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Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting - Agenda

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 #52			
Date:	Wednesday, 18th November 2026	**Type:** 🗣 Verbal Report 🗐 Paper ☒ Nil Report	
Start Time:	9:00am	**Finish Time:**	5:10pm
Location:	River Room, Gawler NYLB Office		
Attendees			
Board Members:	Geoff White (Chair), Peter Angus, Erika Lawley, Sue Scarman, Holly Cowan, Leo Redden and Nicki Robins		
Staff:	Tony Fox (General Manager), Derek Sandow (Marna Banggara Project Manager), Libby Duncan (Projects Planning and Reporting Manager), Danielle Bone (Business and Finance Coordinator), and Jessica Freebairn (Executive Assistant/Officer; Minute recorder)		
Guest Speaker:	Tim Carruthers (Principal Advisor, Climate Science, Department for Environment and Water (DEW))		
Public Gallery:			
Apologies:			

Time	Item #	Item	Action	Lead	Page #
9:00am to 10:45am – Landholder Grant Program Workshop – L Duncan					
1 Standing Items					
11:00	1.1	Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country & Apologies	🗣	Chair	
11:10	1.2	Additional Items	🗣	Chair	
	1.3	Conflict of Interest – New Disclosures	🗣	Chair	
	1.4	Approval - Previous Meeting # Minutes	🗐	Chair	3-6
11:15	1.5	Action Register	🗐	Chair	7
2 Deputations and Presentations					
11:25	2.1	Marna Banggara update	🗣	D Sandow	
11:45	2.2	Financial Analysis - YTD October 2026	🗐	D Bone	8-14
12:30pm Lunch					
3 For Decision					
1:00	3.1	Strategic risk register	🗐	T Fox	15-28
1:10	3.2	Application of CPI to Land Levy 2027-2028	🗐	T Fox	29-31
1:20	3.3	Northern Areas Council Best Practice Operating Procedure Endorsement	🗐	T Fox	32-33
1:30	3.4	Governance and Finance Committee Recommendations	🗐	P Angus	34-43
1:40	3.5	2027 Updated Board and committee meeting schedule	🗐	All	44
4 For Noting (carried as one motion)					
1:50	4.1	RLT Report	🗐	All	45-46
	4.2	Referral Report	🗐	L Duncan	47
	4.3	Communications Report – October 2026	🗐	T Fox	48-56
5 Standing Items for Noting					

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2:20	2.3	Seasonal outlook from DEW	🗣	T Carruthers	
2:50	5.1	Presiding Member	🗣	Chair	
3:00	5.2	Board Members	🗣	Members	
3:10	5.3	Correspondence	🗐	Chair	57-66
3:20	5.4	Board Forward Planner	🗐	Chair	67-69
3:30	5.5	Board Calendar of Events	🗐	Chair	70
3:40	5.6	Five Nations Landscape Committee	🗣	L Duncan	
6 In Camera Session					
3:50	6.1	In camera session	🗐	Chair	
7 Additional Items					
4:50	7.1	From Item 1.2	☒		
8 Meeting Closure					
5:10	8.1	Next Meeting Invitations	☒	Chair	
	8.2	Next Meeting: 16 December 2026, Clare			
	8.3	Meeting Closed			

THE Northern and Yorke Landscape Board - Minutes

Meeting #51			
Date:	Wednesday, 23rd September 2026		
Start time:	10:08am	**Finish time:**	2:11pm
Location:	Clare Town Hall	**Room:**	Clerks Office
Present:			
Board members:	Geoff White (*Chair*), Sue Scarman, Holly Cowan, Nicki Robins, Erika Lawley		
Staff:	Tony Fox (*General Manager)*, Rebecca Howard *(Manager, Business and Planning)*, Libby Duncan (*Projects Planning and Reporting Manager),* Danielle Bone (*Business and Finance Services Coordinator),* Andrew Case (*First Nations Partnership Coordinator*), Jessica Cavallo (*Compliance Officer*), Jennifer Munro (Planning Officer), Jessica Freebairn (*Executive Assistant/Officer)* and Phoebe Helbig *(minute taker*)		
Guests:	Christy Songola (Flinders University)		
Apologies	Peter Angus, Leo Redden		
Note	Add information or remove line if blank		

Item	1 Meeting Standing Items
1.1	**Welcome, Acknowledgement of Country and apologies** The Chair opened the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board (NYLB) meeting at 10:08am, welcoming members, guests and NYLB staff. The chair acknowledged the traditional owners of the land.
1.2	**Additional agenda items** Nil
1.3	**Conflict of interest disclosures** No new disclosures
1.4	**Acceptance of minutes from the previous meeting** The minutes from meeting number 50 held on *23 August 2026* were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. S Scarman / E Lawley : ***CARRIED / AIF***
1.5	**Confirmation of actions** The Action Register was reviewed and updated.
2 Deputations and Presentations	
2.1	**A Case, First Nations Partnership Coordinator,** presented to the board the **Five Nations Landscape Committee and associated projects**. Key points from the presentation included: • Provided an overview of the committee and noted the benefits the committee has had including allowing connection between the five nations in the region, opportunity for mutual learnings, building trust in government and partner organisations and fulfilling our obligations under the Landscape Act. • Committee achievements included endorsement of the Terms of Reference, governance and review workshops, approximately $25,000 investment and 160 staff support hours in 2025/26, and support for the Ngadjuri Healthy Country Plan ($78,000 over three years). • Key project involvement included scar tree protection, Coastal Access Strategy engagement, and promotion of First Nations participation in Water Allocation Plans (WAPs). • Challenges identified included low meeting attendance, limited understanding of governance and compliance requirements, and misconceptions about the committee's purpose and outcomes.

	• Future improvements will focus on reviewing the action plan, implementing recommendations from the committee review, and adopting a more flexible, relationship-based operating model through formal and informal engagement. • Committee activities are guided by the Landscape Board Statement of Commitment, Indigenous Participation Plan, Aboriginal Engagement Strategy, and the Board's Vision and Mission. • Stronger Country initiatives highlighted included reconnecting communities to Country through yarning circles, cultural camps, plant identification and seed collection workshops, art and storytelling workshops, and ranger workshops. • Ongoing cultural education initiatives and opportunities to strengthen First Nations participation across NYLB programs were discussed. • Focus on increasing First Nations business procurement and engagement opportunities throughout the organisation. • Partnership with Red Centre Enterprises, a First Nations-owned native plant nursery, providing training on bush food and medicinal plants while supporting biodiversity outcomes. • Update provided on the NativEdge project, with grant funding still pending but project objectives continuing to progress.
2.2	A **Compliance Update** was presented by **J Cavallo**. Key highlights from the presentation included • Provided an overview of the role, including the process for administering the Landscape Act and achieving compliance through a graduated approach, beginning with education and voluntary compliance and progressing to formal compliance measures where required. • Update provided on key compliance activities, including farmed deer compliance, statewide collaboration initiatives, voluntary compliance outcomes, the WAA video release, the Now or Never project, and the closure of complex compliance cases. • Statistics were presented on current active compliance matters and formal compliance cases. • Overview of the history of deer compliance, current cases, and process improvements, including enhanced deer tagging requirements. • Future priorities include deer farm fence inspections, transition following the decommissioning of CMIS, increased awareness and education campaigns, and continued collaboration across regions and agencies. • A case study was presented demonstrating the complexity of Water Affecting Activity (WAA) compliance, highlighting an activity that took five years to resolve and close. A Case and J Cavallo left the meeting
3. Items for Decision	
2.3 3.1	**Financial Analysis** The Board received the financial analysis report for the year to date as at August 2026, presented by D Bone. The report noted a forecast net deficit of approximately $698,000, reflecting carryovers applied for from previous financial years and new funding commitments. Levy income is currently tracking slightly ahead of budget due to collection of outstanding water levies from 24/25 financial year, while grant revenue is on target, with significant project invoicing expected later in the year. Employee expenditure remains below budget due to vacancies. The Board noted the current cash position of approximately $4.11 million, reduced payables and employee liabilities since the beginning of the financial year, and a forecast reduction in equity linked to the projected deficit. Expenditure trends indicate savings in levy-funded salaries and wages, partially offset by increased operating and administration costs. Major project expenditure to date relates to the Grassroots Grants program, while several externally funded projects, including Stronger Country, ACE Farmers and Marna Banggara, have been reprofiled or include carryover funding that may assist in managing levy funding pressures later in the financial year.

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	Recommendation • ***That the Northern & Yorke Landscape Board receive and endorse the YTD August 2026 Financial Analysis*** S Scarman / N Robin: ***CARRIED / AIF***
3.2	**2027 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule** The proposed board and committee meeting schedule for 2027 was presented to the board for comment and endorsement. Amendments to the schedule were discussed and noted. The schedule will be published on the board website once amendments have been made to the schedule. **Recommendation** ***The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:*** • *endorse the proposed meeting schedule with amendments for general board meetings and board advisory committee meetings (Governance & Finance and Five Nations Landscape) for the 2027 calendar year* • *note the approved and amended 2027 meeting schedule will be made available on the Board's website.* H Cowan / N Robins: ***CARRIED / AIF***
4 For Noting and carried as one motion	
4.1	**New projects update** The board was presented with a paper outlining two new projects with Soils 4 Life Climate-ready cropping communities and Reviving the Southern Flinders. The Climate-ready Cropping Communities project will deliver a suite of activities to support adoption of evidence-based practices that improve soil function, crop resilience and system adaptability in variable climates, through peer-to-peer learning. The Reviving the Southern Flinders project will focus on high-priority Buffel grass control, coordinated management of feral herbivores, particularly goats and deer, and targeted habitat restoration through revegetation and watercourse restoration.
4.2	**Christmas closure dates** The board noted the proposal to close the board offices to the public from noon Thursday 24 December 2026 until 9:00am Monday 4 January 2026. Staff are encouraged to take leave during this period however, will not be mandated to do so.
4.3	**WHS committee meeting minutes** The work, health and safety committee meeting minutes held on 2 September 2026 were presented to the board. Noting the key topic of bird flu impacts on staff and the security surrounding regional offices.
4.4	**Marna Banggara Executive Steering Committee minutes** The minutes from the Marna Banggara Executive Steering Committee on the 26 June 2026 were presented to the board. The minutes highlights the need for funding from external and corporate, and seeking opportunities to promote project awareness utilising bilby's as a promotion angle.
4.5	**Stringybark dieback research** A report was provided to the board on stringybark dieback research funded by the board. The board discussed the outcomes of the report and unlikely survival of the species.
	Items 4.1 to 4.5 N Robins / S Scarman : ***CARRIED / AIF***
Standing Reports (for noting)	
5.1	**Presiding Member** G White provided an short update, noting attendance at the Hart Field Site dinner, a site jointly funded by NYLB, emphasising the appreciation from Hart for the support from the organisation.
5.2	**Board Members:** Nil
5.3	**Communications and Engagement** A communication report was reviewed and noted by the board

5.4	**Board Forward Planner** Reviewed
5.5	**Board Calendar of Events** Reviewed and updated
6 In Camera Session	
6.1	At 12:50pm 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; (Ref: Section 23 (5) LSA Act.)* S Scarman / E Lawley: ***CARRIED*** It was noted staff and guest: Tony Fox, Rebecca Howard, Libby Duncan, Jennifer Munro, Jessica Freebairn, Phoebe Helbig and Christy Songola remained in the room. **Motion** • *At 1.46pm the meeting moved out of 'In-Camera and back to the main meeting where members of the public may be present* G White / E Lawley***: CARRIED***
7 Other Items	
	Nil
8 Meeting Closure	
8.1	Next meeting: *18 November 2026 at Gawler*
8.2	Meeting closed at 2:11pm

Confirmed on *18 November 2026* as a true and correct record

Geoffrey White
Presiding Member

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Board Action Register

Item 1.5

Date	#	Item	Action	Responsibility	Status	Comments
6/11/25	3.2	Wild dog hill road property proposal	Quotes received and are being assessed		In progress	awaiting confirmation of barn owl relocated from shed, and will arrange demolition. Ecological and Cultural Surveys planned to occur shortly.
20/5/25	3.2	Water levy reform	Continued focussed on statewide water reform including legislative change in conjunction with DEW and other boards.	TF	On Hold	
24/6/26	2.4	20-year Aspirational plan	Retain the plan, but rename, reframe its purpose, simplify the vision, improve language, remove targets, and identify key partners in building the plan.	RH	In progress	Ideas to change vision to a video rather than written word. Canva concept video mock-up completed and circulated for feedback; will be used to guide development of the final video, including subtitles, branding and other enhancements. https://canva.link/6p7ut9c6cl7ggbz
24/6/26	4.5	Board Members	P Angus to provide report on Primary Industries and Regions Forum held in May	PA	In progress	
19/8/26	4.4	Grazing Management Grants	Workshop scheduled for November	LD	Closed	Completed on Agenda for Nov Meeting
23/9/26	1.5	Water Levy	Schedule presentation with John Hill for early next year	TF	In progress	

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Northern and Yorke Landscape Board
Meeting No. 52 - 18/11/2026
Item No. 2.3
Author: Business & Finance Coordinator

YTD FINANCIAL ANALYSIS – OCTOBER 2026

Attachment/s:
1. Financial Statements as at 31 October 2026

For Endorsing

1. Purpose

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to consider the financial analysis to 31 October 2026.

Alignment to Landscape Plan 2026-31**:**

The finance report demonstrates how financial resources are being invested to deliver outcomes and priorities of the Landscape Plan 2026-31.

2. Background

A regular review of budget performance is required by Treasurer's Instructions 19 – Budgetary Control and Reporting, to enable prompt identification of emerging budget issues and ensure that appropriate action is taken. The report provides a summary of how financial resources have been invested to deliver the outcomes and priorities of the Landscape Plan 2026-31.

3. Discussion

Financial Snapshot



The financial result as at 31 October 2026 is a deficit of $533k. The forecast deficit is $1.4m for the full year, with adjustments for prior year carryovers of $340k and mid-year budget review requests of $779k being included, as well as the budgeted levy deficit of $323k.

