



## Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

### Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board - Meeting 18, Day 1

Date:	Tuesday, 10 September 2024	Start: 09:00am	Finish: 04:30pm
Location:	Ballroom 1, Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg (2 Jetty Rd)		
Attendees:	Brenz Saunders (Chair), Peter Burgoyne, Duane Edwards, Debbie Hansen, Jeremy Lebois, Wanda Miller, Julie O'Toole,		
Apologies:	Tapaya Edwards		
Staff:	Kim Krebs (General Manager), Noel Probert (Communications Coordinator), Thuy Phan (Business Manager), Olivia O'Leary-Fletcher (Executive Officer), Dalin Song, (Business Services Coordinator), Jacinta Sweet (Operations Services Coordinator), Yasmin Wolf (Operations Manager)		
Guests:	Emma McNicol & Bhiamie Eckford-Williamson (Monash University) [Item 3.1]; Tim Hall (NP&WS) [Item 3.2]		

### 1. OPENING ITEMS

#### 1.1 **Welcome, Apologies, Acknowledgement of Country, and Confirmation of Agenda**

The meeting opened at 9:20am. The newly appointed Chair, Mr Brenz Saunders, welcomed all present and provided an acknowledgement of Country to Elders past, present, and emerging, and their relationship with land, sea, and Country.

Apologies were received from Mr Tapaya Edwards.

There were no additional items raised and the agenda for Meeting 18 of the board was adopted.

#### 1.2 **Conflict of Interest and Related Party Disclosures**

The Chair requested the board to review the agenda and declare any potential conflicts of interest. There were no declared conflicts of interest.

The board were also requested to complete the provided conflict of interest form for the financial year 2024/25.

### 2. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

#### 2.1 **Review of Decisions and Minutes of Meeting 17**

The Chair requested the board to review the minutes of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board (AWLB) Meeting 17. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of Meeting 17 and were adopted without any changes. The topics covered in the minutes were discussed and actions were determined.

##### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the minutes of AW Landscape Board Meeting 17, held on 04<sup>th</sup> – 05<sup>th</sup> June 2024 without amendment.

*Moved: Peter Burgoyne*

*Seconded: Duane Edwards*

*Outcome: All in favour - **CARRIED***

## 2.2 Business Arising

The General Manager, Ms Krebs, updated the board on actions from Meeting 17 and their status. Progression of actions were noted by the board.

AWLB Action Register:

- Item ID 55: Terri Janke – aiming to join us for December board meeting – in progress.
- Item ID 120: To organise for DEM to come to December meeting to meet with Wanda and Tapaya to progress the conversation – in progress.
- Item ID 120: Adam providing a presentation tomorrow – complete.
- Item ID 121: Complete.
- Item ID 122: Complete.
- Item ID 123: Complete.
- Item ID 124: Awaiting progression.
- Item ID 125: Cable being laid is optic fibre – complete.
- Item ID 126: Complete.
- Item ID 127: Outstanding.

The board raised concerns about the environmental impacts of the telecommunications pipeline being constructed on the way to Western Australia.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progression of actions and business arising since the previous meeting

*Outcome: **NOTED***

### Actions

1. Invite Telstra (who are currently laying fibre optic cables enroute to Western Australia) to presentation on their strategies for minimising environmental impacts and managing buffel grass in regard to this project
2. Draft letter to the Minister re key meeting outcomes to be included in the correspondence pack.

## 2.3 Chair's Vision and Aspirations

The newly appointed Chair, Mr Brenz Saunders, addressed the board to share his vision and aspirations. He highlighted key areas such as reviewing the AW Landscape Plan 2021-26 and its targets, promoting environmental management throughout the region, and diversifying the funding structure. Mr Saunders expressed his eagerness to hear the board's thoughts on improvements and any ideas for change.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the Chair's vision and aspirations

*Outcome: **NOTED***

## 2.4 General Manager Update

Ms Krebs informed the board about the General Manager's activities since Board Meeting 17. The board was informed on key matters relating to funding, staff, partnerships, workplace health and safety, and government.

