2022; and*** • ***note that a number of strategies are being investigated in preparation for land levy equalization in the 2022/2023 year.*** • ***The board supports the work of the RMT to commence planning and to present regular updates.*** ***as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021*** S Germein / P Heaslip **CARRIED**

4.3	**Burra Creek Water Monitoring** The previous monitoring of the Burra Creek sites was managed under another region and following the boundary realignment, it has been placed into that of the Northern and Yorke. It was suggested it could be the responsibility of DEW and carried out under general revenue. The local community value the monitoring and utilise the data and the information is fed into the Murray Darling Water review. Should not enough useful information be ongoing, it was suggested this will be decommissioned. **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board** • ***approve to fund data collection and maintenance of equipment at water monitoring sites A4261149 and 6730 – 481 in the 20/21 and 21/22 financial years.*** • ***note that further review of Burra Creek water monitoring will be undertaken over the next 12 months to explore whether a lower cost monitoring strategy can be found.*** ***as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021*** P Angus / G White **CARRIED**
4.4	**Reframing of the Living Flinders RLP Project** A brief discussion on the Living Flinders RLP project that has now been realigned to other projects. **Motion** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***note the circumstances that necessitated the reframing and renegotiation of the Living Flinders Regional Landcare Partnership project.*** • ***note the re-alignment of the Living Flinders project activities to match those of the Goyder's Line project, to maximize outcomes in the drought resilience and climate adaptation space.*** ***as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021*** S Germein / P Angus **CARRIED**
4.5	**Landscape Plan draft concept** A workshop was held prior to the board meeting to review the draft Landscape Plan and to progress it. Alterations to the draft document to be completed and further feedback is required. **Action** Urgent feedback to the Water Planning Officer by the first week of March 2021, and an updated version of the draft Plan will be sent to all Board members for review. All board members were in agreeance for the suggestion of a short video that is partnered to the Plan and uploaded onto the website which would modernise the document and can tell a story.

4.6	**Independent member of the GF Committee – briefing paper tabled** The Board was presented with options to consider engaging an independent member onto their Governance and Finance Committee. A discussion ensued and it was suggested that staff have suitable qualifications to advise the Board on financial matters, they are supported with the annual audit and the risk management framework. **Motion** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • ***endorse the current Governance and Finance Committee Membership, and do not seek to engage an independent member to the Committee;*** • ***note that the Board may seek to appoint an independent member or seek external (contract) advice at any time.*** ***as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021.*** P Heaslip / P Angus **CARRIED**
4.7	**Board Committee Recommendations** A brief discussion on the issues from off road vehicles travelling on sand dunes and their impacts to vegetation and Aboriginal cultural sites as raised at the Aboriginal Engagement Committee on 11 February 2021. This was raised at the Chairs Forum the following day with the Minister and he is aware of this issue and identified local governments as the responsible body. **Action** Correspondence is to be directed to the affected party from the Presiding Member on the impacts of off road vehicles travelling on sand dunes. The EP has a partnership with local government and that documention may be of interest to the NY and is to be followed up. **Motion:** **That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:** • ***note and endorse the recommendations of the Planning and Performance and the Governance and Finance held on 1 February 2021 and the Aboriginal Engagement Committee meeting held and 11 February 2021*** ***as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021*** S Barrett / S Germein **CARRIED**
4.8	**Out of Session approval - Best Practice Operating Procedures (BPOP)** ***Motion*** ***That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board ratify their decision to:*** • ***approve the continuation of the existing Water Affecting Activities Best Practice Operating Procedures agreements and***

	• *approve the use of the updated Best Practice Operating Procedures template for the renewal of the existing agreements and any new agreements and* • *approve the use of the updated Current Recommended Practice for Removal of Vegetation information sheet* *as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 22 February 2021* G White / P Angus **CARRIED**
4.9	**Calendar of Events 2021** **Action** The towns for the May and August 2021 board meetings to be swapped.
5 - Items for Noting. The Board to note information papers in this section are to be carried as one motion only	
6 – Standing Items for noting (to be discussed only if required)	
	(1537pm T Fox left the meeting)
6.1	**Presiding Member report**
6.2	**Board Member reports** submitted by G White and P Heaslip
6.3	**Communication and Engagement Report**
6.4	**Correspondence**
6.5	**RMT report**
6.6	**Board forward planner** *That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board;* • *Note items 4.1 and Items 6.1 to 6.6 inclusive* P Angus / S Barrett **CARRIED**
7 - In Camera Session (if required)	
8 - Meeting Closure	
8.1	Invitations for next meeting
8.2	Next meeting details - Clare
8.3	Meeting closed 1550

Signed

Caroline V. Schaefer

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Presiding Member