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To:
The Hon David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water

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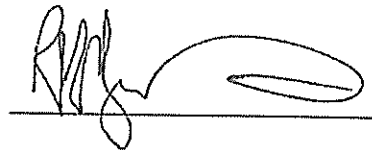
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Submitted on behalf of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources
Management Board by:

Richard Barratt
Presiding Member

Date 26/11/2019

Signature

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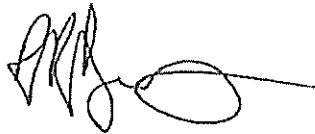
From the Presiding Member

This report covers the fourteenth year of operation of the Board and highlights the key role it plays in engaging and collaborating with stakeholders and agencies to improve natural resources in the South Australian Arid Lands region.

The Board continues to encourage community participation in NRM across the landscape by supporting the communities, townships and industries (pastoral, mining, tourism etc) through programs and projects to protect valuable ground and surface waters; improve pastoral land management; and conserve natural ecosystems.

I thank the Board, the NRM Groups and community members for their continued commitment to meeting the natural resource challenges throughout the region.

I commend this report to you.

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Richard Barratt

Presiding Member

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board

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Overview: about the Board

Our strategic focus

Our Purpose The purpose of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) is to enable integrated and sustainable management of natural resources. The Board was established on 9 December 2004 under the provisions of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004. The Board prepares and implements a regional NRM plan which guides the management of natural resources in the South Australian Arid Lands region.

The Board promotes public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable NRM, and works with the community and stakeholders to increase involvement in, and capacity to undertake natural resources management through a range of mechanisms.

Our Vision The South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management region is made up of healthy, functioning ecosystems (landscapes) which sustain our industries (livelihoods) and communities (lifestyles).

Our Principles

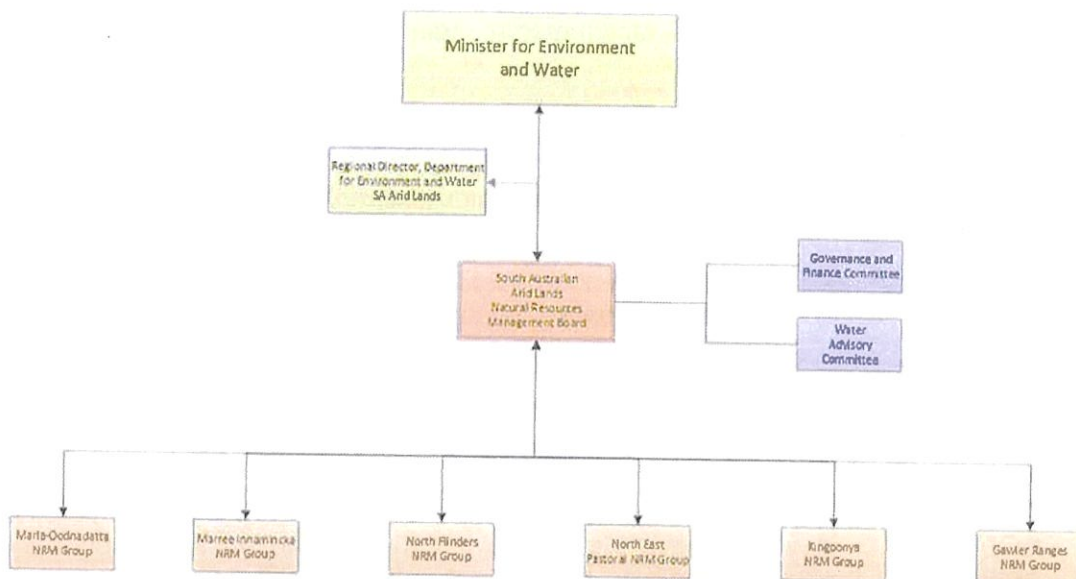
- We are collaborative, consider community values, and involve people in decision-making.
- We facilitate resilient and adaptable lifestyles, livelihoods and landscapes.
- We are accountable, transparent, adaptive and action-oriented.
- We take a landscape (systems) approach (not assets e.g. plants, animals, soils, water) to regional planning.
- We drive decision-making by understanding system resilience and 'tipping points'.
- We use evidence-based decision-making incorporating best available science, local and cultural knowledge that improves understanding of system resilience.
- We maximise public return on investment.
- We comply with legislation.

Our functions, objectives and deliverables The Board's objective is to help achieve ecologically sustainable development in the State by establishing an integrated scheme to promote the use and management of natural resources in a manner that:

- Recognises and protects the intrinsic values of natural resources across the region
- Seeks to protect biological diversity and, insofar as is reasonably practicable, to support and encourage the restoration or rehabilitation of ecological systems and processes that have been lost or degraded
- Provides for the protection and management of catchments and the sustainable use of land and water resources and, insofar as is reasonably practicable, seeks to enhance and restore or rehabilitate land and water resources that have been degraded
- Seeks to support sustainable primary and other economic production systems with particular reference to the value of agriculture and mining activities to the economy of the State
- Provides for the prevention or control of impacts caused by pest species of animals and plants that may have an adverse effect on the environment, primary production or the community
- Promotes educational initiatives and provide support mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to be involved in the management of natural resources.

Our organisational structure

Section 25 of the NRM Act provides for the appointment of the Board. The Board comprises of nine members appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water. Each of the appointed members of the board is a person who in the opinion of the Minister meets the requirements of section 25(4) of the NRM Act.



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Sub-committees of the Board

- Governance and Finance Committee
- Water Advisory Committee

The membership of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board during 2018-19 was:

- Janet Crommelin-Brook (Presiding Member to 15/6/19)
- Rick Barratt
- Glenise Coulthard
- Janice Ferguson
- Mark Sutton
- Murray Tyler
- Ellen Litchfield – appointed 14/4/19
- Catherine Hollingsworth – term completed 23/2/19
- Leonard Nutt – term completed 23/2/19
- Malcolm Pridham – term completed 13/4/19

A total of six general Board meetings and three special Board meetings were held during the 2018–19 financial year.

Member Name	Meetings attended	Reason for non-attendance
Janet Crommelin Brook	9	
Richard Barratt	8	Other commitments
Glenise Coulthard	5	Other commitments
Janice Ferguson	7	Other commitments
Mark Sutton	7	Other commitments
Murray Tyler	8	Other commitments
Ellen Litchfield	1	Appointed 14/4/19
Catherine Hollingsworth	4	Term completed 23/2/19
Leonard Nutt	5	Term completed 23/2/19
Malcolm Pridham	6	Term completed 13/4/19

Changes to the Board

During 2018-19 there were no changes to the Board's structure and objectives as a result of internal reviews or machinery of government changes.

Our Executive team

The Board does not employ staff. Those staff who undertake the work of the Board are employed through the Department for Environment and Water in accordance with a service level agreement.

The Office of the Commissioner of Public Sector Employment has a data dashboard for further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by Board.