CASH & RECEIVEABLES	
Balance	Change post 1 July
$ 5,172,014	▼ (762,356)

EQUITY	
Balance	Change post 1 July
$ 4,675,373	▼ (532,525)

LEVY RESULT	
YTD Actual	FY Budget
▼ (287,597)	▼ (323,424)

Cash and receivables balance and equity remain sufficient as spending for the financial year increases. The levy deficit is currently at $288k and budgeted levy deficit is $323k.

Year-to-date analysis of income and expenditure for the period ending 31st Octobber 2026 is shown in the following tables. The FY Budget represents what has been approved by DTF and the forecast includes prior year carryover funds, mid-year budget review requests and new funding agreements.

Income is at an acceptable level for this point in the financial year (33%). Landscape Levy & Water Levy invoices were raised at the end of August, noting that Water Levies are recognised as income on receipt, with majority expected before December 2026. A number of baiting days will run in November, increasing the value of goods sold. Levy interest is currently tracking to be more than the budget, mainly due to interest rate rises and cash remaining steady.

LEVY INCOME	YTD ACTUAL	FY BUDGET	BUDGET VS ACTUAL	PROGRESS
Landscape Levies	1,734,065	6,936,799	5,202,734	25%
Water Levies	92,812	453,162	360,350	20%
Interest	68,910	170,000	101,090	41%
Sale of Goods & Services	3,101	83,076	79,975	4%
Other Income	10,569	-	(10,569)	-
TOTAL	**1,909,457**	**7,643,037**	**5,733,580**	**25%**

Table 1: Levy Income Analysis – Levy Income Summary

RDP project income has been invoiced for Quarter 1 with ACE Farmers and Sustainable Ag project invoices currently paid. Receipt of 50% of LPF project income has occurred and is showing more than the budget due to MYBR requests still awaiting approval.

EXTERNAL INCOME	YTD ACTUAL	FY BUDGET	FY FORECAST	PROGRESS
Regional Capacity Services	80,475	321,900	321,900	25%
Marna Banggara	35,773	478,000	489,122	7%
Stronger Country	29,941	404,174	428,044	7%
ACE Farmers	101,206	466,356	525,329	19%
Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator	41,564	166,256	166,256	25%
RDP Projects	**288,959**	**1,836,686**	**1,930,651**	**15%**
Now or Never - controlling feral deer	141,863	283,726	283,726	50%
Reviving the Southern Flinders	154,000	-	308,000	50%
Statewide Communications Officer	33,000	-	33,000	100%
LPF Projects	**328,863**	**283,726**	**624,726**	**53%**
National Soil Monitoring Project	-	66,501	66,501	-
Property-level NCA project	-	-	-	-
Soils for Life; Scaling Success	-	-	52,000	-
Australian Government via Agencies	**-**	**66,501**	**118,501**	**0%**
DIT Roadside Weed Control	-	-	50,000	-
DIT Buffel Grass	-	100,000	-	-
Waterbug Bioblitz	-	48,798	48,798	-
Managing & Mitigating Dry Saline Soils	11,140	-	22,280	50%
Waterwise Farming	-	-	10,000	-
N&Y Aboriginal Engagement Committee	10,000	-	10,000	100%
Other Income	**21,140**	**148,798**	**141,078**	**15%**
TOTAL	**638,962**	**2,335,711**	**2,814,956**	**23%**

Table 2: External Income Analysis –External Funding summary

Expenditure results are as expected for this point in the financial year (33%), with contracts and wages being the main contributors so far, as well as $482k of Grants paid via levy Grassroot and Bite Sized grants and via RDP projects ACE Farmers and Stronger Country. Levy non-project expenses are currently indicating $180k savings (YTD) in salaries and wages due to vacancies. Operating costs are currently at 24% of the budget and will be monitored closely leading up to the first budget review.

EXPENDITURE ANAYLSIS	YTD ACTUAL	FY BUDGET	BUDGET VS ACTUAL	PROGRESS
Community & Partners	229,263	514,000	284,737	45%
Biodiversity	2,705	115,000	112,295	2%
Sustainable Agriculture	-	53,842	53,842	0%
Water and Coasts	163,802	750,087	586,285	22%
Pest Plants & Animals	115,006	415,000	299,994	28%
TOTAL - LEVY PROJECTS	**510,776**	**1,847,929**	**1,337,153**	**28%**
Salary & Wages	1,131,964	3,786,239	2,654,275	30%
Operating Costs	353,926	1,389,538	1,035,612	25%
Corporate Services Costs	164,452	857,496	693,044	19%
Levy Collection Costs	35,936	85,259	49,323	42%
TOTAL - NON-PROJECT	**1,686,279**	**6,118,532**	**4,432,253**	**28%**
TOTAL - LEVY EXPENDITURE	**2,197,054**	**7,966,461**	**5,769,407**	**28%**

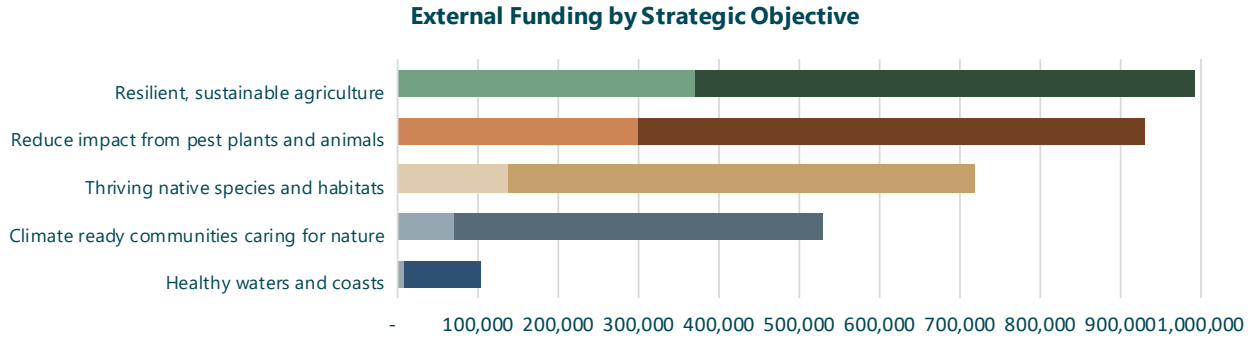
Table 3: Expenditure Analysis – Levy funded expenditure

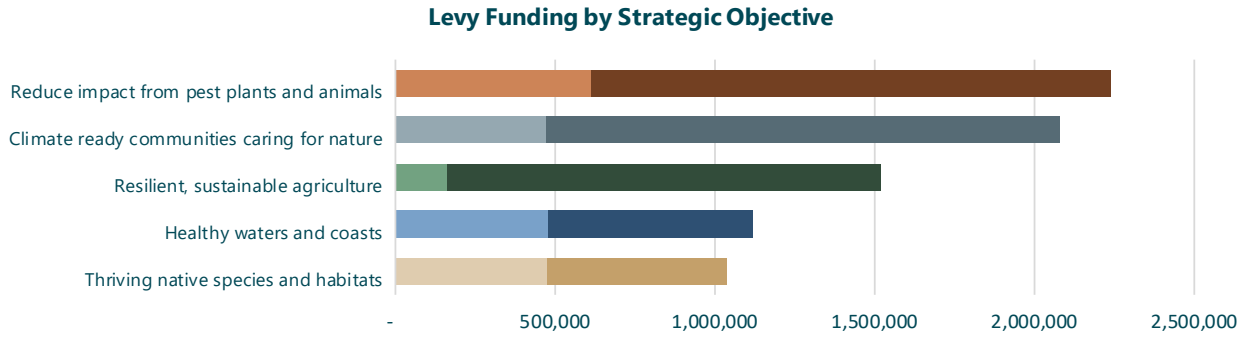
External project expenditure is progressing, while Stronger Country and ACE Farmers projects have large budgets remaining. Deliverables will be reviewed in January, but there is no indication of any issues to date.

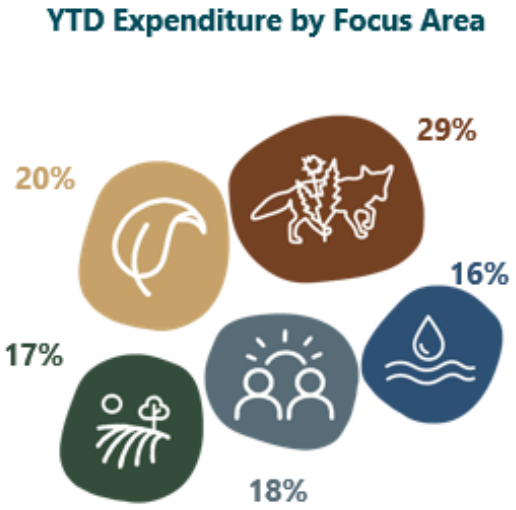
EXTERNAL PROJECTS	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET	FY FORECAST	PROGRESS
Regional Capacity Services	89,109	321,900	322,855	28%
Marna Banggara	205,521	700,576	781,168	26%
Stronger Country	54,026	404,174	551,838	10%
ACE Farmers	159,863	666,356	907,167	18%
Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator	46,421	166,256	172,363	27%
RDP Projects	**554,939**	**2,259,262**	**2,735,391**	**20%**
Now or Never - controlling feral deer	186,022	283,726	283,726	66%
Reviving the Southern Flinders	6,428	-	308,000	2%
Waterwise Farming	30,694	-	62,694	49%
Statewide Communications Officer	28,450	-	33,000	86%
LPF Projects	**251,593**	**283,726**	**687,420**	**37%**
National Soil Monitoring Project	21,245	66,501	66,501	32%
Property-level NCA project	22,500	-	121,000	19%
Soils for Life; Scaling Success		-	52,000	0%
Australian Government via Agencies	**43,745**	**66,501**	**239,501**	**18%**
DIT Roadside Weed Control	8,495	-	50,000	17%
DIT Buffel Grass	15,116	100,000	100,000	15%
Waterbug Bioblitz	9,854	48,798	48,798	20%
Managing & Mitigating Dry Saline Soils	147	-	16,800	1%
N&Y Aboriginal Engagement Committee	-	-	10,000	0%
Other	**33,612**	**148,798**	**225,598**	**15%**
TOTAL	**883,890**	**2,758,287**	**3,887,910**	**23%**

Table 4: Expenditure Analysis – Externally funded project expenditure

The charts below present the progress of expenditure by focus area against the full year budgeted allocation. Externally funded sustainable agriculture projects include a large proportion of wages and current ACE Farmers grant program. Marna Banggara salaries and wages are split between several focus areas. Levy expenditure also shows where the main cost allocation of salaries and wages occurs plus grant spending allocations.







The allocation of expenditure to focus areas will continue to be monitored as the year progresses.

4. Risks/Issues to be managed

No risks have currently been identified, and this report supports proper budget monitoring requirements.

6. Motion

That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:

- ***Endorse the YTD October 2026 Financial Analysis***

Attachment 1: Northern & Yorke Landscape Board - YTD Financial Statements

Northern and Yorke Landscape Board
Statement of Comprehensive Income
as at 31 October 2026

	YTD Actual	FY Budget	FY Forecast
Income			
Landscape and Water Levies	1,826,877	7,389,961	7,389,961
Grant revenues	638,962	2,335,711	2,814,956
Interest revenues	68,910	170,000	170,000
Other income	13,670	83,076	83,076
Total income	**2,548,419**	**9,978,748**	**10,457,993**
Expenses			
Employee related expenses	1,595,217	5,540,885	5,540,885
Goods & services	959,878	4,632,831	5,562,454
Grants & subsidies	482,714	457,399	657,399
Depreciation & borrowing costs	43,135	43,633	43,633
Other expenses	-	50,000	50,000
Total expenses	**3,080,944**	**10,724,748**	**11,854,371**
Net result suplus/(deficit)	**(532,525)**	**(746,000)**	**(1,396,378)**

Northern and Yorke Landscape Board
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 October 2026

	Opening 1/07/26 $'000	Movement YTD $'000	Closing YTD $'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,095	(283)	4,812
Receivables	839	(480)	359
Other current assets	1	-	1
Total current assets	**5,935**	**(763)**	**5,172**
Non-current assets			
Land & Buildings	390	-	390
Plant & Equipment	410	(14)	396
ROU Buildings	376	(28)	348
Receivables	1	-	1
Total non-current assets	**1,177**	**(42)**	**1,135**
Total assets	**7,113**	**(805)**	**6,308**
Current liabilities			
Payables	346	(242)	104
Financial Liabilities	84	(40)	45
Employee related liabilities	461	11	472
Provisions	15	-	15
Contract liabilities	50	-	50
	956	**(271)**	**686**
Non-current liabilities			
Financial liabilities	313	-	313
Employee related liabilities	580	-	580
Provisions	55	-	55
Total non-current liabilities	**948**	-	**948**
Total liabilities	**1,904**	**(271)**	**1,634**
Net assets	**5,209**	**(533)**	**4,676**
Equity			
Accumulated surplus	5,209		5,209
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	-	(533)	(533)
Total equity	**5,209**	**(533)**	**4,676**

Risk Analysis Summary

No.	Risk	Current Rating	Review of Risk Indicators	Additional Controls	Assessed Risk	Trend	Comments
1	Ineffective Service Delivery	Low	No change	None required	Low	→	Programs & projects continuing to deliver against objectives and assist environmental resilience
2	Non delivery of service	Low	No change	None required	Medium	→	Inflation in the cost of goods and services, along with recent Salary and wages increased have put increased pressure on future budgets. Budget pressure has been managed through vacancy management.
3	Breach of confidential information	Low	Threats from use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools and cyber-crime continue to increase.	Training in AI and cyber security for staff required. ChatGPT has had access restricted to prevent upload of NYLB information	Medium	→	Training has been provided to staff. Cyber security and AI risks remain a risk with confidential information stored on network drives and SharePoint servers.
4	Strained relationships with Govt.	Low	No change	None required	Low	→	Relationship Management process with Aust. Govt has been refined with new representatives from federal agencies. Relationship with SA Govt agencies remain strong.
5	Unethical Behaviour	Low	No instances of unethical or inappropriate behaviour noted in reporting period.	None required	Low	→	Maintenance of internal controls is continuing.