- The finalisation of Australian Government contractual obligations is ongoing, which will result in the compression of five years' worth of projects. We expect \$1.8M from DAFF over the next four years, although we have not yet received feedback on the project design proposal. Malleefowl work has only just begun.
- The review of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* was initiated last year. AW submitted comments including requesting an exemption from peak body consultation in the board nomination process which seems to have gain traction. Additionally, there was acknowledgement of the need for gender balance; AW proposed that each LHA be represented by one man and one woman, along with a Chair, totalling 11 members.
- After Board Meeting 16, the Deputy Premier express enthusiasm for a round table on buffel grass involving Ministers and department heads to discuss statewide management strategies, the round table is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.
- SafeWork SA has been engaged to assist managers with enhancing policies and procedures relating to staff wellbeing. They will conduct a site visit to Ceduna in September. AW plans to share all WHS outcomes with LHA ranger groups. There was a minor injury involving one staff member on a recent field trip.

Mr Saunders emphasised the importance of safety when working along the highway and suggested reaching out to DIT for support to protect staff during these tasks.

- Recruitment for the new Manager, Strategy and Sustainable Landscapes is in progress, this position will replace the current Program Manager role, which is being temporarily filled by AW's Regional Ecologist Mr Brett Backhouse.
- The Chair and General Manager will be attending the National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR) Gathering in September.
- In 2025, Adelaide will host the International Rangelands Congress which will include a two-day forum for Traditional Owner. Ms Krebs has been approached to explore the possibility of having AW influence this forum.

Following Ms Krebs' update, the board emphasised the significance of cultural awareness and the opportunity to address these concerns with the Ministerial Aboriginal Advisory Group (MAAG) and/or through the landscapes board's Statement of Commitment document and the DEW Reconciliation Action Plan. The board is also open to supporting funding for research, provided it is conducted respectfully and that Aboriginal voices are heard. This foundation of research could lead to a practical policy instrument. The Chair plans to reaffirm the board's priorities regarding cultural awareness with the DEW Chief Executive at their next meeting.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the General Manager's report since the last meeting

Outcome: **NOTED**

### Action

1. Write a letter to DIT to request some old road safety signs for staff safety while working along the highway.

## 2.5 Board Member Round Table

The Chair asked each board member to share their individually thoughts and perspectives on the situation in their region.

Mr Jeremy Lebois:

- The road has been opened between Emu and Mamungari and there has been a flock of tourists since opening. Oak Valley rangers will be spending their time up there patrolling.
- Anne Beadell Highway is classified as a private road of the state. MT has suggested that if the state cannot maintain it, they should return it to MT.

Mr Peter Burgoyne:

- Expressed interest in learning more about the fibre optic cables being installed on the route to WA, particularly regarding the cultural consultation and involvement of Traditional Owners.

Mr Duane Edwards:

- Yalata needs five toilets installed at the beach to promote the region and support local job creation.
- Fisheries and Marine Parks should invest more in beach clean-up efforts.

Mrs Wanda Miller:

- Expressed concerns about individuals from Oak Valley and Yalata staying in Ceduna, noting that the agencies are encouraging this by providing necessary support for their extended stay.
- Recently attended an IDA meeting in Broome where she discussed the upcoming IDA Conference at Yulara in November.

The board discussed whether any board members would be interested in attending – Mr Saunders and Mr Burgoyne indicated they would be interested to attend the 2025 IDA forum.

Ms Debbie Hansen:

- Raise concerns about the road conditions in Tjuntjuntjara since the rain, making it unsafe for residents to travel long distances.