Legislation administered by the Board

Natural Resources Management Act 2004

Other related agencies (within the Minister's area/s of responsibility)

Department for Environment and Water

Adelaide and Mount Lofty Natural Resources Management Board

Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board

Kangaroo Island Natural Resources Management Board

Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board

South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board

South East Natural Resources Management Board

Environment Protection Authority

SA Water

Green Industries SA

The Board's performance

Performance at a glance

The Board has successfully delivered its programs aligning to SA Arid Land region's goals for lifestyles, livelihoods and landscapes. The community's capacity to manage natural resources has been achieved through engagement in training, field days and extension, support for NRM groups and planning, and the provision of community grants. Landscape-scale pest animal control including wild dog control south of the fence, fox, goat, and large feral herbivores has been delivered to protect the region's production and biodiversity values. Water planning to ensure sustainable use of the region's water resources continues to be progressed.

Board contribution to whole of Government objectives

Key objective (Govt)	Board's contribution
Resilient communities	Goal 1- Lifestyles: People who have the capacity, commitment and connections to manage natural resources.
Sustainable economy	Goal 2 – Livelihoods: Diverse industries that innovate, adapt and support local economies within ecologically sustainable limits.
Vibrant biodiversity	Goal 3 - Landscapes: Functioning, healthy environment with connected ecosystems that are understood, valued and protected.

Board specific objectives and performance

Board objectives	Indicators	Performance
Partnerships and community engagement	Increase in the capacity (awareness, knowledge and skills) of people to manage natural resources through their engagement and participation in NRM activities.	17 NRM events delivered in the region, involving 462 participants. Events included: North West Pastoral field day, Marla-Oodnadatta field day, bore maintenance workshop, stress-free stockmanship workshops, Chemcert training, school nature education, Bounceback and Beyond familiarisation day for tourism operators, 'sticky-beak' day to showcase restoration and erosion control works at Secret Rocks, Kids on Country camp at Hiltaba, feral pig control workshops.

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Board objectives	Indicators	Performance
Partnerships and community engagement	Community groups' capacity to delivery NRM works improved through delivery of Community Grants	14 Community Grants approved. Recipients listed on SAAL website
Sustainable water use, planning and evaluation	Water Affecting Activities (WAA) enquiries and applications addressed	All enquiries and applications addressed
	Water compliance program	Compliance program under review in 2019/20.
Sustainable Landscapes - Biosecurity	Far North Prescribed Wells Area Water Allocation Plan drafted for community consultation	Draft completed; consultation planned for 2019-20.
	Biteback (wild dog control) program implemented south of the dog fence (participation and capacity building outcomes, wild dog population and distribution monitoring)	On-going activity; annual targets met. Outcomes include: coordination of landholder baiting activities, delivery of Spring and Autumn bait injection services, and delivery of aerial baiting program, with 6.8 million ha baited, involving 47 properties.
	Pest control activities under NLP projects 'Coongie Wetland Wonders' and 'Bounceback and Beyond' delivered and contractual requirements met.	Project milestones met. Project overview and reporting on MERIT . Outcomes include: Protection of Coongie Lakes Ramsar wetland values through control of large feral herbivores across 257,000ha, and weed control across 5,100 ha; Reduction in threat to biodiversity from foxes, goats and cats across 745,000 ha in the Gawler, Flinders and Olary Ranges.
	Pest control activities under Commonwealth Drought Funding delivered.	Large feral herbivore (camel) control undertaken across 500,000 ha in the Marla-Oodnadatta district.

Board objectives	Indicators	Performance
Sustainable Landscapes – Sustainable Industries	National Landcare Program (NLP) 'Landscape Legacies' project delivered and contractual requirements met. Landholder networks developed and supported and information disseminated through Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator and Community Engagement Officers.	Project completed. Project overview and reporting on MERIT . Outcomes include detailed reviews of soil conservation works on 6 properties, production of 4 case studies and 3 workshops held to improve land managers' understanding of water movement and soil conservation practices, attended by 31 people. Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator program delivered.
Sustainable Landscapes - Functional Ecosystems and Scientific Services	National Landcare Program projects delivered and contractual requirements met. Condition and status of biodiversity maintained or improved in management areas	Project milestones met. Project overview and reporting on MERIT . Baseline monitoring established for threatened species and pest animal impacts on biodiversity values in Coongie Lakes, and Gawler, Flinders and Olary Ranges. Hydrology and vegetation response modelling completed for Coongie Lakes Ramsar area.
NRM Planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting	NRM groups actively engaged in NRM planning and delivery. Implementation of SAAL Strategic NRM Plan 2017-2027 (delivery against key strategy areas)	6 NRM groups supported; ongoing Ongoing

Corporate performance summary

The Department for Environment and Water provides the corporate, governance and administrative support services to the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board on a fee for service basis in accordance with a Services Level Agreement (SLA).

Employment opportunity programs

The Board does not employ staff. Those staff who undertake the work of the Board are employed through the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) in accordance with a Service Level Agreement (SLA), with detail reported in the DEW Annual Report 2018-19.

Board performance management and development systems

Performance management and development system

Service Level Agreement Not assessed during this reporting period.

Australian Government Performance Framework Not assessed during this reporting period.

Annual Board Performance Evaluation Strategic operation of the Board was reviewed in February 2019, and results were assessed and analysed. Recommendations were provided to the Board for consideration at the time and are evaluated annually. In addition, a short review of the outcomes of the meeting is undertaken at each meeting.

Review of DEW and Board Policies The Governance and Finance Committee review DEW and Board Policies and recommend to the Board whether they are suitable for use.

Work health, safety and return to work programs

The South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board operates in accordance with the relevant safety policies and procedures that have been adopted by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) to meet whole of Government and legislative requirements.

Reporting on compliance with the relevant safety policies and procedures forms part of DEW Annual Report 2018-19.

Program name

Performance

The Board operates in accordance with the relevant safety policies and procedures adopted on 26 October 2017.

There has been no incidents recorded.

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Workplace injury claims	2018-19	2017-18 YYYY- YY	% Change (+ / -)
Total new workplace injury claims	0	0	0
Fatalities	0	0	0
Seriously injured workers*	0	0	0
Significant injuries (where lost time exceeds a working week, expressed as frequency rate per 1000 FTE)	0	0	0

*number of claimants assessed during the reporting period as having a whole person impairment of 30% or more under the Return to Work Act 2014 (Part 2 Division 5)

Work health and safety regulations	2018-19	2017-18 YYYY- YY	% Change (+ / -)
Number of notifiable incidents (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012, Part 3</i>)	0	0	0
Number of provisional improvement, improvement and prohibition notices (<i>Work Health and Safety Act 2012 Sections 90, 191 and 195</i>)	0	0	0

Return to work costs**	2018-19	2017-18	% Change (+ / -)
Total gross workers compensation expenditure (\$)	0	0	0
Income support payments – gross (\$)	0	0	0

**before third party recovery

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/sa-arid-lands-nrm-board-annual-report-data>

Executive employment in the Board

Executive classification	Number of executives
SAES	0

The Board does not employ staff. Those staff who undertake the work of the Board are employed through the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) in accordance with a Service Level Agreement (SLA).