6	Injury or Death	Low	4 incidents were reported during the reporting period, with one injury reported (non-staff).	None required	Low		Incidents have been managed and corrective actions taken. There have been no repeated incidents.
7	Poor community representation	Low	First Nations engagement has decreased due to increasing conflict within communities. Increased stakeholder engagement through Landscape Planning workshops.	Review of the 5 Nations Landscape Committee operation is recommended	Medium		5 Nations Landscape Committee has reviewed its operations via a workshop. Actions to be implemented over the coming year.
8	Reduced economic productivity	Low	Wine industry (Barossa/Clare) has experienced a downturn with a number of wineries recording losses. H5N1 Avian Flu may impact chicken or egg production in the region once fully established within the region.	None required	Low		Avian Flu resilience programs and projects being investigated and funding being sought. Communication of the proposed Barossa water allocation plan amendment will consider current economic position.
9	Outgoing grant not delivered as intended	Low	Grassroot grant agreements have been issued in the reporting period. Delivery of the grant outcomes is ongoing.	None required	Low		Grant assessment process and agreements have been strengthened, and administrative support provided.

*Reporting period includes 6 months prior to the date of review.

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Risk	**Services provided in accordance with the Landscape Plan and Business Plans do not improve or maintain the state of natural resources (water, soil, biodiversity)**		
Cause/s	- Landholders do not undertake their legal responsibilities under the LSA Act re; pest animal and plant control and landholders are not aware of legislative requirements - Inadequate communication by NYLB to landholders on Duty of Care responsibilities, or inadequate compliance effort - Grazing pressure impacts on ecosystem health & threatened species are not managed - Restoration programs not at scale required or have the wrong interventions to prevent decline and loss of species - Climate change or natural disaster causes change - Wildfires or prescribed burning not benefitting ecosystem health - New biosecurity threats are identified/increased in the region and existing threats increase - Incorrect advice to landholders (eg herbicide rates, wrong advice given for water affecting activities (WAA), compliance) - Failure to gain the support of key stakeholders such as local government, industry and community groups - Natural degradation of resources - Failure of and/or unachievable targets in water allocation planning - Legislative limitations around water allocation plans and ability to effect significant change - Inadequate staff and/or unproductive or disengaged staff - Inadequate financial resourcing - Inadequate or inaccurate monitoring, reporting and identification of improvements required	***Consequence***	- New incursions of pest animals and plants not addressed - Unchecked increases in existing pests - Displacement, damage to or loss of native vegetation - Damage to or loss of species and ecosystems - Damage to or loss of condition of ecosystems - Damage to or loss of biodiversity and or productivity - Increased costs of production - Human health implications - Degraded landscapes
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A No Additional Controls Required	***Rating***	**Low** Risk is considered to be appropriately managed

Risk	**Services as defined within the Landscape and Business Plans are not delivered**		
Cause/s	- Influx of competing priorities or competing priorities cannot be addressed - Competing priorities are deemed 'more urgent' than service delivery defined within Plans - Lack of visibility of workload and progress from the board - Inadequate staff and/or unproductive or disengaged staff - Inadequate financial resourcing - Misalignment of board and administration directions - Underperformance of the Board or Board member turn-over/elections - Lack of established communication processes with key stakeholders - Unknown deliverables required for Climate Change - Changes or misunderstood legislative requirements - Incorrect advice to landholders (eg herbicide rates, wrong advice WAA, compliance) - Failure to gain the support of key stakeholders such as local government, industry and community groups - Condition of water resources change quickly or services from DEW not delivered	***Consequence***	- Board does not deliver on Minister's expectations - Election commitments are not delivered - Business disruption where resources are redirected during natural disasters (bushfires, drought) - Loss of positions due to reduced budget - Programs not delivered - Additional burden of program delivery placed on other staff - Community resilience/safety impacted
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A **Additional Controls (*control owner*) -** - **Manage proposed budget overspend via vacancy management (*Regional Leadership Team*)** - **Medium to long term (3 to 5 year) financial forecasting to accompany annual budget approval process, forecasting impacts to equity and service levels (Manager, Business & Planning).** - **Cost savings strategies will be documented and applied should the equity position of the Board be estimated at $3m or less (Manager, Business & Planning).**	***Rating***	**Medium** Risk is considered to be appropriately managed

Risk	**Unauthorised release of confidential information**		
Cause/s	- External cyber-attack - Legacy, or unsupported software and hardware systems - Unintentional failure to follow information handling process - Misunderstood or changing legislative requirements - Lack of appropriate processes and/or systems - Staff not following processes (eg records management or unapproved use of Artificial Intelligence) - Unintentional or intentional release of confidential information - Records not classified correctly at creation or when stored in records management systems	***Consequence***	- Distrust from key stakeholders - Violation of privacy legislative requirements - Financial penalties - Reputational damage - Privacy Breach
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A **Additional Controls (*control owner*) -** - **Training in AI and cyber security for staff required (*Regional Leadership Team*)** - **ChatGPT has had access restricted to prevent upload of NYLB information (*DEW ICT*)**	***Rating***	**Medium** Additional controls required to ensure risk is appropriately managed

Risk	**Relationship with DEW or SA and Commonwealth Government entities become strained**		
Cause/s	- Lack of flexibility, agility or responsiveness from or between agencies - Relationships between General Managers, or with agencies don't provide mutual benefits - Board is not recognised by SA Government agencies as independent from DEW, information not provided directly - Change in staff within the Board, or other entities damaging relationships - Political change or influence at state or federal level changes relationship with landscape board	***Consequence***	- Access to systems, guidance documentation or assistance is revoked by DEW - Changes in relationship with General Manager or managers - Access to purchasing DEW Corporate Services revoked - Information flow between SA Government and Board is compromised - Access to grant and collaborative funding opportunities are missed due to poor relationships, deliberate exclusion or policy amendment to remove NYLB access.
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A No Additional Controls Required	***Rating***	**Low** Risk is considered to be appropriately managed

Risk	**Unethical behaviour by staff or board members**		
Cause/s	- Lack of cultural awareness when engaging with community stakeholders - Board, staff or partners undertake fraudulent or unethical activity - Board, staff or partners do not follow public sector code of ethics/board processes appropriately - Confirmed incidents of misconduct/maladministration/corruption - Board staff or partners rely on artificial intelligence or sources of disinformation or misinformation. -	***Consequence***	- Distrust from key stakeholders - Negative publicity - Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) investigation - Financial penalty - Ministerial concern - Potential board/staff disciplinary action and/or dismissal - Poor advice is provided to stakeholders, landholders or other - Legal breaches such as copyright or Privacy Act 1988
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A No Additional Controls Required	***Rating***	**Low** Risk is considered to be appropriately managed

Risk	**Death or injury to staff member, board member, volunteer or contractor**		
Cause/s	- Hazards or incidents resulting from lack of adequate work health safety and wellbeing systems and processes.	***Consequence***	- Negative publicity - Business disruption while operations cease during SafeWork investigation - Increase in staff turnover - Financial penalties - Noncompliance to legislative requirements
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A No Additional Controls Required	***Rating***	**Low** Risk is considered to be appropriately managed

Risk	**Interests of different community segments (including First Nations) are not accounted for in landscape and business plans.**		
Cause/s	- Lack of consultation, planning, budgeting and consideration of First Nations or other community group opportunities - Board activities disturb, impact on and fail to prevent damage to cultural heritage values - Disengaged community - Lack of awareness of cultural values/sites/safety - Community cannot see the value of the board; Programs misaligned with community interests - Community believes that board are focussing on incorrect issues/not effective - Community do not see value of levies or agree with how levies are collected and used - Controversial landscape management issues restrict positive engagement with communities	***Consequence***	- Loss of opportunity for communities and Aboriginal people - Damage to cultural heritage sites - Ministerial concern - Negative publicity - Violation of *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988*
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A **Additional Control (*Control Owner*) –** - **Review of the 5 Nations Landscape Committee (*Regional Leadership Team*)**	***Rating***	**Medium** Additional controls required to ensure risk is appropriately managed

Risk	**Region's economic productivity declines**		
Cause/s	- Board implements a Water Allocation Plan or Water Control policy that significantly reduces water availability for commercial use - Incorrect advice to landholders (eg herbicide rates, wrong advice WAA, compliance) resulting in economic loss - Economic needs are not considered as part of decision-making and project planning - Untimely or detrimental Ministerial or Government decision - Government or industry impose strict restrictions or demands on primary producers	***Consequence***	- Significant impact on regional businesses/industries due to lack of, or quality of water - Financial restrictions - Water planning processes are not viable - Distrust or concern from Minister - Distrust from community
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A No Additional Controls Required	***Rating***	**Low** Risk is considered to be appropriately managed

Risk	**Delivery of an outgoing grant not carried out as agreed**		
Cause/s	- Breach of the terms of the grant or service agreement - Insufficient reporting to satisfy the Board that a grant has been used effectively, efficiently and for its purpose - Purpose and deliverables in the grant agreement were not defined sufficiently - Grantee takes advantage of favourable opportunities that result in not adhering to the deliverables	***Consequence***	- Potential misuse of public funds - Grant recipient who has breached the terms of the grant agreement may be considered ineligible for any future grant funding - Negative publicity - Reputational damage to the Board
Controls	Standard Controls outlined in Appendix A No Additional Controls Required	***Rating***	**Low** Risk is considered to be appropriately managed

Appendix A – Standard Controls

Category	Summary of Controls
Governance and oversight	- Maintain compliance with relevant Acts through good Board governance, with experienced and committed board members, regular meetings and Chair engagement with Ministers and other Chairs. - Maintain external and internal audit processes, Financial Management Compliance Program, public sector code of ethics training and FOI and Public Interest Disclosure provisions. - Finalise and report against the Landscape Plan and Annual Business Plan, with a formalised MERI Framework. - Participate in legislative and policy reform processes that advance the priorities of the board.
Compliance and legal	- Maintain a comprehensive compliance framework (policies, procedures, CMIS), a Compliance Officer and Compliance committee, seeking budgeted legal advice from Crown Solicitor as needed, along with day-to-day compliance monitoring.
Workforce and Work Health, Safety and Wellbeing	- Timely recruitment, workforce planning to define core staff and succession plan, staff retention strategies and business continuity plans, - Maintain a WHS and Wellbeing focus through policies and procedures, WHS Committee, and a WHS & Wellbeing Standing Item on all team, leadership and project team meetings. Maintain the GovSAfety hazard and incident reporting tool and relationship with the Workplace Injury Services team at Department of Treasury and Finance.
Delivery against priorities	- Deliver coordinated pest plant and animal programs: through established policies and prioritisation programs, undertake targeted campaigns for emerging pests, on-ground projects, deer/goat containment and control, and Landscape Officers' community education and awareness campaigns. - Water allocation planning and monitoring, include climate change in WAP design and modelling, and involve industry in Water Allocation Planning advisory groups. - Undertake projects and provide advice that seeks to enhance biodiversity outcomes, including an increase in the condition and extent of threatened and non-threatened ecological communities and species.
Procedures	- Adhere to procedures and systems for; finance & records management, procurement, contract management, legislative compliance and technology. Provide staff and board induction and training in these policies and systems including awareness of cyber-security, artificial intelligence and other emergent technologies.
Community engagement and communications	- Develop and implement a Board communications strategy; maintain stakeholder relationships, Local Government engagement, proactive media, social media and community-facing reporting. - Provide grants (grassroots & others) and capacity-building support to communities, with trained staff advisers and access to expert support. - Maintain First Nations Partnerships Officer, Five Nations Landscape Committee participation, Aboriginal Engagement Strategy, include First Nations engagement and heritage values in project templates, and deliver cultural awareness training.

Risk Register Version Control - Approvals

Approved by	Northern and Yorke Landscape Board	Date Approved	15 November 2023
Reviewer	Governance and Finance Committee	Review Date	14 October 2026
Responsible Officer	Manager, Business and Planning		

Version #	Approval Date	Meeting #	Notes
1.0	15/11/2023	28	
1.1	15/05/2024	32	
1.2	20/11/2024	36	
1.3	22/05/2025	40	
2.0	06/11/2025	44	New format including a Risk Analysis Summary table
2.1			

APPLICATION OF CPI TO LAND LEVIES (2027/2028)

Attachment(s):
1. nil

'For Decision'

1. Purpose

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board (Board) consider and approve the setting of the land levy for the 2027-2028 year including application of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

2. Background

The *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (The Act) establishes the ability for landscape boards to implement a levy, collected by constituent councils through the declaration of a rate charged to rateable properties in the council area. The Act limits levy increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (inflation).

The landscape levy is calculated as a total value (i.e. the 26/27 total levy + an inflation rate) and apportioned to councils based on the total capital values of rateable properties within the council area. An increase in capital value of a property or of a council does not increase the landscape levy received, as the capital values are only used to determine the council contribution figure.

The data for the capital values calculations is generated from the SA Integrated Land Information System (SAILIS) and provided to landscape boards at a summary level. The capital values outlined in this report were extracted from SAILIS in January 2026 to apportion the 2026/2027 levies to councils. A new SAILIS extract is planned for January 2027, providing the final figures for calculation of the council contributions. The new extract may alter the individual council contributions based on their total capital value however it will not alter the total value of the levy.

3. Discussion

The Act provides that the landscape levy and water levies may be raised by the September Quarter Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Adelaide All Groups, as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. The CPI was published on 30 October 2026, providing a CPI increase of 4.7%.

The Board can consider an alternative indexation figure; however, the figure must not exceed the CPI as published. Any increase in excess of the published CPI rate requires Ministerial and Parliamentary approval through a prescribed levy proposal process.