The board discussed the issue of disaster resilience concerning flooding of remote roads and agreed to seek more information from DIT on their management strategies.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the updates from board members regarding events they attended since the last board meeting

*Outcome: **NOTED***

### Action

1. Write a letter to DIT requesting information on the management of remote roads affected by flooding.

### 3. STRATEGIC ITEMS

#### 3.1 National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR) Monash University

Ms Emma McNicol and Mr Bhiamie Eckford-Williamson from Monash University presented to the board about the National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR), established in 2022. Ms McNicol highlighted NIDR's projects within the context of climate crisis, emphasising the significant political and economic implications. In the AW region, climate change is manifesting through warming trends, increased fire risks, heavy rainfall, and a rise in large feral herbivore population. Mr Eckford-Williamson noted that NIDR focuses on engaging communities to understand threats such as bushfires, heat waves, and other climate-related events. The research team is also keen on supporting communities in practically by advocating for changes in emergency management and disaster resilience.

The NIDR team expressed interest in collaborating with all board members and their communities. The board recognised potential collaboration opportunities, including assessing the seriousness of climate crisis in metro versus remote areas and exploring cultural burning practices.

The board further discussed NIDR's role in relation to state and federal government agencies, highlighting the need to broaden the definition of a disaster to incorporate First Nations perspectives.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the Monash University presentation by M. Emma McNicol and Mr Bhiamie Eckford-Williamson

Outcome: **NOTED**

#### 3.2 Parks and Co-Management Update

Mr Tim Hall from National Parks & Wildlife Services presented to the board an update on parks and co-management boards in the Far West region.

Yumbarra Co-management Board: - met in August at Fowlers Bay

- Discussion about communications plans and who's responsible for what regarding decision-making.
- Southern Right Whale researchers discussed their work at the Head of the Bight and Fowlers Bay

Nullarbor Parks Advisory Committee: - met in Ceduna

- Koonalda Homestead interpretive signage created to communicate good strong messages and develop interpretation for visitors around the cultural connections in the Far West landscape.
- Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners in research – discussions about cultural authority and the collaboration of research. This was a broad conversation in recognising the relevance and value of true partnership and contribution to research.
- The draft conservation management plan for Koonalda Cave and the Nullarbor was discussed. Preliminary consultation will expected to be open until January 2025, allowing AW to have an opportunity to provide feedback.

Mamungari Co-management Board:

- Awaiting appropriate time to plan the next meeting.

Efforts are underway to manage tourism in the Far West, especially following the recent major cliff collapse at Bunda Cliffs. Parks are collaborating with wiki camps to discourage the promotion of camping along the cliffs.

Mr Saunders highlighted the successful coastline cleanup initiatives in Yalata that involved school children – Mr Hall agreed to discuss potential funding options offline.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the presentation by Mr. Tim Hall on the parks and co-management update.

Outcome: **NOTED**

### 3.3 Induction Refresh

Ms. Kim Krebs and Ms. Thuy Phan presented an induction refresh to the board, informing them of a full day in Adelaide scheduled for 15 February 2025, for more in-depth exploration of the induction process. The board reviewed their role and responsibilities to the Minister as well as the roles of the Minister, General Manager, Presiding Member and Chief Executive, DEW. Additionally, the board discussed conflict of interest and WHS responsibilities. Fees, allowances, and reimbursements were reiterated in accordance with Determination 3.2.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the induction refresh presented by Ms. Thuy Phan and Ms. Kim Krebs

Outcome: **NOTED**

### 3.4 Nominations for Positions on the Audit & Risk Management Committee

The board were asked to discuss membership nominations for the Audit & Risk Management Committee (A&RMC), with currently has a Chair and two member positions vacant. The board discussed nominating Mr. Peter Burgoyne for the Chair position, and this nomination received unanimous support.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** Mr. Peter Burgoyne to the Chair position of the Audit & Risk Management Committee

Moved: Duane Edwards

Seconded: Julie O'Toole

Outcome: **CARRIED**

The board discussed nominating Mr Duane Edwards and Mrs Wanda Miller as additional members of the committee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