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The [Office of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment](#) has a [workforce information](#) page that provides further information on the breakdown of executive gender, salary and tenure by agency.

Financial performance

Financial performance at a glance

The financial performance and position as at 30 June 2019 are contained within the audited financial statements and attached to the Annual Report Appendix.

Consultants disclosure

The following is a summary of external consultants that have been engaged by the Board, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for the work undertaken during the financial year.

Consultancies with a contract value below \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
There were no consultancies below \$10,000		\$0

Consultancies with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Consultancies	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
There were no consultancies above \$10,000		\$0

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/sa-arid-lands-nrm-board-annual-report-data>

See also the [Consolidated Financial Report of the Department of Treasury and Finance](#) for total value of consultancy contracts across the South Australian Public Sector.

Contractors disclosure

The following is a summary of external contractors that have been engaged by the Board, the nature of work undertaken, and the actual payments made for work undertaken during the financial year.

Contractors with a contract value below \$10,000

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
All contractors below \$10,000 each - combined	Various	\$79,158.87

Contractors with a contract value above \$10,000 each

Contractors	Purpose	\$ Actual payment
Anditi Pty Ltd	Aerial Survey	\$58,580.00
Commercial Helicopters	Aerial Feral Animal Control	\$43,020.12
Conservation Management	Community Workshop	\$12,334.63
Gum Creek Station	Wild Dog Aerial Baiting	\$16,540.00
Helifarm Aerial Agriculture	Aerial Feral Animal Control	\$54,000.00
Primary Industries & Resources	Coordination services for the Wild Dog Trapper Program & Pest Weed Control & Managing weeds in the Coongie Lakes RAMSAR Project	\$77,465.45
Willydah Pty Ltd	Training for Community	\$12,100.00
Wrightsair Pty Ltd	Aerial Feral Animal Control	\$14,757.97
	Total	\$281,798.17

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The details of South Australian Government-awarded contracts for goods, services, and works are displayed on the SA Tenders and Contracts website. [View the agency list of contracts.](#)

The website also provides details of [across government contracts.](#)

Other financial information

Under Section 42(5) of the NRM Act, financial assistance can be made to third parties such as community groups, industry, state and local government, land owners and individuals for various projects and programs under the Regional NRM Plan. A grant totalling \$2,250 under the Wild Dog Trapper Rebate was offered to RJ Michael Proprietors in 2017-18 but not acquitted until the 2018-19 financial year.

Statement of fact for significant ministerial directives

In accordance with s10(5) of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (the NRM Act), the board advises that no ministerial directives were received during this reporting period.

Statement of fact for significant functions assigned by the Minister

The Minister did not assign to the Board any significant functions in accordance with section 29 of the NRM Act.

Statement of fact for functions or powers delegated to the Board

The Minister did not assign to the Board any significant additional functions or powers under the NRM Act or any other act in accordance with regulation 9e of the NRM (General) Regulations 2005.

Statement of fact for functions or powers delegated by the Board

The Board operates pursuant to the provisions in, and functions and powers delegated under, the NRM Act.

The Board has delegated appropriate procurement, finance and contracting powers to relevant members of DEW staff assigned to work on board programs in accordance with regulation 9d of the NRM (General) Regulations 2005 and s36 of the NRM Act. This enables assigned staff to undertake operational board business.

NORTH FLINDERS NRM GROUP

The membership of the North Flinders NRM Group during 2018-19 was:

- Brendon Bevan (Chair) – retired 08/2/2019
- Ian Ferguson (Chair)
- Kate Blackmore – retired 24/2/2019
- Lesley Nicholls
- Reg Wilton
- Ngatina Purnell-Webb – appointed 1/7/2018
- Norton Warnest – appointed 1/7/2018
- Glenys Aird (Proxy) - appointed 1/7/18

Meetings: general and special

A total of four general NRM Group meetings were held during the 2018-19 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

Member	Meetings attended	Reason for non-attendance
Brendon Bevan (Chair)	1	Resigned 8/2/2019 – other commitments
Ian Ferguson	4	Appointed chairperson 20/2/2019
Kate Blackmore	1	Resigned 24/2/2019 – other commitments

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Lesley Nicholls	3	Other commitments
Reg Wilton	3	Other commitments
Ngatina Purnell-Webb	4	
Norton Warnest	4	
Glenys Aird	1	Proxy

Key Achievements and focus for the North Flinders NRM Group during the 2018-19 financial year include running a Feral Pig workshop at Martins Well Station, organising a soil conservation workshop in Leigh Creek, touring soil conservation works on Wirrealpa Station and providing a submission to the Landscapes SA consultation.

MARREE-INNAMINCKA NRM GROUP

The membership of the Marree-Innamincka NRM Group during 2018-19 was:

- Gina Reick – term completed 30/6/19
- Arthur Ah Chee
- Alex Nankivell
- Frank Warren
- Mark Mayfield – appointed 1/7/18
- Jayne-Marie Barnes (Proxy)
- Raylene Ogilvy (Chair) - retired 5/12/18
- Valerie Fuschtei – retired 26/9/18
- Patricia Waye-Hill (Proxy) – term completed 30/6/19

Meetings: general and special

A total of five general NRM Group meetings were held during the 2018-19 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

Member	Meetings attended	Reason for non-attendance
Gina Reick	4	Other commitments.
Arthur Ah Chee	5	
Alex Nankivell	4	Other commitments
Frank Warren	5	
Mark Mayfield	2	appointed 1/7/18 – other commitments
Jayne-Marie Barnes	1	Proxy
Raylene Ogilvy	3	Retired 5/12/2018
Valerie Fuschtei	1	Retired 26/9/18 - other commitments.
Patricia Waye-Hill	0	Proxy – term completed 30/6/19

The district participated in a Snake Awareness and Remote First Aid course held at Bollards Lagoon in April 2018. The Group also held a Field Day in June 2018 which attracted over 100 people from pastoral properties, Marree township, stall holders, demonstrators, staff and tourists. The aim was to provide a platform through which

local red meat producers could access information, tools, and support around land management.

KINGOONYA NRM GROUP

The membership of the Kingoonya NRM Group during 2018-19 was:

- Clint Taylor (Chair)
- David Hunter
- James Barry – appointed 1/7/18
- Tricia Williams – retired 6/2/19
- Jasmine Richards – retired 13/05/19
- Jessica Barry (Proxy) – appointed 1/7/18
- Kate Taylor (Proxy)
- Tina Law – appointed 1/7/18
- Leighton Randall (Proxy) – retired 20/5/19

Meetings: general and special

A total of 5 general NRM Group meetings were held during the 2018-19 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

Member	Meetings attended	Reason for non-attendance
Clint Taylor	5	
Jasmine Richards	1	Retired 13/5/19 - other commitments
Jessica Barry	2	Other commitments
David Hunter	1	Other commitments
Tina Law	3	Other commitments
Tricia Williams	1	Retired 6/2/19 - other commitments
Kate Taylor	0	Proxy
Leighton Randall	1	Proxy – retired 24/05/19
James Barry	5	

The Kingoonya Group held a successful field day on 6 July 2018, with the following outcomes achieved:

1. 20 topics discussed including butchery, wildlife management, adapting new technology on properties, climate forecasting, mental well-being, animal health, industry outlook and commodities, sheep dog training soil erosion, and battery solar storage,
2. Total attendance of 260 people including 54 landholders attend, five from the mining sector, three from the conservation sector
3. Kingoonya NRM Groups profile was raised through members' visible presence at the event and taking on lead roles on the day. Two group members also were interviewed on the ABC Country Hour regarding the role and work of the group.
4. Feedback gathered from event attendees will be discussed at future group meetings and will assist in formulating ongoing group work and events.