Since commencement of the landscape board, the levy has been increased by CPI only, with levy equalisation occurring in the 2023/2024 financial year. The total increase over the 7-year period (2020/2021 to 2026/2027) is 25.4% (averaging 3.63% per year). Increasing the levy by 4.7% for the 2027/2028 year will result in a total increase of 30.1% since the commencement of the

Landscape Board, or an average of 3.76% increase annually. The table below provides the breakdown of CPI applied to date:

Financial Year	Land Levy Raised	Annual CPI increase	Average CPI	Total % increase
2020-2021	$5,523,002	2%	3.63%	25.4%
2021-2022	$5,578,232	1%		
2022-2023	$5,717,688	2.5%		
2023-2024	$6,197,973	8.4%		
2024-2025	$6,563,653	5.9%		
2025-2026	$6,773,690	3.2%		
2026-2027	$6,936,258	2.4%		
2027-2028*	$7,262,263*	4.7%	3.76%	30.1%

**Proposed*

It is worth noting that although the levy has increased by 25.4% over a 7-year period, this increase is not reflected in the amounts paid by ratepayers. Each Council establishes a rate charged to ratepayers to recoup the levy paid by the Council. As Council capital values grow through more properties, or increased value of properties, the amount per household is generally decreasing. Some ratepayers in smaller regional councils that have not experienced growth, may have experienced the full increase to their land levy over this period.

The total landscape levy is apportioned between councils based on their portion of the total capital value of the region. The table below provides the breakdown for each council (based on the January 2026 SAILIS data), noting that a new SAILIS extract will confirm the council's contribution in time for preparation of Council annual budgets.

Local Government Area	% of Total Capital Value	26/27 Levy apportioned by Capital Value	Proposed 2027/2028 Levy with CPI increase
ADELAIDE PLAINS	5.60%	$ 388,643	$ 406,910
BAROSSA	12.29%	$ 852,292	$ 892,350
BARUNGA WEST	4.26%	$ 295,551	$ 309,442
CLARE & GILBERT VALLEYS	7.04%	$ 488,255	$ 511,203
COPPER COAST	8.82%	$ 612,091	$ 640,860
GAWLER	10.13%	$ 702,888	$ 735,924
GOYDER	3.66%	$ 253,836	$ 265,766
LIGHT	8.85%	$ 613,531	$ 642,367
MOUNT REMARKABLE	1.97%	$ 136,685	$ 143,110
NORTHERN AREAS	5.00%	$ 347,108	$ 363,422
ORRORO0 CARRIETON	0.61%	$ 42,138	$ 44,119
PETERBOROUGH	0.52%	$ 36,189	$ 37,890
PORT PIRIE	5.69%	$ 394,977	$ 413,540
WAKEFIELD	6.59%	$ 456,816	$ 478,287
YORKE PENINSULA	18.96%	$ 1,315,259	$ 1,377,076
TOTAL	100.00%	**$ 6,936,259**	**$ 7,262,263**

The CPI inflation rate is also applied to the collection costs that councils can claim from the Board. It is anticipated that the collection costs paid to council will total approximately $89,200 in 2027/2028, increasing from $85,300 in 2026/2027.

Each Council will be able to claim $3,342 as a fixed fee, plus 33 cents for each assessment of levy against a rateable property (Landscape Act Regulations 14(7)(b)).

4. Risks/Issues to be managed

There may be queries from councils regarding the calculations of the levy and the accuracy/timeliness of the SAILIS data. A SAILIS data extract will occur post 1 January 2027 to ensure that data and levy calculations are as accurate as possible, prior to advising Councils the contribution amounts.

5. Motion

That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:

- ***Approve the setting of the Landscape Levy for the 2027-2028 year including application of the Consumer Price Index (CPI).***

as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 18 November 2026

APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT OF A NEW WATER AFFECTING ACTIVITIES BEST PRACTICE OPERATING PROCEDURE (BPOP) AGREEMENT

Attachment 1: WAA BPOP agreement document – Northern Areas Council

1. Purpose

For the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board (the Board) to:

- Note the content of this briefing and attachment - **Noted**
- Approve the commencement of a Water Affecting Activities Best Practice Operating Procedures agreement as detailed in this briefing – **Approved/Not Approved**

1.1 Why this matter is coming to the Board?

The Board must have valid agreements in place as per the WAA Control Policy for water affecting activity permit exclusions to be legally defensible in the management of the impacts of specified activities on water resources.

2. Background

The Board has a statutory responsibility under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (the Act) to issue permits for water affecting activities. These permits must be consistent with the policies set out in relevant water allocation plans and water affecting activity control policies.

The Minister approved the Northern and Yorke Water Affecting Activities Control Policy (the Policy) via gazettal in the South Australia Government Gazette on 6 December 2020.

It is noted that the Policy contains reference to the use of Best Practice Operating Procedures (BPOPs). BPOPs are approved procedures allowing exemptions to local government and other statutory authorities for particular WAAs that would otherwise require a permit. The use of these documents is a continuation of existing functionality from the former Northern and Yorke NRM Plan. There are now updated and new existing BPOP agreements in place with a number of local councils and state government agencies. A new agreement is now ready to be established with the Northern Areas Council. (Attachments 1).

This paper recommends that the attached new BPOP agreement be approved and endorsed by the Board.

3. Discussion

3.1 Alternative approaches or options considered

N/A

3.2 Financial / budgetary implications

N/A

3.3 Risk management

There are no significant risks associated with the commencement of this new BPOP, as the content of the updated template is similar to the previous version endorsed by the Board for the updated existing agreements.

3.4 Stakeholder involvement

Staff from Northern Areas Council have collaborated with board staff to establish this continured agreement.

3.5 Monitoring and evaluation

N/A

3.6 Legislative policies

The policies and processes for the implementation of BPOP agreements for water affecting activities are contained in Section 2.1.6. of the Northern and Yorke WAA Control Policy document.

4. Motion

That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:

- *Note the content of this briefing and attachments;*
- *Approve the commencement of a Water Affecting Activities Best Practice Operating Procedures agreement as detailed in this briefing.*

as presented to the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board Meeting of 18 November 2026.

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Item No 3.4
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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

Attachments: Governance and Finance Draft Minutes 21 October 2026

For Approval

1. Purpose

The Northern and Yorke Landscape Board to approve the recommendations from the Governance and Finance Committee meeting held in Gawler on 21 October 2026.

2. Recommendations

The Governance and Finance Committee recommends that the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:

Decision / Noting

2.1 Strategic Risk Review

- The Committee acknowledged the importance of continuing business-as-usual operations while maintaining oversight of current and emerging strategic risks.

2.2 Financial Analysis and Performance Report

- The Committee noted the first quarter financial performance and acknowledged the organisation's strong cash position, genuine savings achieved to date, and confidence in achieving the 2026–27 budget outcomes.

2.3 Freedom of Information Statement Review

- The Committee reviewed and endorsed the updated Freedom of Information Statement, noting the amendments made to improve clarity, reflect current record management practices, and align with the approved plan and appeals process requirements.

2.4 Annual Report

- The Committee reviewed the draft Annual Report and noted that no significant issues had been identified, with completion of the audit and inclusion of the financial statements to occur prior to submission and tabling in Parliament.

2.5 New/Reviewed Policies

- The Committee reviewed and endorsed the proposed new and amended policies, noting that the changes support legislative compliance, good governance, effective communication, responsible use of technology, and operational best practice.

2.7 Pest Control Pricing Schedule Update

- The Committee considered stakeholder feedback regarding bait availability and endorsed the proposed update to the Pest Control Pricing Schedule to better meet customer requirements and support ongoing program delivery.

3. Motion

That the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board:

- ***Note and approve the recommendations of the Governance and Finance Committee Meeting held on 21 October 2026.***

Northern and Yorke Landscape Board
Governance and Finance Committee meeting
Minutes

Date:	21st October 2026		
Start Time:	10:08 am	**Finish Time**	11:58 am
Location:	4 Seventh Street, Gawler	**Room:**	River Room
Present			
Board	Peter Angus (*Chair*), Sue Scarman, Geoff White (Presiding Member), Leo Redden, Bob Smart (*External [independent] Member*)		
Staff	Tony Fox (*General Manager),* Danielle Bone (*Business and Finance Coordinator*), Michelle Simes (*Administration and Governance Coordinator*), Rebecca Howard (*Manager, Business and Planning*) and Jessica Freebairn (Executive Assistant)		

1 Meeting standing items	
1.1	**Welcome and apologies** The meeting commenced with a welcome to country delivered by P Angus. G White joined via MS Teams late. T Fox and D Bone joined via MS Teams.
1.2	**Conflict of interest disclosures** Nil.
1.3	**Minutes from the previous meeting** Confirmation of previous minutes held on 15 July 2026. S Scarman : P Angus ***CARRIED***
1.4	**Action list** **2.1 Financial Analysis and Performance Review** • In progress - R Howard to follow up with D Bone if interest is charged. **2.4 Oracle transition and update** • Discussed further in 4.1 **3.2 Correspondence** • In progress - Investigate establishing a dedicated email account for the board chair to receive formal correspondence for actioning promptly.
1.5	**Additional agenda items** • Oracle Transition added by R Howard.
2 Items for decision / discussion	
2.1	**Strategic Risk Review** • The Strategic Risk Register will be reviewed every six months to ensure risks remain current and mitigation measures are effective. • A comprehensive report was received from Shared Services identifying key risks, including weaknesses in password management and access controls. • Identified risks align with previous findings relating to legacy systems and software management. • Ongoing cyber security risks and controls were discussed, including the importance of maintaining awareness of emerging threats. • Risks associated with the storage and management of sensitive information, including bank account details, residential addresses, and other personal information, were noted.

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	• The significance of the region's egg production industry was discussed, with approximately 50% of the state's egg production occurring within the region. The potential impacts of a bird flu outbreak were acknowledged as a significant risk. • P Angus queried about any associated risks. R Howard responded advising that there are some challenges with availability of members to attend meetings but looking at ways to increase this. Lots of engagement with members of the Five Nations Committee in other areas outside of the committee relating to the water • **Recommendation:** The Committee acknowledged the importance of continuing business-as-usual operations while maintaining oversight of current and emerging strategic risks. S Scarman : P Angus ***CARRIED. AIF***

2.2	**Financial Analysis and Performance Report**
	• First Quarter financial results presented.
	• Current forecast deficit of approximately $698k.
	• Additional funding received for the ACE Farmers Project.
	• Statement of Financial Position reviewed:
	  ○ Current cash position approximately $5.3m.
	  ○ DEW continues to process depreciation quarterly.
	  ○ Payables and employee liabilities have reduced since 1 July.
	• 2026-27 Monthly Current Assets Analysis tracking broadly in line with previous years.
	• Aged receivables reviewed:
	  ○ Oldest Aurizon invoice has been paid with one remaining outstanding.
	  ○ RDP invoices totalling approximately $324k accrued via journal and invoiced in October.
	  ○ LGA and RDA contributions noted.
	• Non-project income:
	  ○ Quarter 1 landscape and water levies invoiced.
	  ○ Baiting day income received in September.
	  ○ Interest income currently ahead of forecast.
	  ○ Prior year invoice receipts received.
	• External funding income:
	  ○ Year-to-date funding received as expected.
	  ○ Full-year forecast includes carryovers and proposed new funding awaiting approval.
	  ○ LPF projects generally receive 50% of funding early in the financial year, with the remaining funding received later in the year.
	• Levy-funded expenditure included:
	  ○ Grassroots Grants.
	  ○ Water allocation expenses.
	  ○ Board Sponsorship Program.
	  ○ Pest plant and animal programs.
	  ○ Roadside weed control.
	  ○ Levy collection costs.
	  ○ Corporate services and operational costs.
	  ○ Salaries and wages.
	• Major year-to-date project expenditure was Grassroots Grants ($181k).
	• Savings of approximately $160k identified in levy-funded salaries and wages.
	• Levy funding by strategic objective reviewed:
	  ○ Salary and wage allocations remain the major expenditure component.
	  ○ Grassroots Grants remain the largest project expenditure.
	  ○ Actual expenditure against budget will continue to be monitored.

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	• External funding expenditure reviewed:
	  ○ RDP projects progressing as planned.
	  ○ Marna Banggara activities continuing.
	  ○ Regional Capacity Services progressing.
	  ○ Grazing Management Grant expenditure expected to increase in coming quarters.
	  ○ Feral deer control program payments progressing through service agreements.
	  ○ WaterWise Farming program scheduled to conclude in December.
	  ○ Buffel Grass project funding discussed, with confirmation of second-year funding to be sought.
	• Business Plan and year-to-date progress reviewed.
	• Financial snapshot provided, including income and expenditure performance, cash balances and receivables.
	• Members noted confidence in the organisation's financial position and ability to achieve budget outcomes for 2026-27.
	• Any savings achieved to date were noted as genuine savings rather than deferred expenditure.
	
	Recommendation:
	The Committee noted the first quarter financial performance and acknowledged the organisation's strong cash position, genuine savings achieved to date, and confidence in achieving the 2026–27 budget outcomes.
	
	B Smart : L Redden ***CARRIED, AIF***

2.3	**Freedom of Information Statement Review** • The Freedom of Information (FOI) Statement is reviewed annually to ensure members of the public have access to clear and accurate information regarding the FOI process. • Amendments were made to clarify that documents held by the Board may be stored electronically or in hard copy format, with electronic records being the preferred method of storage. • The Statement was updated to reflect the new plan that has been approved and signed by the Minister. • As part of the review of the policy and procedure framework, changes to the policy structure were incorporated into the document. • The review section was updated to provide greater clarity regarding the appeals process. Where an applicant is dissatisfied with a decision, they may request an internal review. If they remain dissatisfied following the internal review process, they may seek a review by the Ombudsman. **Recommendation:** The Committee reviewed and endorsed the updated Freedom of Information Statement, noting the amendments made to improve clarity, reflect current record management practices, and align with the approved plan and appeals process requirements. L Redden : S Scarman ***CARRIED, AIF***
2.4	**Annual Report** • The Committee noted that the Annual Report is required to be prepared and submitted each year in accordance with reporting requirements. • NY LandscapeSA is currently undergoing audit. No significant issues have been identified to date, and the audit certificate is expected to be received prior to 30th November.