The Group held a bore maintenance workshop aimed at producers to increase their knowledge about bores on their properties. 22 landholders attended from multiple NRM districts, with very positive feedback indicating landholders found it valuable.

GAWLER RANGES NRM GROUP

The membership of the Gawler Ranges NRM Group during 2018-19 was:

- Kate Greenfield (Chair)
- Lesley Koch
- Alistair Dermer – appointed 1/7/18
- Scott Michael – appointed 1/7/18
- Amanda Michael (Proxy) – appointed 1/7/18
- Denise Sharp – appointed 1/7/18
- Joel Venables – retired 1/2/19
- Josephine Drennan – retired 18/2/19

Meetings: general and special

A total of five general NRM Group meetings were held during the 2018-19 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

Member	Meetings attended	Reason for non-attendance
Kate Greenfield	5	
Lesley Koch	3	Other commitments
Alistair Dermer	2	Appointed 1/7/18
Scott Michael	1	Appointed 1/7/18
Amanda Michael	3	Proxy - appointed 1/7/18
Denise Sharp	3	Appointed 1/7/18
Joel Venables	0	Retired 1/2/19 - Other commitments
Josephine Drennan	1	Retired 18/2/19 - Other commitments

Focus for the Gawler Ranges NRM Group during the 2018-19 financial year included discussion about weedy plant species, particularly cactus control with cochineal, and its management being a great tool to engage with landholders.

The Group discussed activities around the management of kangaroos, goats, rabbits and wild dogs, the proposed Landscapes SA Act, Dog Fence replacement, and the Landscape Legacy and Bounceback and Beyond projects.

A Sticky Beak Day was held by the Group at Secret Rocks in May 2019, which showcased conservation activities.

NORTH EAST PASTORAL NRM GROUP

The membership of the North East Pastoral NRM Group during 2018-19 was:

- Richard Williams (Chair)
- Terrence Coulthard
- Nick Rasheed
- Sanchia Treloar
- Byron Crawford
- David Sawers – appointed 1/7/2018
- Kurt Tschirner – appointed 1/7/2018

Meetings: general and special

A total of five general NRM Group meetings and one special meeting were held during the 2018-19 financial year.

One special NRM Group meeting was held during the 2018-19 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

Member	Meetings attended	Reason for non-attendance
Richard Williams	6	
Terrence Coulthard	0	Other commitments
Nick Rasheed	4	Other commitments
Sanchia Treloar	3	Other commitments
Byron Crawford	3	Other commitments
Kurt Tschirner	5	Appointed 1/7/2018 - other commitments
David Sawers	4	Appointed 1/7/2018 - other commitments

Over the 2018-19 period, the Group have focused on running a Chemcert course, conducting a district wide NRM planning workshop and provided a submission to the Landscapes SA consultation.

MARLA OODNADATTA NRM GROUP

The membership of the Marla Oodnadatta NRM Group during 2018-19 was:

- Jacqueline Williams (Chair)
- Caroline Thomas
- Joel Kowald
- Francesca Lumb
- Alice Taysom
- Greg Warren - appointed 1/7/18
- Cameron Williams - appointed 1/7/18
- Christine Lennon (Proxy) - appointed 1/7/18

Meetings: general and special

A total of five general NRM Group meetings were held during the 2018-19 financial year.

Attendance by appointed members at meetings:

Member	Meetings attended	Reason for non-attendance
Jacqueline Williams	5	Other commitments
Caroline Thomas	5	Other commitments
Joel Kowald	3	Other commitments
Francesca Lumb	2	Other commitments
Alice Taysom	2	Other commitments
Greg Warren	1	Appointed 1/7/18 - other commitments
Cameron Williams	5	Appointed 1/7/18 - other commitments
Christine Lennon	3	Proxy – appointed 1/7/18 - other

Achievements during 2018-19 include a two day Field Day at Mt Barry Station and Coober Pedy Area School. The group ran two, two-day Stress Free Stockmanship courses at Mt Barry and Todmorden Stations. The group also ran a Recycled Art Competition at Coober Pedy Drive-in during National Recycling Week and organised a three day certified MIG welding training course for pastoral people at Coober Pedy TAFE.

Risk management

Fraud detected in the Board

Category/nature of fraud	Number of instances
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There were no instances of fraud detected in the 0 activities undertaken by the Board in this reporting period.

NB: Fraud reported includes actual and reasonably suspected incidents of fraud.

Strategies implemented to control and prevent fraud

Financial services are provided to the Board by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW). Strategies to detect instances of fraud are reported in the DEW Annual Report 2018-19.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/sa-arid-lands-nrm-board-annual-report-data>

Whistle-blowers disclosure

There were no occasions on which public interest information has been disclosed to a responsible officer of the Board under the *Whistleblowers Protection Act 1993*:

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Reporting required under any other act or regulation

Act or Regulation	Requirement
Development Regulations 2008	<p>12—Activities that would otherwise require a permit under the <i>Natural Resources Management Act 2004</i></p> <p>(1) Development comprising or including an activity for which a permit would be required under section 127(3)(d) or (5)(a) of the <i>Natural Resources Management Act 2004</i> if it were not for the operation of section 129(1)(e) of that Act (on the basis that the referral required by virtue of this item operates in conjunction with section 129(1)(e) of that Act), other than development within a River Murray Protection Area under the <i>River Murray Act 2003</i>.</p> <p>The Board received no mandatory development assessment referrals during this reporting period.</p>

Reporting required under the *Carers' Recognition Act 2005*

The South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board is not a required 'reporting agency', and all staff who undertake the work of the Board, are employed through a service level agreement with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW).

DEW has a strong commitment and provides support to ensure all employees who provide ongoing care for a person who has a disability or a chronic illness (including mental illness) or who is frail have flexible working arrangements to meet their situation.

Employees are encouraged to speak with their manager to seek support with flexible working arrangements including special leave with pay, compressed weeks, part-time hours or working from home. Employees can also seek support and guidance through the Health and Wellbeing Program, which incorporates the Employee Assistance Program.

Public complaints

Number of public complaints reported

There were no public complaints reported during the 2018-19 financial year. All records are reported in the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) 2018-19 Annual Report.

Data for previous years is available at: <https://data.sa.gov.au/data/dataset/sa-arid-lands-nrm-board-annual-report-data>

Appendix: Audited financial statements 2018-19

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT



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To the Acting Presiding Member South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board

As required by section 31(1)(b) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and section 37(2) of the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*, I have audited the financial report of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

Opinion

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board as at 30 June 2019, its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Accounting Standards.

The financial report comprises:

- a Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 30 June 2019
- a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019
- a Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2019
- a Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2019
- Disaggregated Disclosures – Expenses and Income for the year ended 30 June 2019
- notes, comprising significant accounting policies and other explanatory information
- a Certificate from the Acting Presiding Member, the Regional NRM Manager South Australian Arid Lands and the Chief Financial Officer of the Department for Environment and Water.

Basis for opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report' section of my report. I am independent of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board. The *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* establishes the independence of the Auditor-General. In conducting the audit, the relevant ethical requirements of APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants have been met.

I believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of the Regional NRM Manager and the Board for the financial report

The Regional NRM Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with the Treasurer's Instructions issued under the provisions of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the Australian Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Members of the Board are responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial report


My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resource Management Board's internal control
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Regional NRM Manager
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

My report refers only to the financial report described above and does not provide assurance over the integrity of electronic publication by the entity on any website nor does it provide an opinion on other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from the report.

I communicate with the Board about, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during the audit.



Andrew Richardson

Auditor-General

28 November 2019

**South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources
Management Board**

Financial Statements

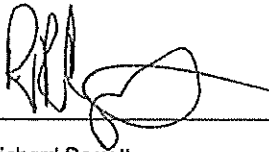
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South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Certification of the Financial Statements
for the year ending 30 June 2019

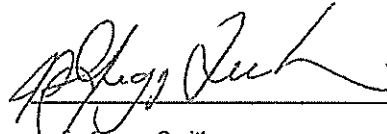
We certify that the attached general purpose financial statements for the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board:

- comply with relevant Treasurer's Instructions issued under section 41 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*, and relevant Australian Accounting Standards
- are in accordance with the accounts and records of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
- present a true and fair view of the financial position of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board as at 30 June 2019 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.

We certify that the internal controls employed by the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board for the financial year over its financial reporting and its preparation of the general purpose financial statements have been effective throughout the reporting period.



Richard Barratt
A / Presiding Member
26 November 2019



Jodie Gregg-Smith
Regional NRM Manager
South Australian Arid Lands
Department for Environment and Water
26 November 2019



Shaun O'Brien
Chief Financial Officer
Department for Environment and Water
26 November 2019

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Statement of Comprehensive Income
for the year ending 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Expenses			
Board, group and committee	2.2	102	95
Supplies and services	3.1	4 403	4 313
Grants and subsidies	3.2	2	197
Depreciation	3.3	4	5
Other expenses	3.4	27	44
Total expenses		4 538	4 654
Income			
Regional NRM and Water Levies	4.1	2 151	2 238
Commonwealth funding	4.2	2 225	1 327
Grants	4.3	686	590
Interest	4.4	19	25
Other income	4.5	108	92
Total income		5 189	4 272
Net result		651	(382)
Total comprehensive result		651	(382)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The net result and total comprehensive result are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Statement of Financial Position
as at 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	6.1	1 165	940
Receivables	6.2	673	118
Total current assets		1 838	1 058
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	5.1	7	11
Total non-current assets		7	11
Total assets		1 845	1 069
Current liabilities			
Payables	7.1	306	181
Total current liabilities		306	181
Total liabilities		306	181
Net assets		1 539	888
Equity			
Retained earnings		1 539	888
Total equity		1 539	888

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. The total equity is attributable to the SA Government as owner.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 30 June 2019

	Retained earnings \$'000	Total equity \$'000
Balance at 1 July 2017	1 270	1 270
Net result for 2017-18	(382)	(382)
Total comprehensive result for 2017-18	(382)	(382)
Balance at 30 June 2018	888	888
Net result for 2018-19	651	651
Total comprehensive result for 2018-19	651	651
Balance at 30 June 2019	<u>1 539</u>	<u>1 539</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. All changes in equity are attributable to the SA Government as owner.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 30 June 2019

		2019 (Outflows) Inflows \$'000	2018 (Outflows) Inflows \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities	Note		
Cash outflows			
Board member payments		(102)	(95)
Payments for supplies and services		(4 253)	(4 420)
Payments of grants and subsidies		(27)	(178)
Other payments		(27)	(44)
Cash used in operating activities		<u>(4 409)</u>	<u>(4 737)</u>
Cash inflows			
Grant and levy receipts		2 862	2 985
Commonwealth funding received		1 647	1 327
Interest received		19	25
Other receipts		106	92
Cash generated from operating activities		<u>4 634</u>	<u>4 429</u>
Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities		<u>225</u>	<u>(308)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		<u>225</u>	<u>(308)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		940	1 248
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	6.1	<u>1 165</u>	<u>940</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
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South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
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About the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board

The South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) is a body corporate established pursuant to the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (the NRM Act).

The Board operates under a Natural Resources Management Plan (NRM Plan) which was approved by the Minister for Environment and Water (the Minister) on 25 May 2010. The NRM Plan contains two volumes. Volume One is the ten year strategic plan and details the resource condition targets which provide the direction for the Board's programs and activities. Volume Two is the annual Business Plan which articulates the Board's forward planned revenue and expenditure for the following three financial years.

The Business Plan for the period 2016/17 to 2018/19 was approved by the Minister on 6 April 2016.

The Board's financial statements include all the controlled activities of the Board.

NRM Groups

The Board has established six NRM Groups to operate within its region. The function of the NRM Groups is defined by the NRM Act (section 52) and the NRM Group Charter. The Act provides that the NRM Groups are subject to the direction of the Board (section 47). In accordance with a direction issued by the Board and the NRM Groups' Charter the NRM Groups do not have the power to enter into contracts or procure goods or services in their own right. The Board has ensured that proper accounts have been kept of the NRM Group's activities and the related financial information has been incorporated in the accounts and financial statements of the Board for financial reporting purposes.

The Board's financial statements include the figures for the NRM Groups being: Gawler Ranges, Kingoonya, Marla-Oodnadatta, Marree-Innaminka, North East Pastoral and North Flinders. Due to their materiality they are not separately disclosed.

Direction by the Minister

On 16 April 2012, the Minister, pursuant to sub-section 24(3) of the *NRM Act*, directed the Board to:

- use the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) to provide the Board's business support and NRM services to the region
- enter into an agreement for these services
- fund the services and projects set out in the agreement.