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	• The report is prepared using a standard template, coordinated by John Peet. Financial statements are currently outstanding and will be incorporated once received. • Following Ministerial approval, the Annual Report will be tabled in Parliament within the required timeframe. • No contentious or significant issues were identified in relation to the Annual Report. • Members discussed improving the attendance record within meeting minutes. It was agreed that future minutes should include the reason for any apologies or non-attendance where appropriate. **Recommendation:** The Committee reviewed the draft Annual Report and noted that no significant issues had been identified, with completion of the audit and inclusion of the financial statements to occur prior to submission and tabling in Parliament. S Scarman : B Smart ***CARRIED, AIF***
2.5	**New/Reviewed Policies** **New policies:** *Bulk Communications Policy* ○ The Committee reviewed the proposed Bulk Communications Policy, which establishes a framework for the use of mass communication channels, including SMS messaging and other broadcast communications. ○ It was noted that the policy will support the timely distribution of important information, such as fire danger warnings and other emergency or operational notifications. ○ In response to a query from L Redden regarding the policy's benefit, it was agreed that the ability to send bulk text messages will provide significant value in communicating with stakeholders quickly and efficiently. ○ The Committee noted that approval to issue bulk communications will be restricted to members of the Regional Leadership Team (RLT). ○ Requirements under privacy legislation were discussed, including ensuring recipients have the ability to opt out of receiving communications where appropriate. *Electronic Signature Policy* ○ The Committee reviewed the proposed Electronic Signature Policy. ○ The policy formalises the organisation's use of Adobe Sign as the approved platform for electronic signatures. ○ The policy outlines circumstances where electronic signatures may be used, as well as situations where alternative signing methods are required. ○ Requirements for maintaining appropriate records and audit trails for electronically signed documents were also included. **Reviewed policies:** *Complaints handling:* ○ RLT agreed to change the KPI resolution of standard complaints from 30 days to 10 to 20 days. *Gifts and Benefits Policy:* ○ Scope – Standard practice for employees to gather money to give gifts for birthdays and farewells – out of scope. ○ Reporting to this committee to what has gone on to the gifts and benefits policy. *Artificial Intelligence Responsible Use Policy:* ○ The Committee reviewed the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Responsible Use Policy as part of its annual review process.

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	○ It was noted that, although the policy was reviewed recently, a further amendment was required to address the ethical use of AI across the organisation. ○ Amendments were made to encourage staff to consider the frequency and purpose of AI use, ensuring it is utilised appropriately to improve efficiency, save time, and enhance productivity. ○ Members discussed the environmental impacts associated with AI technologies, including the significant energy consumption of data centres and water requirements for cooling infrastructure. ○ The Committee agreed that the responsible use of AI should align with the organisation's climate and sustainability objectives, balancing environmental considerations with operational benefits. *Remote Piloted Aircraft Policy:* ○ The Committee reviewed amendments to the Remote Piloted Aircraft Policy to ensure it remains aligned with current legislative and operational requirements. ○ Updates have been made to reflect changes in requirements relating to the operation of remotely piloted aircraft (drones). ○ Members discussed the inclusion of additional wording at the beginning of the policy to clarify that all drone operations must be conducted within applicable Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) requirements and approved operating areas. ○ The amendments aim to ensure drone activities are undertaken safely, lawfully, and in accordance with relevant regulatory obligations. *Freedom of Information Policy:* ○ The Committee reviewed the Freedom of Information Policy and considered updates to ensure alignment with current legislative and privacy requirements. ○ Amendments were made to reference the relevant Commonwealth legislation where applicable. ○ The policy was updated to incorporate the Premier and Cabinet Circular PC 012 – Information Privacy Principles (IPPS) Instruction. ○ Members noted that the revised privacy definitions and terminology were adopted to ensure consistency with South Australian legislative and operating requirements. ○ The changes aim to improve clarity and ensure the policy reflects current information management and privacy obligations. **Recommendation:** The Committee reviewed and endorsed the proposed new and amended policies, noting that the changes support legislative compliance, good governance, effective communication, responsible use of technology, and operational best practice. S Scarman : L Redden ***CARRIED, AIF***
2.6	**G&F Committee Forward Agenda and Board Calendar Review** • Midyear budget review needs to be done by end of January – G&FC meeting on 20th January 2027 needs to be changed. Proposed for meeting to be held on 3rd of February 2027 instead. Potentially if there are new members on the board and an induction will be in place in the first week of February. • Reviewed Forward Agenda Calendar – Asked board members if anything further needs to be added – Auditor-General's risk and audit briefing, happens twice a year (May and November), will be added to this. • Board Meeting Calendar: Asked board members if anything further needs to be added – No comments.

2.7	**Pest Control Pricing Schedule Update** • Feedback from Rangelands district area – wanted larger quantity of baits – we only offer 100 bait pails – they want to purchase 200 bait pails – numbers of sales are down – less sheep equals less baits being bought. **Recommendation:** The Committee considered stakeholder feedback regarding bait availability and endorsed the proposed update to the Pest Control Pricing Schedule to better meet customer requirements and support ongoing program delivery. P Angus : S Scarman ***CARRIED, AIF***
2.8	**Committee Meeting Dates** • Discussed in item 2.6
3 Items for noting	

3.1	**Corporate Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Report**
	• The Committee reviewed the Corporate KPI Report, which provides key organisational performance indicators relating to financial performance, workforce metrics, wellbeing, governance and operational activities.
	• Staff wellbeing indicators were discussed, with average sick leave reducing from approximately 5 days to 2.4 days.
	• Flexi leave balances continue to increase, reflecting seasonal work patterns, with higher balances typically observed leading into the Christmas period.
	• Time Off in Lieu (TOIL) balances were reviewed. Members noted that TOIL generally increases when staff undertake weekend work and emphasised the importance of staff taking accrued TOIL within a reasonable timeframe.
	• It was noted that all weekend TOIL arrangements require prior approval from T Fox.
	• Workforce statistics were reviewed:
	  ○ 40 staff employed (39 FTE).
	  ○ 2 employees identified as Aboriginal.
	  ○ 62% of staff are female.
	• Accounts payable performance was discussed, noting that late payment fees may be incurred where invoices are not paid within the required 15-day payment period.
	• Procurement obligations were reviewed, including requirements to publish procurement opportunities in advance and comply with purchasing and vendor engagement requirements.
	• Work Health and Safety (WHS) performance was reviewed:
	  ○ Four incidents were recorded during the reporting period.
	  ○ One vehicle incident involved a collision with a kangaroo.
	  ○ One incident involved a project partner associated with the Marna Banggara program, with no medical treatment required.
	• The Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system continues to provide a mechanism for recording and monitoring enquiries received via email and telephone.
	• Members reviewed enquiry data captured through the CRM system, including enquiries relating to:
	  ○ Bird Flu – 1
	  ○ Coast & Marine – 17
	  ○ Community Engagement – 23
	  ○ Complaint/Levy – 6
	  ○ Ecology – 11

3.2	**Financial Management and Compliance Program (FMCP) Update** • The Committee received an update on the Financial Management and Compliance Program (FMCP).

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	• The current compliance approach focuses on lower-level financial delegations and responsibilities, with a simplified process that does not require formal questionnaires for all staff. • Members noted that staff issued with Purchase Cards are expected to understand and comply with approved purchasing requirements and expenditure guidelines. • A Purchase Card compliance questionnaire has been developed by Dani to assess staff understanding of Purchase Card responsibilities. • An additional fillable form has been developed for staff with higher-level financial delegations. • It was noted that the original questionnaire was developed for Regional Leadership Team (RLT) members. • The Committee was advised that the questionnaires will be reviewed and redeveloped during the next review cycle. • Results from the Purchase Card questionnaire indicated a high level of understanding, with most participants answering all questions correctly. • Some staff expressed uncertainty regarding the appropriate use of Purchase Cards for meal purchases while travelling on official business. • No evidence of deliberate misuse of Purchase Cards was identified. • Three instances of accidental personal use of Purchase Cards were reported during the period. • L Redden queried whether recovering funds from accidental personal purchases was difficult. • R Howard advised that reimbursement of personal expenditure is generally straightforward and funds are recovered promptly. • B Smart raised a question regarding the Purchase Card induction process. • R Howard advised that all cardholders are required to complete and sign the Government Purchase Card documentation, which is also witnessed as part of the approval process. • Members noted that, in all instances of accidental personal expenditure, staff notified their manager as soon as the error was identified.
3.3	**Committed Contract/Grants Report**

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	• The Committee reviewed the Committed Contracts and Grants Report.
	• Members noted there are currently 96 active agreements in place.
	  ○ 66 new agreements.
	  ○ 30 continuing agreements.
	• Total committed expenditure for 2026-27 is approximately $1,202,255.
	• It was noted that the Board Sponsorship Program budget has been fully allocated across five approved agreements.
	• Members noted that a significant proportion of contract expenditure continues to be directed towards projects and services delivered within the region.
	• An update was provided regarding legal advice sought from the Crown Solicitor's Office in relation to the emerging use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by contractors.
	• Members noted and discussed the identified risk of a potential gap in current contract arrangements where contractors may use AI tools to generate reports or deliverables.
	• It was proposed that contractors be required to disclose the use of AI in the preparation of reports and other contract deliverables to assist in managing potential risks and ensuring transparency.
	• B Smart noted that AI presents a complex and evolving issue and supported keeping the matter on the organisation's risk radar when engaging contractors.
	• B Smart queried whether any confidentiality or non-disclosure agreements currently address the use of AI by contractors.
	• R Howard advised that AI-specific provisions are not currently included; however, work is underway to consider incorporating such requirements into future contractual arrangements.

3.4	**Correspondence:** **16/07/2026 – Shared Services SA – Annual internal control letter 25-26** • Shared Services SA Annual Internal Control Letter 2025–26, which identifies control observations and risks for consideration. • Members noted that the report is received annually and assists the organisation in identifying areas for improvement and the development of mitigation actions. • No significant or high-risk issues of concern were identified for the Board within the report. • An update was provided on a project currently underway to improve the secure management and transfer of information across the organisation. • The Committee noted that the initiative aims to strengthen information handling practices and support ongoing compliance and risk management requirements. • The report and identified actions will be considered as part of ongoing governance, risk and compliance activities. **31/07/2026 – DEW – Annual internal control letter 25-26**

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	• The Committee received and noted the DEW Annual Internal Control Letter 2025–26. • Members were advised that the letter provides assurance regarding the effectiveness of internal controls and identifies any significant control issues requiring management attention. • It was noted that the review found internal controls to be operating effectively, with no significant areas of concern identified. • Members discussed several observations relating to current banking and financial control processes. • It was noted that the majority of identified matters are expected to be addressed through the implementation of the new banking arrangements scheduled to commence on 1 December 2026. • The Committee acknowledged the positive assurance provided by the review and noted that current control processes are functioning as intended. L Redden : B Smart ***CARRIED, AIF***
4 Other agenda items	
4.1	**1.5 Oracle transition** • Committee received an update on the Finance Reform Program (FRP) transition to the new finance system. • Finance team members will attend intensive training in Adelaide prior to the cutover, followed by a minimum eight-week Hypercare support period after go-live. • Vendor payments will continue until 26 November, with a short period during cutover where payments cannot be processed. • Payroll is not expected to be impacted, with payroll data continuing to transfer automatically between systems. • Purchase Orders will be restricted during November, and existing open purchase orders may need to be reviewed or recreated following go-live. • Invoice timing may need to be adjusted during the transition period, including council invoices. DEW will assist with invoice processing where required. • Members noted confidence that invoicing requirements can be managed throughout the transition. • Landscape Boards will move to separate ABN arrangements and no longer be grouped with DEW for GST purposes. • There will be a temporary period where receipts cannot be processed. • Budget entries, journals, project creation and project balance updates will be restricted during the cutover and reconciliation period. • Reconciliation activities will occur during the latter part of November and early December to support the transition. • Members noted that planning is underway to minimise operational impacts during implementation. L Redden expressed the Committee's condolences to P Angus and his family following the passing of his father.
5 Meeting closure	
5.1	Next meeting: 3 February 2027 in the Gawler Office
5.2	Meeting closed at 11:58am

Confirmed on *3 February 2027* as a true and correct record.

Peter Angus
Chair

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Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and Committee Meeting Schedule 2027

Date	Board/Committee	Location
3rd February	Governance and Finance	Location TBC
10-11th February	Five Nations Landscape	Kaurna - TBC
17th February	Board	Clare
17th March	Board	Yorke District
14th-15th April	Five Nations Landscape	Nukunu - TBC
21st April	Governance and Finance	Location TBC
19th May	Board	Gawler
16th June	Board	Clare
14th-15th July	Five Nations Landscape	Narungga - TBC
21st July	Governance and Finance	Location TBC
18th August	Board	Gawler
15th September	Board Workshop	Rangelands District
13th-14th October	Five Nations Landscape	Ngadjuri - TBC
20th October	Governance and Finance	Location TBC
17th November	Board	Clare

Northern and Yorke Regional Leadership Team Report

Regional Priorities

Month: September – November 2026

Date	Item
	Pest Plant and Animal Control • Coordinated control of priority weeds • Coordinated control of exotic predators • Active management of total grazing pressure
	• Coordinated trapping programs continue to deliver positive results, including successful outcomes from Yalgi trapping activities. • Compliance activities are increasing, including coordination with DEW regarding Pedler compliance actions. • Planning is underway for an enhanced Gazania management campaign, including separate approaches for residential and agricultural stakeholders. • Discussions continue with SAPN regarding innovative declared weed management options. • A Board briefing paper on goat management has been prepared, with a preferred approach of active control and destruction within designated buffer zones. • Additional funding proposals are progressing through the Landscape Priority Fund, including collaborative goat management initiatives. • Ongoing work continues on wild dog planning, weed complaints management and roadside woody weed control programs.
Date	**Sustainable Agriculture** • Improve livestock grazing practices • Promote land management practices to reduce soil acidification • Maintain surface cover on pastures and cultivated lands • Improve soil structure and water infiltrations rates
	• Quarter 1 Regional Delivery Program reporting is underway. • Collaboration continues with the University of Adelaide livestock team on regional research projects. • A new livestock water-use research project is progressing in the Mintaro area. • Water audit and farm dam enhancement tools are nearing completion and expected to be released shortly. • Planning is underway for a Board workshop examining farm investment programs, landholder contributions and long-term land management outcomes.
Date	**Water Management** • Review region's water management framework • Manage land run-off and impacts to watercourse integrity • Improve the efficiency of water retention and use across catchments
	• The Water Security Report arising from the Northern Yorke Drought Resilience Plan project is under review, with discussions continuing regarding governance and delivery arrangements. • Staff contributed to the Annual Water Planning forum and discussed water allocation planning and water security priorities. • The Clare Water Allocation Plan review strategy is progressing toward finalisation and is expected to be presented to the Board. • Planning is underway to ensure continuity of water program delivery during upcoming staff leave periods.