The Board entered into a three year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with DEW in 2016-17 which includes the delivery of support services to the Board to ensure it is able to meet its statutory requirements under the NRM Act and an annual work plan for the delivery of the Board's Business Plan. This agreement details the services, projects and funds to deliver the annual work plan. This SLA is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

In accordance with notice published in the Government Gazette on 21 June 2012, all Board staff were transferred from employment under the NRM Act to the *Public Sector Act 2009*. This was effective from 1 July 2012 at which date staff were brought into the administrative unit of DEW. As a consequence:

- DEW assumed responsibility for the staff previously employed under the NRM Act by the Board
- all staff are now employed by the Chief Executive, DEW under the *Public Sector Act 2009*
- DEW is responsible for the management, supervision, liability, Work Health and Safety and human resources management of the staff that will undertake services under the Service Level Agreement SLA
- staff undertaking services on behalf of the Board are assigned to the Board under the NRM Act
- the payment for staff salaries is recharged to the Board under a Fee for Service Arrangement.

On March 20, 2019 the government introduced new legislation - the Landscape South Australia Bill, to drive a significant and enduring reform agenda for natural resources management in South Australia. If enacted, this will replace the current Natural Resource Management (NRM) Act. The current NRM arrangements remain unchanged for the 2018-19 financial year. The impact of the proposed Landscapes SA legislation to the operations of the Board during 2019-20 remain unknown.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

1.1. Basis of preparation

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements prepared in compliance with:

- section 23 of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*
- Treasurer's Instructions and Accounting Policy Statements issued by the Treasurer under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*
- relevant Australian Accounting Standards with reduced disclosure requirements.

For the 2018-19 financial statements the Board adopted *AASB 9 – Financial Instruments* and is required to comply with new *Treasurer's Instructions (Accounting Policy Statements)* issued on 22 March 2019. Further information is provided in note 8.

The financial statements are prepared based on a 12 month reporting period and presented in Australian currency. The historical cost convention is used unless a different measurement basis is specifically disclosed in the note associated with the item measured.

DEW prepares a Business Activity Statement on behalf of the Board under the grouping provisions of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) legislation. Under these provisions, DEW is liable for the payments and entitled to the receipts associated with GST. Therefore the Board's net GST receivable/payable is recorded in DEW's Statement of Financial Position. GST cash flows applicable to the Board are recorded in DEW's Statement of Cash Flows.

Assets and liabilities that are to be sold, consumed or realised as part of the normal operating cycle have been classified as current assets or current liabilities. All other assets and liabilities are classified as non-current.

1.2. Objectives and programs

Board objectives

The objectives of the Board as defined in the NRM Act are:

- to undertake an active role with respect to the management of natural resources within its region
- to prepare a regional NRM plan in accordance with the NRM Act, to implement the plan and to keep the plan under review to ensure the objects of the NRM Act are being achieved
- to promote public awareness and understanding of the importance of integrated and sustainable natural resources management within its region, to undertake or support educational activities with respect to natural resources management, and to provide mechanisms to increase the capacity of people to implement programs or to take other steps to improve the management of natural resources
- to provide advice with respect to the assessment of various activities or proposals referred to the Board under the NRM Act or any other Act
- to resolve any issues that may arise between the NRM groups that are relevant to the management of natural resources within its region
- at the request of the Minister or the NRM Council, or of its own initiative, to provide advice on any matter relevant to the condition of natural resources within its region, or on the management of those resources, to conduct any inquiry or audit, or to provide any other advice or report that may be appropriate in the circumstances
- any other functions assigned to the Board by the Minister by or under the NRM Act or any other Act.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
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1.2. Objectives and programs (continued)

Board programs

In achieving its objectives the Board provides a range of services classified into the following programs:

Lifestyles – People who have the capacity, commitment and connections to manage natural resources

The purpose of the Lifestyles program is to support people to have the capacity, connection and commitment to manage natural resources.

Livelihoods – Diverse industries that innovate, adapt and support local economies within ecologically sustainable limits

The purpose of the Livelihoods program is to support the regions diverse industries, to innovate and adapt to existing and emerging threats and opportunities. It includes knowledge sharing, training and on ground action.

Landscapes – Functioning, healthy environment with connected ecosystems that are understood, valued and protected

The purpose of the Landscapes program is to support capacity building and on ground delivery of threat abatement and ecological restoration programs that support functioning, healthy ecosystems that are understood, valued and protected.

The table below presents expenses and income attributable to each program.

Disaggregated Disclosures – Expenses and Income

	Lifestyles Program		Livelihoods Program		Landscapes Program		Total	
	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Expenses								
Board, group and committee	52	50	34	30	16	15	102	95
Supplies and services	948	1 174	1 192	1 727	2 263	1 412	4 403	4 313
Grants and subsidies	-	34	2	70	-	93	2	197
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	4	5	4	5
Other expenses	7	11	5	15	15	18	27	44
Total expenses	1 007	1 269	1 233	1 842	2 298	1 543	4 538	4 654
Income								
Regional NRM and Water Levies	826	637	562	718	763	883	2 151	2 238
Commonwealth funding	226	351	195	434	1 804	542	2 225	1 327
Grants	140	140	484	388	62	62	686	590
Interest	5	6	9	12	5	7	19	25
Other income	37	16	37	44	34	32	108	92
Total Income	1 234	1 150	1 287	1 596	2 668	1 526	5 189	4 272
Net result	227	(119)	54	(246)	370	(17)	651	(382)

The Board has determined that assets and liabilities cannot be reliably attributed to individual activities.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

2. Board, committees and employees

2.1. Key management personnel

Key management personnel of the Board include the Minister for Environment and Water, the Presiding Member, the Regional Director and the other members of the Board who have responsibility for the strategic direction and management of the Board.

The total compensation for the Board's key management personnel was \$142 000 in 2018-19 and \$133 000 in 2017-18.

The compensation disclosed in this note excludes salaries and other benefits the Minister for Environment and Water receives. The Minister's remuneration and allowances are set by the Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990 and the Remuneration Tribunal of SA respectively and are payable from the Consolidated Account (via the Department of Treasury and Finance) under section 6 the Parliamentary Remuneration Act 1990.

No transactions with key management personnel or related parties occurred during 2018-19.

2.2. Board and committee members

Members of the South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board during the 2018-19 financial year were:

J M Crommelin (Presiding Member)

R R Barratt

G M Coulthard

J D Ferguson

C Hollingsworth (retired February 2019)

L S Nait (retired February 2019)

M L Pridham (retired April 2019)

M R Sutton*

M H Tyler

E M Litchfield (appointed April 2019)

Members of groups and committees during the 2018-19 financial year were:

Kingoonya NRM Group

T B Law (appointed July 2018)

J L Barry

D Hunter

J G Barry

J A Richards (retired May 2019)

C Taylor (Chair, appointed October 2018)

T A Williams* (retired February 2019)

Northern Flinders NRM Group

B L Bevan (Chair, retired February 2019)

C M Blackmore (retired February 2019)

I C Ferguson (Chair, appointed February 2019)

L J Nicholls

N C Purnell-Webb (appointed July 2018)

N C Warnest (appointed July 2018)

R J Wilton

Marree-Innamincka NRM Group

R P Ogilvy (Chair, retired December 2018)

A Ah Chee

V T N Fuschtei (retired September 2018)

J Barnes

A Nankivell

G C Rieck

F Warren

M Mayfield (appointed July 2018)

Marla-Oodnadatta NRM Group

J R Williams* (Chair)