- Water-related biodiversity projects, including turtle platform initiatives, continue to be progressed across the region.

Date	Biodiversity • Improve management of existing native vegetation • Undertake revegetation and regeneration in priority areas • Plan and implement cross-tenure fire management

- Orchid surveys have identified rare species and hybrids, with planning underway for future translocation activities.
- Marna Banggara continues to progress strongly, with increasing investment, research and partnership opportunities being explored.
- Work continues on soil research, Heritage Agreement grant opportunities and the Wardang Island proposal.
- Bilby reintroduction planning is progressing through collaboration with specialist partners, including Taronga Zoo, with additional funding opportunities currently being pursued.
- Additional biodiversity monitoring programs and partnerships with ranger groups, including the Nukunu Rangers, continue to support landscape management outcomes.
- Opportunities linked to avian influenza mitigation and predator control on southern Yorke Peninsula are being explored.

Date	Communities • Engage effectively with community, agriculture sector and stakeholders • Involve Aboriginal communities in planning and delivery • Consult, collaborate and partner

- The Board is seeking recognition for the 5 Nations Landscape Committee through the Governor's Multicultural Awards, with supporting endorsements gathered as part of the nomination process.
- Planning for the 2027 SA Landscape Forum continues, with the Barossa confirmed as host region. Preparations are focused on collaborative workshops, field visits and opportunities for knowledge sharing across Landscape Boards.
- Planning is progressing for the upcoming Coastal Forum, with registrations and agenda finalisation underway.
- First Nations engagement remains a priority through committee activities, induction resources, collaborative projects and ongoing partnerships.
- Assessment of future reconciliation opportunities is underway, including consideration of a standalone Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Additional communications capability has been established through implementation of a bulk messaging system to support stakeholder engagement and emergency communications.

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NYLB REFERRALS - RLT BOARD REPORT

Number	Assigned to	Task status	Date Due	Subject	Date Created
123	Elly Curnow	Completed	24/07/2026	Temporary Accommodation Burra	11/06/2026 12:48 PM
125	Brooke Kerin	Completed	16/07/2026	Hamiltons Road Springton	16/06/2026 01:56 PM
126	Nick Modra	Completed	30/07/2026	Brinkworth Transmission Line	03/07/2026 01:00 PM
127	Nick Modra	Completed	14/08/2026	Whyte Yarcowie Wind Farm	17/07/2026 03:57 PM
129	Brooke Kerin	Completed	18/09/2026	Hughes Gap BESS	10/08/2026 11:13 AM
130	Nick Modra	Completed	28/09/2026	Cryptic Sun Moth	17/08/2026 12:00 PM
131	Elly Curnow	Completed	15/09/2026	Biodiversity Act	18/08/2026 04:47 PM
132	Elly Curnow	Completed	04/09/2026	Bundey Data Centre Campus	21/08/2026 03:00 PM
134	Nick Modra	Completed	14/10/2026	Barossa Bikeway	16/09/2026 11:36 AM
135	Nick Modra	Completed	02/11/2026	Willogoleche Stage 2 Wind Farm	21/09/2026 10:32 AM
137	Nick Modra	Completed	27/10/2026	Barn Hill Windfarm	30/09/2026 10:14 AM
138	Nick Modra	Completed	06/11/2026	For comment - Hogans Quarry MOP	07/10/2026 09:21 AM
139	Elly Curnow	Allocated	12/11/2026	Bundey - Infrastructure	19/10/2026 08:50 AM
141	Nick Modra	In Progress	16/11/2026	Proposed Hydrogen and Helium Exploration Activities	23/10/2026 08:44 AM
142	Elly Curnow	Allocated	14/12/2026	8573 Horrocks Highway, Clare Code Amendment	23/10/2026 08:57 AM
143	Nick Modra	Allocated	29/11/2026	Rex Minerals Hillside	02/11/2026 09:05 AM

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Communications Report

OCTOBER 2026 | Northern and Yorke Landscape Board

Report by: Suzi Moore
Prepared: 31 October 2026

Focus

PRIORITY 1: **Marna Bangarra**
This month's media activity highlighted the positive impact and momentum of the Marna Banggara program. To support the project's next phase, we are preparing a suite of corporate pitch decks and partnership funding proposals aimed at securing investment from government, corporate and philanthropic partners. Developing the funding framework, collateral and engagement pipeline will be a key priority over the coming six months.

SNAPSHOT

31 October 2026

DIGITALS

Posts viewed: **328,674**

Engagement: **8,848**

Best performing content:
- Marna Banggara videos
- Coastal access case studies
- Grassroots Grants case studies
- Black-chinned honeyeater

MEDIA

Media releases/blogs: **4**
Interviews/published: **5**

PRIORITY 2: **Positive regional action**
Communications efforts have focused on promoting the significant work occurring across the region, with particular emphasis on community projects and local achievements delivered through the Grassroots Grants program and other Landscape Board-funded initiatives.

PRIORITY 3: **Engagement Events** Supporting promotion of the raft of events including a Turtle event, a Sustainable Ag workshops, BioBlitz, and other nature education events.

	Website DEEPER DIVE INFO SEEKERS	**Facebook** LOCAL COMMUNITY & LANDHOLDERS	**YouTube** DEEPER DIVE VIDEO	**Instagram** GENERAL PUBLIC NATURE LOVERS	**LinkedIn** PROFESSIONALS & PARTNERS	**Google** BUSINESS SEARCHES	**e-News** ENGAGED SUBSCRIBERS	**Media** RELEASES AND INTERVIEWS
Views 328,674	5,050	66,694	4,940	5,661	243,632	337	2,360	4 releases/blogs
Engagement 8,848	1,508	3,910	2,450	308	411	65	196	5 published
Top content	• Our Plans and Reports • Contact us • Sustainable Ag update • News • Water affecting activities • Bite-sized grants • Reveg • Meet our Board • Pest animals	• Bri soil health video • Dylan Marna Banggara video • Parsons Beach Grassroots Grants • North Beach Coastal Access case study • Walk the Yorke Coastal Access case study • Rabbit control	• Yalgi release video • Dylan Marna Banggara video • Claire Marna Banggara video • Heard the Black-chinned Honeyeater? • How to control gorse • How to control garzania	• Claire Marna Banggara video • Dylan Marna Banggara video • Bri soil health video • Heard the Black-chinned Honeyeater? with audio • Nature Play Festival with Elisha	• Marna Banggara video • Meet Kate: Staff profile • BufflepalooSA • Buffel grass video • Heard the Black-chinned Honeyeater? • Habitat day • Bulb weeds	• LandscapeSA northern yorke • Northern Yorke Landscape Board • Wedge tail eagles • How to deter foxes • Hooded plover	• Yakka – October • Sustainable Ag Update – October	• Marna Banggara • Drought planning • Wildflowers and weeds • Grassroots Grants • Nature Play festival

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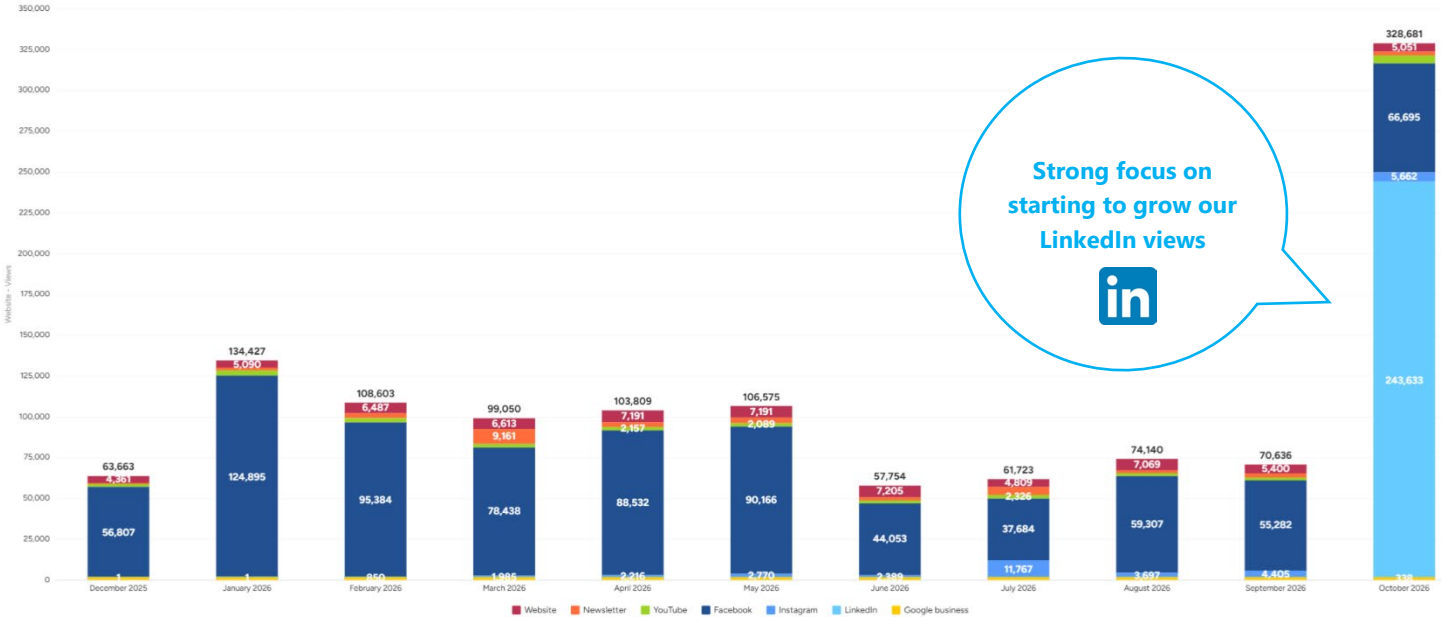
Digital Footprint YTD: Views

@October 31 YTD: 37.3% growth [strong].

GLOBAL BENCHMARK TARGETS

VIEWS

- ✅ 5-10% average growth rate across platforms = good
- 🚀 10-20%+ = strong



Strong focus on starting to grow our LinkedIn views

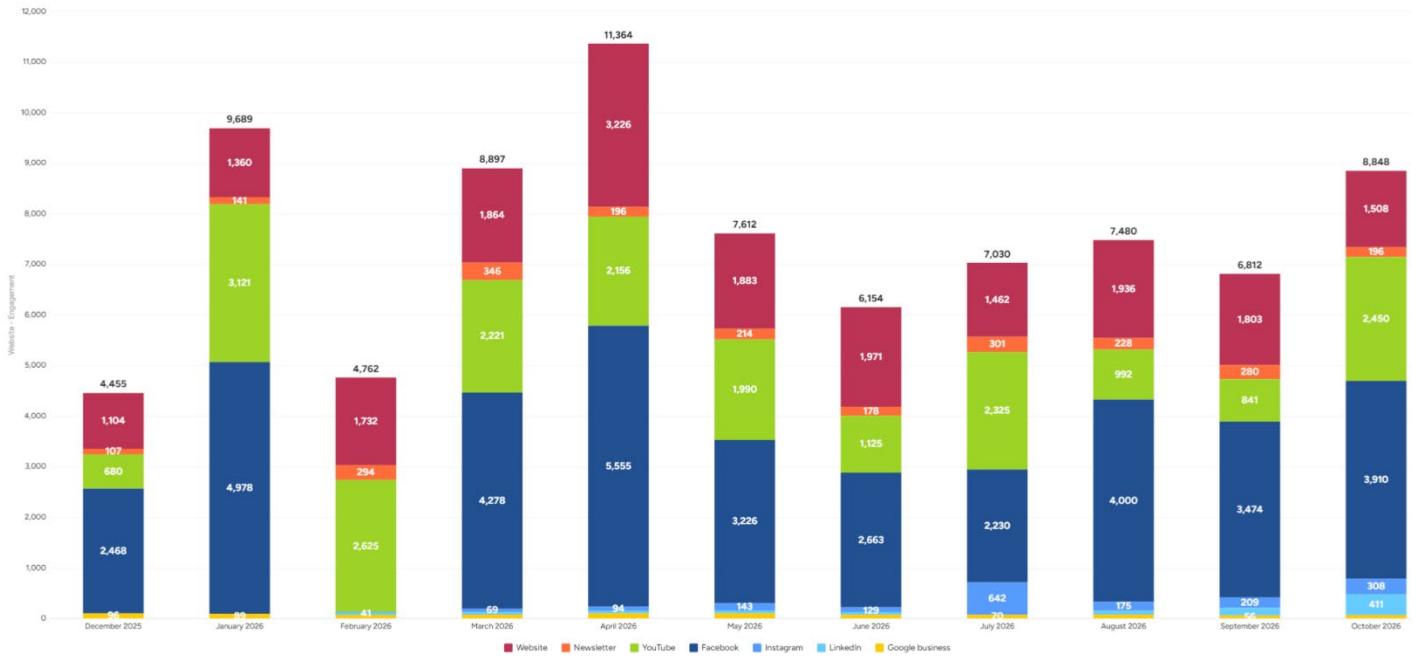
Digital Footprint YTD: Engagement

@October 31 YTD: 11.9% growth [strong].

GLOBAL BENCHMARK TARGETS

ENGAGEMENT

- ✅ 3–5% average engagement rate across platforms = good
- 🚀 5-10%+ = strong



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Top content by views



When crop growth starts thinning out a...

Tue Oct 20, 3:36pm

6.7K 102
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Views 7.0K Interactions 253



Views 7.1K Interactions 274



Book your spot now

Fri Oct 23, 8:39am

4.7K 37
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#Rewilding like you've never seen it - check...