J M Kowald

F Lumb

A Taysom

C M Thomas

G D Warren (appointed July 2018)

C J Williams (appointed July 2018)

C Lennon (appointed July 2018)

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

2.2. Board and committee members (continued)

Gawler Ranges NRM

K Greenfield (Chair)
 L G Koch
 A J Dermer (appointed July 2018)
 J K Drennan (retired February 2019)
 J W Venables (retired February 2019)
 A Oswald (appointed July 2018)
 A J Michael (appointed July 2018)
 S D Michael (appointed July 2018)
 D Sharp (appointed July 2018)

North East Pastoral NRM Group

R J Williams (Chair)
 T C Coulthard
 B W Crawford
 K B Tschirner (appointed July 2018)
 N S Rasheed
 D Sawers (appointed July 2018)
 S Treloar

Governance and Finance committee

R R Barratt (Chair)
 J Brook
 M Tyler (retired April 2019)
 J Ferguson (appointed February 2019)

Water Advisory committee

L Brake (Chair)
 J Brook
 M Tyler
 A West*
 N Power*
 J Gregg-Smith*
 D Leek*
 A Smith* (appointed November 2018)

* In accordance with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's Circular Number PC016 *Remuneration for Government Appointment Part Time Boards and Committees*, government employees did not receive any remuneration for board/committee duties during the financial year.

Board and committee remuneration

The number of members whose remuneration received or receivable falls within the following bands:

	2019	2018
\$0 - \$19 999	63	53
Total number of members	63	53

Remuneration of members reflects all costs of performing board/committee member duties including sitting fees, superannuation contributions, salary sacrifice benefits and fringe benefits, and any FBT paid or payable in respect of those benefits. The total remuneration received or receivable by members was \$62 000 (2018: \$58 000).

For the purposes of this table, travel allowances and other out-of-pocket expenses paid to members, and employment on-costs have not been included as remuneration as it is considered to be reimbursement of direct out-of-pocket expenses incurred by relevant members, or form other costs of employment. These expenses amount to \$40 000 (2018: \$37 000).

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
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3. Expenses

3.1. Supplies and services

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Fee for service - Board funded DEW salaries	1 932	2 243
Fee for service	1 279	920
Fee for service - Corporate fee	387	457
Travel and accommodation	175	171
Minor works, maintenance and equipment	153	60
Vehicles and aircraft	115	100
Accommodation and property management	76	70
General administration	55	81
Information technology and communication	39	30
Staff development	34	43
Transport	6	10
Consultants	-	17
Other supplies and services	152	111
Total supplies and services	4 403	4 313

Operating leases payments

Operating lease payments (less any lease incentives) are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Consultants

The number and dollar amount of consultancies paid/payable (included in supplies and services expenses) fell within the following bands:

	2019	2019	2018	2018
	\$'000	Number	\$'000	Number
Above \$10 000	-	-	17	1
Total paid or payable to consultants	-	-	17	1

3.2. Grants and subsidies

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Pest management	-	123
Community grant	-	68
Sundry grants	2	6
Total grants and subsidies	2	197

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

3.3. Depreciation

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Plant and equipment	3	3
Vehicles	-	1
Furniture	1	1
Total depreciation	4	5

All non-current assets, having a limited useful life, are systematically depreciated over their useful lives in a manner that reflects the consumption of their service potential.

Review of accounting estimates

Assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate, on an annual basis. Changes in the expected useful life or the expected pattern of consumption of future economic benefits embodied in the asset are accounted for prospectively by changing the time period or method, as appropriate, which is a change in accounting estimate.

Useful life

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis over the estimated useful life of the following classes of assets as follows:

Class of asset	Useful life (years)
Plant and equipment	5-10
Furniture and furnishings	10

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
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for the year ended 30 June 2019

3.4. Other expenses

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Audit fees paid/payable to the Auditor-General's Department	27	44
Total other expenses	27	44

4. Income

4.1. Regional NRM and water levies

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Water levies collected through DEW	1 736	1 736
Regional NRM levies collected through Councils and DEW	415	502
Total Regional NRM and Water Levies	2 151	2 238

Under the NRM Act the Board receives two forms of levies, being the Regional NRM levy and the NRM Water levy.

The Board collects Land NRM Levies through District Councils at Roxby Downs and Coober Pedy and through DEW (for areas outside of council boundaries). Water Levies are received through DEW towards the costs of the Board performing its functions under the NRM Act.

This income is recognised as an asset and income when the Board obtains control of the contribution, or obtains the right to receive the funds.

South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board
Notes to and forming part of the financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2019

4.2. Commonwealth funding

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Commonwealth funding		
Regional Land Partnerships Program*	2 207	-
National Landcare Program received through DEW**	-	1 327
Other Commonwealth funding	18	-
Total Commonwealth funding	<u>2 225</u>	<u>1 327</u>

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
* Regional Land Partnerships Program funding consists of the following components		
Bounceback and Beyond – landscape scale protection for threatened semi-arid species and their habitat	790	-
Coongie Wetland Wonders – maintaining the values and improving the ecological function of the Coongie Lakes Ramsar	656	-
Core services	488	-
Landscapes Legacies – leadership in soil conservation practice across the pastoral zone of South Australia	243	-
Grazing Best Management Practice – Industry-led performance benchmarking for improved sustainability and profitability in the South Australian Pastoral zone	30	-
Total Regional Land Partnership funding	<u>2 207</u>	<u>-</u>

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
** National Landcare Program funding consists of the following components		
On-ground action for maintaining ecosystem services	-	467
Capacity building for maintaining ecosystem services	-	462
Sustainable agriculture	-	398
Total National Landcare Program funding	<u>-</u>	<u>1 327</u>

Contributions are recognised as an asset and income when the Board obtains control of the contributions or obtains the right to receive the contributions and the income recognition criteria are met.

The National Landcare Program (Phase 1) was funded by the Australian Government over four years from 2014-15 to 2017-18. Commonwealth funding was provided to ensure that on-ground works on important national environmental issues continued with the help of local communities.

From 1 July 2018, the Australian Government has commenced the Regional Land Partnerships (National Landcare Program Phase 2). The funding will support vital on-ground environment and agricultural projects that offer benefits to the environment, farms and communities.

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4.3. Grant revenues

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Grant revenues from SA Government		
State Government recurrent funding	332	332
Other State Government funding	284	188
Total grant revenues from SA Government	<u>616</u>	<u>520</u>
Other grant revenues		
Sundry grants	70	70
Total other grant revenues	<u>70</u>	<u>70</u>
Total grants revenue	<u><u>686</u></u>	<u><u>590</u></u>

Contributions are recognised as an asset and income when the Board obtains control of the contributions or obtains the right to receive the contributions and the income recognition criteria are met.

State Government recurrent funding

Recurrent grant funding is provided to the Board via the NRM Fund, to deliver core operational and governance requirements, in accordance with the NRM Act and the Board's Business Plan.