Mon Oct 26, 5:58pm

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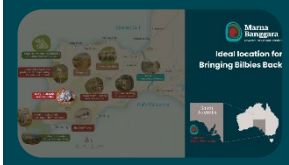
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 🌿 💥 Rewilding on steroids right here in SA: A pioneering approach developed right here in South Australia is drawing the eyes of the world. This is conversation with ambition...	182,015	+182,015	114	+114
 👋 Meet Kate! Her favourite office view? A 360-degree panorama of the Southern Flinders Ranges from the top of a peak on the family farm. 💚 She's well known around the	59,765	+59,765	392	+392

Post with image	Views		Engagement		Likes		Clicks	
 🌾 Buffel grass is tough. 💪 South Australia is tougher. At BuffelpalooSA 2026, experts from across the	584	+584	40.1%	+40.1%	16	+16	218	+218
 Heard it 🔊 👠 ? Do tell 🦜!!! It is the call of the Black-chinned Honeyeater. Once widespread*, now only 50-	244	+244	9.0%	+9.0%	10	+10	9	+9
 👋 Meet Kate! Her favourite office view? A 360-degree panorama of the Southern Flinders Ranges from the	220	+220	9.5%	+9.5%	12	+12	8	+8
 🌾 ⚠️ Buffel Grass Alert: After increased winter rain, our Landscape Officer for the Rangelands is already	184	+184	10.9%	+10.9%	11	+11	8	+8
 🌿 💥 Rewilding on steroids right here in SA: A pioneering approach developed right here in	177	+177	18.1%	+18.1%	13	+13	17	+17
 🏜️ Habitat isn't just where wildlife lives. It's where life thrives: Happy World Habitat Day! Let's celebrate	83	+83	9.6%	+9.6%	2	+2	6	+6

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Media

Releases and blogs

	**Stopping weed spread at harvest: Tips and tricks**		News article	30 October 2026	*Invasive plants*
	**Fire Danger Season Mid North and Yorke Peninsula 2026**		News article	23 October 2026	*Sustainable ag*
	**Rewilding: Nation-leading program right here in SA**		News article	28 October 2026	*Pest animals*
	**Be part of locating the Black-chinned Honeyeater**		News article	5 October 2026	*Biodiversity*

Published

				Clip Below
Invasive animals	Marna Banggara Rewilding Project	*Hansard Daily - Legislative Council*	28 October 2026	*Y*
Nature education	Future Proof Drought Resilience	*Port Pirie Recorder*	15 October 2026	*Y*
Pest weeds	Wildflowers and Weeds	*ABC Radio*	7 October 2026	*Y*
Grassroots Grants	Locals Share in Grassroots Grants	*Yorke Peninsula Country Times*	7 October 2026	*Y*
Coastal access	Nature Play Festival Barossa	*Bunyip*	7 October 2026	*Y*

Media clips

Hansard Daily -Legislative Council 28 October 2026

Hansard Daily - Legislative Council: Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Marna Banggara Rewilding Project

The Hon. R.P. WORTLEY: Mr President, it's outrageous. My question is to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water. Will the minister update the council on the importance of the Marna Banggara project on southern Yorke Peninsula, and how the investment in landscape-scale conservation is supporting biodiversity, regional communities and providing a healthy environmental future for South Australia?

The Hon. E.S. BOURKE (Minister for Climate, Environment and Water, Minister for Tourism) (15:02): I thank the honourable member for this question and for highlighting the importance of this iconic project. The Malinauskas government acknowledges the ongoing commitment of the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and Marna Banggara partners to progressing conservation, community collaboration and economic opportunity in Yorke Peninsula's agricultural landscape.

Marna Banggara—meaning healthy, prosperous country in Narungga language—is an ambitious landscape-scale rewilding project being delivered in the southern Yorke Peninsula. Led by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board in partnership with Narungga Nation, state and national land conservation partners, farmers and broader community, the project aims to bring health and prosperity to local ecosystems and communities.

Marna Banggara is restoring and protecting surviving flora and fauna through rewilding. Through the reintroduction of lost native species, rewilding improves ecosystem resilience in the face of challenges such as bushfire, diseases like bird flu and climate-related impacts such as algal blooms. Marna Banggara builds on the long history of natural resource management and community-driven conservation on the Yorke Peninsula.

The project was born from community concern over a decade ago, and through expansive landscape-scale fox and feral cat control, in 2021, Marna Banggara reintroduced brush-tailed bettongs to the peninsula. Between 2021 and 2023, Marna Banggara reintroduced nearly 200 endangered brush-tailed bettongs, with the population now thriving and hard at work improving the environment for generations to come.

Marna Banggara's achievements have created long-term positive change for local biodiversity and threatened species, delivering against both state and national conservation goals. Planning is well underway for the reintroduction of the greater bilby, which promises to be a nationally significant milestone, restoring an iconic threatened species to a predator-managed environment. Whilst the return of the bilby to the landscape is exciting, so, too, is Marna Banggara's positive impact on the surviving populations of locally threatened birds, the malleefowl, mallee whipbird and hooded plovers, whose populations have benefited through this project over this term.

In closing, we would like to particularly thank and acknowledge the Marna Banggara project and the Northern and Yorke Peninsula board's contribution to South Australia's conservation and the continued dedication, hard work and experiences of the Yorke Peninsula community.

Link

Port Pirie Recorder 15 October 2026



15 OCT, 2026
FUTURE PROOF
Port Pirie Recorder, Port Pirie

FUTURE PROOF

By Theo Dimou

REGION - A new regional drought resilience plan is helping farmers, businesses and communities across the Northern and Yorke region prepare for increasingly unpredictable rainfall, with six projects already funded to strengthen long-term resilience.

The Northern and Yorke Regional Drought Resilience Plan, developed through the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund, aims to identify drought risks and guide investment in measures to help communities better withstand prolonged dry conditions.

Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North (RDAYMN) chief executive officer Daniel Willson said the plan was designed to help stakeholders understand their exposure to drought and prepare for future challenges.

"The role of the drought resilience plan is to really help regions understand their exposures to drought, so that different stakeholders, businesses, governments and service providers can think through the different risks associated with drought and begin taking action to help them address those risks," Mr Willson said.

"They're able to withstand droughts better when they happen."

The plan highlights climate projections suggesting the region could spend 65 per cent of its time in drought by 2030, with declining rainfall and rising evaporation placing increasing pressure on agricultural production.

Mr Willson said changing rainfall patterns meant farmers and businesses could no longer rely on historical conditions when planning for the future.

"The key thing to understand about those forecasts is that the profile of rainfall generally is changing over time," he said.

"We can't assume what's been true for the past 20 years is going to be what the world looks like for the next 20.

"It's getting people to understand what that's likely to look like, and how they can change farming systems and businesses, so they're able to make the most of rain, which is going to be more variable."

Consultation involving more than 90 stakeholder engagement experiences also revealed significant differences in how communities experienced and managed drought.

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Drought plan now in place

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"One of the really interesting things that came through the consultation is how different communities experiences of drought are," Mr Willson said.

"We think about farmers running mixed operations over the hills back towards Orroroo, they deal with drought frequently.

"They know how to change their operations to reflect those challenges, compared with

"Drought affects both types of operation, and both communities, but in very different ways.

"The risks faced are different, and responses required need to reflect this."

Among the initiatives already underway are revegetation and carbon farming projects, led by the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, which aim to create alternative income streams for agricultural businesses.

including machinery dealerships and fabricators, to diversify into the defence industry.

Mr Willson said drought resilience extended well beyond the farm gate, with prolonged dry conditions affecting businesses, sporting clubs and community wellbeing.

"When farmers can't pay bills, the people that rely on farming customers, their credit gets stretched as well," he said.

"Supermarkets and ag suppliers, they start to have cash flow issues.

"They then start to pull back on things like sporting club sponsorships, so it really does start to affect the entire community pretty quickly."

Mr Willson said maintaining social connections and supporting community organisations during drought was equally important.

"Making sure that sporting clubs can still function, that people have places they can go and connect with each other, that's really important," he said.

"You don't want people to stay apart during drought, you want them to be able to come together as they normally would.

"They can maintain that sense of normality, they can maintain that connection with their neighbours, with their friends and families."

Six projects are currently funded through the plan's first implementation agreement, with another funding round expected to become available by the end of the year.

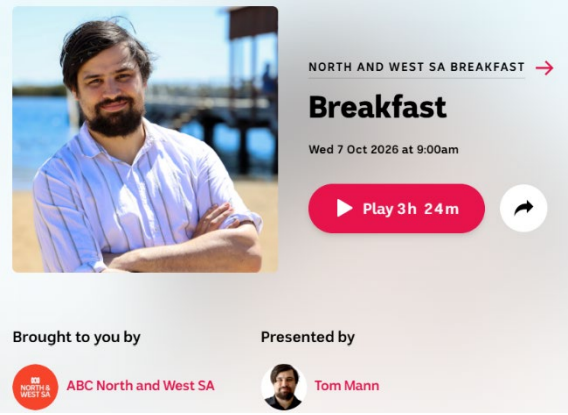
Progress will be monitored through reporting requirements and an ongoing evaluation framework, allowing initiatives to be adjusted as lessons emerge.

The plan was developed through the Northern and Yorke Regional Alliance, comprising the Northern and Yorke Local Government Association, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, RDAYMN, RDA Barossa, Gawler, Light and Adelaide Plains, SA Drought Hub, and Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA).



Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North outgoing chief executive officer Daniel Willson (407871)

ABC Radio 7 October 2026





Click to listen **(3:01:41)**

Wildflowers and weeds

AI Summary Following an exceptionally wet winter across regional South Australia, Northern and Yorke Landscape Board General Manager **Tony Fox** highlighted the remarkable condition of both agricultural and natural landscapes. This spring is shaping up as one of the best wildflower seasons in years across northern and regional South Australia, with spectacular displays of native orchids and lilies. However, the same conditions have also favoured invasive weeds, making weed control and community awareness critical to protecting these flourishing natural landscapes.

Key points

- **Outstanding seasonal conditions** have produced some of the best crops Tony has seen, with canola reaching shoulder height in some paddocks.
- Native vegetation is also thriving, with an exceptional display of **wildflowers and orchids** across the region.
- This year has seen a particularly strong emergence of native orchids, including:
    - Spider orchids
    - Donkey orchids
    - Nodding greenhood orchids
- Some orchid species are **extremely rare**, with small remaining populations around areas such as **Sandy Creek near Gawler** and parts of the **Yorke Peninsula**.

Why are the wildflowers flourishing?

- The main driver is the combination of:
    - Long-lasting soil moisture from winter rains.
    - A gradual warming through spring.
- Tony also noted that some native orchids respond strongly to **bushfires**, highlighting the ecological importance of prescribed burns and First Nations cultural burning practices.

A reminder to admire, not pick

- Visitors are encouraged to enjoy wildflowers with their eyes only.
- Native flowers play important ecological roles and many occur in limited remnant vegetation areas.
- Picking flowers or collecting seed can impact conservation efforts.

Not all colourful flowers are good news

The favourable conditions have also resulted in a surge of **invasive weeds**, including:

- **Salvation Jane**, which has resurged despite decades of successful biological control.
- **Gazania**, a popular garden plant that spreads aggressively into natural environments.
- **Cape Tulip**, a highly invasive orange-flowering weed that:
    - Threatens native vegetation.
    - Is toxic to livestock.
    - Invades pastures.
    - Is difficult to control once established.

Tony noted that in places such as **Spring Gully in the Clare Valley**, Cape Tulip can create impressive displays that inexperienced observers may mistake for native wildflowers.

Landscape Board focus this spring: The Landscape Board's priority is controlling invasive weeds around parks and native vegetation areas and encouraging landholders and communities to remove problem species before they spread into conservation areas.

Yorke Peninsula Country Times 7 October 2026



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Locals share in Grassroots Grants
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Locals share in Grassroots Grants

SIX projects across Yorke Peninsula and the Mid North will share more than $54,000 through the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's 2026 Grassroots Grants program.

The local projects are among 22 across the Northern and Yorke region sharing $181,841 for community-led environmental work.

Port Rickaby Progress Association has received $9961.67 for its Coringle Drive Dune Conservation Project, involving revegetation, stabilisation and foredune growth at Port Rickaby.

At Chinaman Wells, the Shack Owners Association has received $10,000 to restore and stabilise a degraded coastal dune system within Hilton White Memorial Park.

Friends of the Hooded Plover Yorke Peninsula will receive $8625 to improve hooded plover chick survival through fox control and community engagement across Moonta Bay and Port Hughes beaches.

Copper Coast Council has been awarded $10,000 for its Moonta Tiny Forest Demonstration Project, which will transform an underused public reserve at North Moonta into native woodland habitat.

In the Mid North, Wakefield Regional Council will receive $6175 for its Lochiel Pest Pine Purge, aimed at improving the ecological diversity and appearance of the road reserve around Lake Bumbunga.

Snowtown Community Management Committee has received $9990 to remove declared weeds along the Barunga Gap rail corridor.

Grassroots Grants project manager Kate Pearce said this year's projects involved community groups, volunteers, councils, schools and landholders.

"Our local communities understand their landscapes better than anyone, and these projects show what's possible when passionate people are supported to bring their ideas to life," she said.

"These grants may be relatively small, but the impact is significant. They're helping communities improve biodiversity, protect native species, restore important habitats and build stronger connections with the environment."

The Grassroots Grants program supports community-led projects addressing local environmental priorities across the Northern and Yorke region.



07 OCT, 2026

School holiday fun in the mud

Bunyip, Gawler

School holiday fun in the mud

JUST shy of 400 people gathered for school holiday fun at the Barossa Bushgardens 2026 Nature Play Festival last week, braving the outdoors despite the threat of rain.

Kids from the Barossa and beyond immersed themselves in nature at the Nuriootpa event, covering themselves in mud and paint for a day of fun.

Hosted as part of South Australia's Nature Festival, the event was funded by Green Adelaide and The Barossa Council. Volunteers from the community-led native flora centre, Barossa Bushgardens, organised the event with help from Gawler Environment Centre, Mount Pleasant Natural Resources Inc. and Northern and Yorke Peninsula Landscape Board.

Mother nature was kind and held off the rain for the duration of the event, before putting on a show later on Thursday afternoon.



Sharon and Phil Fechner with Finn and Jules.