4.4. Interest revenues

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Interest	19	25
Total interest revenues	<u>19</u>	<u>25</u>

4.5. Other income

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Support Services	59	40
Sale of goods	19	33
Other revenue	30	19
Total other income	<u>108</u>	<u>92</u>

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5. Non-financial assets

5.1. Property, plant and equipment

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
Plant and equipment		
Plant and equipment at cost (deemed fair value)	119	119
Accumulated depreciation	(113)	(110)
Total plant and equipment	6	9
Furniture		
Furniture at cost (deemed fair value)	15	15
Accumulated depreciation	(14)	(13)
Total furniture	1	2
Vehicles		
Vehicles at cost (deemed fair value)	-	11
Accumulated depreciation	-	(11)
Total vehicles	-	-
Total property, plant and equipment	7	11

Property, plant and equipment with a value equal to or in excess of \$10 000 is capitalised, otherwise it is expensed.

Property, plant and equipment is recorded at fair value. Detail about the Board's approach to fair value is set out in note 10.1.

Impairment

There were no indications of impairment of property, plant and equipment as at 30 June 2019.

Reconciliation 2018-19

	Plant and equipment \$'000	Furniture \$'000	Vehicles \$'000	Total \$'000
Carrying amount at 1 July 2018	9	2	-	11
Depreciation	(3)	(1)	-	(4)
Carrying amount at 30 June 2019	6	1	-	7

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6. Financial assets

6.1. Cash and cash equivalents

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Deposits with the Treasurer	1 165	940
Total cash and cash equivalents	1 165	940

Cash is measured at nominal amounts.

Deposits at call and with the Treasurer earn a floating interest rate, based on daily bank deposit rates.

6.2. Receivables

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
<u>Current</u>		
Trade receivables		
From non-government entities	31	32
From government entities	62	84
Total trade receivables	93	116
Accrued revenue	578	-
Accrued interest	2	2
Total current receivables	580	2
Total receivables	673	118

Receivables arise in the normal course of selling goods and services to other government agencies and to the public. Receivables are generally settled within 30 days after the issue of an invoice or the goods/services have been provided under a contractual arrangement. Receivables and prepayments are non-interest bearing.

Receivables are held with the objective of collecting the contractual cash flows and they are measured at amortised cost.

Impairment of receivables

Refer to note 8.2 and 10.2 for details regarding credit risk and the methodology for determining impairment.

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7. Liabilities

7.1. Payables

	2019 \$'000	2018 \$'000
<u>Current</u>		
Trade payables	228	93
Accrued expenses	78	88
Total current payables	306	181
Total payables	306	181

Payables and accruals are raised for all amounts owing but unpaid. Sundry payables are normally settled within 30 days from the date the invoice is first received. All payables are non-interest bearing. The carrying amount of payables represents fair value due to their short-term nature.

8. Changes in accounting policy

8.1. Treasurer's Instructions (Accounting Policy Statements)

On 22 March 2019 the *Treasurer's Instructions (Accounting Policy Statements) 2019* were issued by the Treasurer under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*. The Accounting Policy Statements replaced the following Accounting Policy Frameworks:

- Purpose and Scope
- General Purpose Financial Statements Framework
- Asset Accounting Framework
- Financial Asset and Liability Framework
- Income Framework
- Definitions.

The new Accounting Policy Statements have largely been prepared on a no-policy change basis. Changes that impact on these financial statements are:

- removal of the additional requirement to report transactions with the SA Government.
- increasing the bands from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for employee and board member reporting.

These changes, however, do not impact on the amounts reported in the financial statements.

The Accounting Policy Statements also set out requirements in relation to Accounting Standards and Statements not yet effective.

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8.2. AASB 9 Financial instruments

AASB 9 Financial Instruments replaces the provisions of AASB 139 that relate to recognition, classification and measurement of financial assets and financial liabilities, derecognition of financial instruments, impairment of financial assets and hedge accounting. The adoption of AASB 9 from 1 July 2018 resulted in changes in accounting policies and adjustments to the amounts recognised in financial statements.

As part of the adoption of AASB 9, the Board adopted consequential amendments to other accounting standards and the Treasurer's Instructions (Accounting Policy Statements) arising from the issue of AASB 9 as follows:

- **AASB 7 Financial Instruments:** Disclosures requires amended disclosures due to changes arising from AASB 9, these disclosures have been provided for the current year because the comparatives have not been restated.

In accordance with transitional provisions and the Treasurer's Instructions (Accounting Policy Statements), AASB 9 Financial Instruments was adopted without restating comparative information for classification and measurement requirements. All adjustments relating to classification and measurement are recognised in retained earnings at 1 July 2018.

The adoption of AASB 9 has not had a significant effect on the recognition, measurement or classification of financial assets or liabilities.

9. Outlook

9.1. Unrecognised contractual commitments

Commitments include outsourcing arrangements arising from contractual or statutory sources and are disclosed at their nominal value.

Unrecognised contractual commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). If GST is not payable to, or recoverable from the ATO, the commitments and contingencies are disclosed on a gross basis.

Expenditure commitments

The Board's expenditure contracted for at the reporting date but not recognised as liabilities are payable as follows:

	2019	2018
	\$'000	\$'000
Not later than one year	-	58
Total expenditure commitments	-	58

The Board's commitments are non-cancellable contracts relating to grants payments or services.

9.2. Contingent assets and liabilities

Contingent assets and liabilities are not recognised in the Statement of Financial Position, but are disclosed by way of a note and, if quantifiable, are measured at nominal value.

The Board is not aware of the existence of any contingent assets or liabilities.



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10.2. Financial instruments (continued)

Classification applicable until 30 June 2018 under AASB 139 *Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement*

The carrying amounts are detailed below of each of the following categories of financial assets and liabilities:

- Loan and receivables
- Financial liabilities measured at cost.

Classification applicable from 1 July 2018 under AASB 9 *Financial Instruments*

On initial recognition, a financial asset is classified as measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) – debt instrument, FVOCI – equity instrument or fair value through profit or loss.

A financial asset is measured at amortised cost if it meets both of the following conditions:

- It is held within a business model whose objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows
- Its contractual terms give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest only on the principal amount outstanding.

The Board measures all financial instruments at amortised cost.

Category of financial asset and financial liability	Note	2019 Carrying amount \$'000	2018 Carrying amount \$'000
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents		1 165	940
Financial assets at amortised cost			
Receivables	(1)	638	118
Total financial assets		1 803	1 058
Financial liabilities			
Financial liabilities at amortised cost			
Payables	(1)	261	125
Total financial liabilities		261	125

(1) The receivable and payable amounts disclosed here exclude amounts relating to statutory receivables and payables (for example, Commonwealth, State and Local Government taxes, fees and charges; Auditor-General's Department audit fees). In government, certain rights to receive or pay cash may not be contractual and therefore in these situations, the requirements will not apply. Where rights or obligations have their source in legislation such as levies, tax and equivalents, they would be excluded from the disclosure. The standard defines contract as enforceable by law. All amounts recorded are carried at amortised cost.