Caroline Price, Wyatt and Meagan Price.



Children enjoying the mud pit.



Merrilyn Matthews and Ivy.



Kathy Whitta, Elouise Hall and Kath Adams from the Gawler Environment Centre.



Kath Adams with a Murray-Darling carpet python.

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INCOMING

5.3.1 Preferred corridor selected for Mid North

5.3.2 Livestock SA Calls for Q Fever Vaccination Support for At-Risk Workers

OUTGOING

5.3.3 Pending Annual Report – Minister approval

Disclaimer: This document is a working paper and does not represent a formal position of the Board.

From: NTx Project
To: NY Landscape Board
Subject: Preferred corridor selected for Mid North
Date: Wednesday, 14 October 2026 11:00:58 AM

NTx Project Update

October 2026

Corridor 5 selected as preferred corridor for Mid North section of NTx South

Following detailed investigations and community engagement, ElectraNet has selected Corridor 5 as the preferred corridor for the Mid North section of NTx South, from Bundey to Freeling.

Corridor 5 is the easternmost of the five corridor options considered for this section of NTx South and was selected after performing most strongly overall and on balance across the early-stage assessments undertaken. This means Corridor 5 will become the focus of future investigations and planning once the project's

cost-benefit analysis has been completed.

Landholders within the corridor area are being contacted directly by ElectraNet.

What does selecting a preferred corridor mean?

Importantly, selecting a preferred corridor does not mean that a transmission line route has been selected, or that NTx has been approved, or will definitely proceed.

A preferred corridor is a broad area for future investigations to identify an appropriate transmission line route. Selecting Corridor 5 allows us to focus future planning and investigations within the area we consider most suitable, based on the work completed to date.

Once the required timing for delivery of NTx is confirmed, more investigation, planning and engagement would be required before a potential transmission line route could be identified. If future investigations identify constraints that cannot be satisfactorily addressed within Corridor 5, other options may be considered.

Why was Corridor 5 selected for the Mid North?

Corridor 5 was identified after

participants in earlier community engagement asked ElectraNet to investigate options further east of the original Mid North study area, particularly to reduce impacts on higher productivity cropping land, homes and townships.

In response, we expanded the study area and identified Corridor 5 as a potentially viable option. We then assessed all five corridors using the same assessment criteria and updated information to provide a consistent comparison.

Overall, Corridor 5 performed most strongly across the early-stage assessment. In particular, it performed favourably in areas identified as important through community feedback, including potential impacts on higher productivity cropping land, homes and townships. Like every corridor considered, it also presents constraints and trade-offs that would require further investigation and management.

You can find more information about the assessment and why Corridor 5 was selected in the:

- Corridor 5 fact sheet
- Corridor 5 Identification and Analysis Report.

What We Heard Volume 3 now available

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our recent engagements in and around NTx South Corridor 5, including landholders, community members, councils, elected representatives and other stakeholders.

Your feedback has helped us better understand local conditions, concerns and priorities, along with informing our continuing investigations and planning.

Following consultation on the Draft What We Heard Report Volume 3, we have now finalised the report to include the additional feedback received.

Read the final What We Heard Report Volume 3.

Questions on notice

We received a large number of questions during our recent community information sessions in Truro, Robertstown and Kapunda, including questions we took on notice. We have consolidated these questions and will share them together with responses on our website in coming days.

A more detailed Response to Feedback document is also being developed for release in coming

months, explaining how community feedback has been considered and used in our planning. We will also be releasing a number of fact sheets and other project information as our work progresses.

What's next?

With a preferred corridor now selected for the Mid North section of NTx South, our immediate focus will shift to the cost-benefit analysis and finalising the Project Assessment Conclusions Report (PACR) as part of the Regulatory Investment Test for Transmission (RIT-T).

The investigations undertaken on NTx to date have been important in developing a robust assessment of the project and informing the cost-benefit analysis that forms part of the RIT-T process.

The PACR will set out the conclusions of this work and is currently expected for release in late 2026 or early 2027.

Selection of a preferred corridor does not represent a decision to proceed with NTx.

The RIT-T process, including the regulatory assessment of the project and its costs and benefits, needs to be completed before ElectraNet determines when the project should progress.

As our immediate focus moves to completing the PACR, communities may see less on-ground investigation activity in Corridor 5 than might be expected following selection of a preferred corridor. Further detailed investigations and route development work will be undertaken as project planning progresses and greater certainty is established about the timing for NTx.

We will continue to keep landholders and communities informed as our work progresses.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to participate in the project engagement so far. We appreciate the feedback we've received and remain committed to keeping communities informed as planning continues.

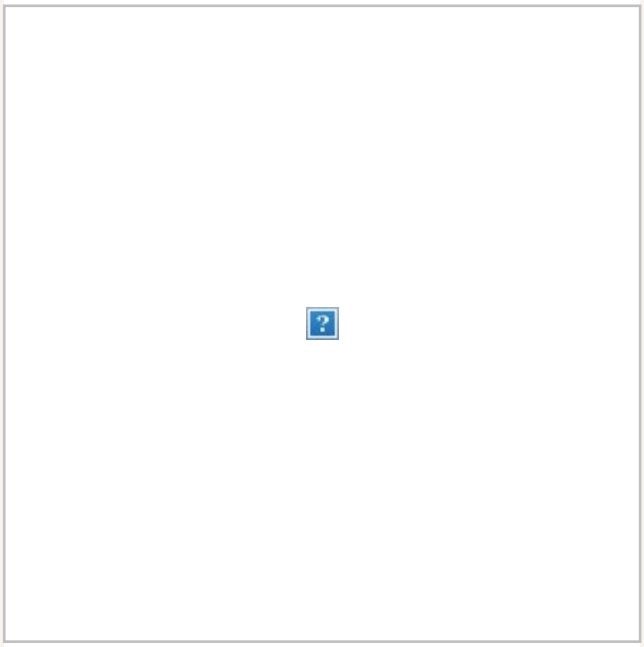
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NEWS RELEASE

12 October 2026

LIVESTOCK SA CALLS FOR Q FEVER VACCINATION FOR LIVESTOCK WORKERS

South Australia's peak livestock body is calling on the State Government to introduce a targeted subsidy for Q fever testing and vaccination, warning that cost should not be a barrier to protection for people working with livestock.

Livestock SA has written to Blair Boyer, Minister for Health and Wellbeing, seeking support for a South Australian subsidy program for livestock producers because it can spread through contaminated dust and cause serious illness and long-term health impacts.

Livestock SA Chief Executive Officer Travis Tobin said Q fever is an ongoing health risk for many people working in South Australia's livestock industries.

"It is a preventable disease, but cost remains a barrier for some of the very people who face the greatest exposure through their daily work."

The call comes amid growing concern about rising case numbers in South Australia from Safework SA. Mr Tobin said the disease could have significant impacts on workers and farming businesses.

"People often think of Q fever as a short-term illness, but for some people, it can result in prolonged fatigue and lengthy periods away from work at a time when labour shortages and workforce pressures already exist across agriculture."

Livestock SA said livestock producers should have affordable access to protection against a disease that can have serious consequences.

NOTES

- Q fever is an infectious disease caused by the bacteria *Coxiella burnetii* and is transmitted to humans from indirect or direct contact with animals, predominantly in regional areas.
- The majority of Q fever infections occur during the spring and summer months.
- There were seven cases of Q fever reported to SA Health in the first six months of 2026, with 30 cases reported in 2025 and 23 reported in 2024.
- Exposure to Q fever can occur through inhalation of contaminated dust or aerosols, exposure of broken skin to animal products or contaminated material, or penetrating injury through the skin with contaminated material, ingestion - consuming unpasteurised milk from an infected animal might be a risk for infection.
- Main sources of infection are sheep, cattle and goats
- People most at risk include farmers, shearers, livestock transporters, veterinarians and abattoir workers.

ENDS

- CEO, Travis Tobin is available for interview.

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About Livestock SA:

Livestock SA is the peak industry body representing South Australia's livestock producers, including more than 5,200 sheep producers, 2,700 beef cattle producers and several hundred goat producers across the state.

South Australia's red meat and wool industries contribute approximately $4.49 billion to the state's economy each year, and employ over 21,000 South Australians, accounting for 28% of all agricultural sector jobs.

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Board Calendar Plan - Forward Agenda

Focus	KPI	January	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Strategy	Business plan (annual)		Board Endorsement	Minister Endorsement	Adoption					
Strategy	Regional landscape plan (5-year strategic plan)	Draft to Board		Minister Endorsement						
Strategy	Water Allocation Plan (WAP) for the Clare Valley Prescribed Water Resources Area						Write to DEW seeking rapid review of the CV WAP to commence by 2026 (when Barossa/Baroota completed)			
Strategy	Water Allocation Plan (WAP) for the Baroota and Barossa Prescribed Water Resources Areas	Barossa - start formal consultation (2 months)	Barossa - Consultation Report, WAP and Implementation plan submit final to Minister for approval		Barossa & Baroota - commence WAP implementation (1 Jul 2026)			Baroota public consultation to commence - pending minister approval		
Strategy	Strategic risk register								Approve	
Delivery	Annual budget implementation		Development of next financial year's budget	Adoption of next financial year's budget						
Delivery	Levy – land and water (CPI only)			Water Levies gazetted by Minister						
Delivery	Levy – land and water (greater than CPI)			Gazetted by Minister / letter to councils						
Delivery	Application of CPI to 2023-2024 Land and Water Levy							Sept QTR CPI figures released		Approve development of working calculation methodology (incl. multi-year assessment of costs & CPI)
Delivery	Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Service Level Agreement				Endorse SLA					
Accountability	Financial statements - annual					Draft Financial Statements prepared and presented to Auditor-General 42 days post 30 June			Audited Statements returned from AG's for inclusion in Annual Report	

Focus	KPI	January	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Accountability	Annual Report							Draft	Approve	
Accountability	Conflict of interest and lobbyist declarations			To be completed and returned by all board and committee members						
Accountability	Conflicts of interest		Review	Review		Review	Review		Review	Review
Accountability	Key management personnel self-declaration questionnaire (Treasury requirement)			All Board Members and RLT to complete						
Accountability	Financial and non-financial delegations				Review instruments of authorisation					
Accountability	State Records freedom of information annual reporting				Results					
Accountability	Board and Committees Information System (BCIS) Treasury requirement				Update or when advised					
Accountability	Procurement Activity Reporting System (PARS) financial spend analysis	Q2 Oct-Dec Report (31 Jan)				Q4 Apr-Jun Report (31 Aug)		Q1 July-Sept Report (31 Oct)		
Accountability	Procurement Services SA (PSSA) annual reporting					Analyse and collate data		Due for submission to PPSA		
Accountability	District update reports to CEO, Mayor, all councillors of constituent councils and board members							Send Mar to Sept (6-monthly)		
Accountability	Project status reporting to board and management			Report			Report			Report
Accountability	Compliance reporting - when required						Presentation			
Accountability	Land Management Agreement register						Report for noting			
Accountability	Financial and management accounting reports & presentation to Board		Report / presentation to Board	Report / presentation to Board			Report / presentation to Board		Report / presentation to Board	Report / presentation to Board
Accountability	Financial and management accounting reports & presentation to Regional Leadership Team (RLT)			Report / presentation to RLT			Report / presentation to RLT			Report / presentation to RLT
Accountability	Water affecting activity permit application fee			Gazetted by Minister / Update forms						
Improvement	Member training and development			Identify training needs						
Improvement	Exit interview	When required								
Improvement	Composition/succession planning	Review composition and skills matrix								

Focus	KPI	January	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Improvement	Evaluation of performance - Board, Chair and individual members	When required								
Meetings	Board and committee meeting schedule						Draft		Endorse	
Meetings	Advertising board meeting dates, times and locations for calendar year									
Meetings	General board meeting		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	Optional
Other	Board member induction	When required								
Other	Operational oversight – receive RLT report		Y			Y			Y	
Other	Operational oversight – receive Communications and Engagement report		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Other	Operational oversight - receive district presentation		Yorke	Rangelands		Mid North			Yorke	
Other	Operational oversight - receive referral report		Y			Y			Y	
Other	Operational oversight – receive draft Work Health Safety and Wellbeing Committee meeting minutes			Y			Y			
Other	Presiding Member and Board Member Reports		Report for noting	Report for noting		Report for noting	Report for noting		Report for noting	Report for noting
Other	FNLC Chair Report		Y	Y		Y	Y		Y	
Other	Achievements report						Draft			
Other	Rates notice flyer (1st quarter) and annual highlights flyer (2nd & 3rd quarters)				Noting					
Other	Grassroots grants	Funding amount approval	Panel review	Approve recommended projects						
Other	Bite-sized grants					Report for noting				
Other	Sponsorships (above $5,000)	Review / approve as required								
Other	Independent community group insurance renewals and review of fact sheet					Report for noting				
Other	Usage of firearms on the region		Report for noting							
Other	Christmas and New Year workplace closures								Briefing for noting	
Other	Calendar of events		Noting	Noting		Noting	Noting		Noting	Noting
Other	Regional Alliance Meeting							Organise Meeting		
Other	First Nations Project Overview						Presentation			
Other	First Nations Committee Achievement Report				Report					
Other	Provision of information to communities								Seasonal outlook from DEW	
Other	Board Services Guide			Review & update website/council						

Board Member - Calendar of Events

Date	Meeting/Function/Occasion	Location	Attendance	comments / Link	STATUS
OCTOBER					
1-31/10	*Mental Health Awareness Month*			*All month*	
13/10/2026 (1:30-4pm)	Meeting about goat management in the pastoral zone	11 Waymouth Street, Inparrila room (03) on level 20	Geoff - maybe	RSVP by 2nd of Oct	
16-17	State Landcare Conference	Murray Bridge	Holly, Leo, Nicki	Accom @ Parklane Motel (16th)	
30/10/26	Barossa BioBlitz 2026 – Discover, Explore, Record!	Barossa			
21/10/26	Hart Spring Twilight Walk				
18/11/26	**Board Meeting**	**Gawler**			
NOVEMBER					
20/11/26	*National Agriculture Day*				
3-4 November	Minister Visit	TBA			
DECEMBER					