2. **Endorsed** Mr. Duane Edwards and Mrs. Wanda Miller to the vacant member positions of the Audit & Risk Management Committee

Moved: Brenz Saunders

Seconded: Peter Burgoyne

Outcome: **CARRIED**

### 3.5 Communications Update

Mr. Noel Probert delivered a presentation to the board, highlighting recent communication achievements, including:

- Winter issue of Palya has been released – approx. 80 copies have been downloaded from the website and approx. 300 copies were mailed out.
- AW's Facebook page is growing steadily with an additional 20 new followers in the last three months. The top Facebook posts included the fauna survey with Ceduna Area School, job vacancy for Manager, Strategy and Sustainable Landscapes, and the NAIDOC family day.
- A poster was developed with Mr Backhouse as part of his presentation at the Australasian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Sydney in July highlighting the importance of dingoes in the region.
- Mr. Backhouse appeared on ABC Eyre Peninsula Breakfast to discuss the malleefowl aerial LiDAR survey.
- A new sign has been designed and installed at the Ceduna office, along with new banners for event signage and two promotional stickers.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress of AW's communications and explore additional ways to contribute.

Outcome: **NOTED**

### 3.6 **Draft Statement of Commitment for LHAs**

At AWLB Meeting 17 in June, the board held a workshop on *Statement of Commitment* for landholding authorities, during which Ms. Krebs presented a draft for discussion and review.

Mr. Probert read the draft *Statement of Commitment* aloud, and feedback was requested from board members. The board agreed to keep dot points 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 unchanged.

After discussing dot point 3, immediate revisions were made, and the board agreed to endorse the *Statement of Commitment* for the Chair and General Manager to share with the LHAs.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the draft *Statement of Commitment* following amendments to dot point three.

*Moved: all in favour*

*Seconded: all in favour*

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

### 3.7 **Partnership Agreement – Indigenous Desert Alliance**

Mrs Miller declared a potential conflict of interest being a director of the IDA Board. The board agreed no perceived conflict of interest for this particular item.

Ms. Krebs updated the board on the current collaborative partnership between AW and IDA. The draft partnership agreement outlines short-, medium-, and long-term goals, along with descriptions of both IDA and AW, as well as their shared purpose and principles. The agreement was drafted in March and pending the board's endorsement, Ms Krebs will follow up on the status from IDA's side. The board discussed the following changes:

- Add 'share information *and solutions*' to the second dot point of shared purpose
- Add 'Ranger teams, *communities*, and their LHAs' under principles of partnership.
- Add to shared priorities '*recognise intellectual property*'
- Title of the agreement to be '*Ngapartji Ngapartji*'.

It was also noted that key staff names will be removed, instead leaving position title.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the draft Partnership Agreement with the Indigenous Desert Alliance, incorporating the discussed amendments.

*Moved: Brenz Saunders*

*Seconded: Peter Burgoyne*

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

### 3.8 **Collaboration Principles & Practices with National Parks SA**

To facilitate strategic collaboration between AWLB and NP&WS, a draft document outlining collaboration principles and practices has been created to guide this partnership. The document specifies how to better improve the collaboration. It emphasises the need for clear principles concerning aerial shooting programs and promotes a commitment to two-way information sharing. Ms Krebs provided a rough timeframe, indicating that there is still potential for further development.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Discussed** and **provided feedback** on the draft collaboration principles and practices between AW Landscape Board and National Parks SA

*Outcome: **NOTED***

### 3.9 Board Portfolios

At AWLB Meeting 13, the board portfolios were established to enhance the board's strategic identity and role. Since then, Mr. Peter Miller and Mr. Mick Haynes have retired, creating a need to nominate new members for the land and sea portfolio as well as natural capital accounting portfolio. The board discussed Mr Duane Edwards taking on the primary member role for land and sea portfolio, with Mrs Wanda Miller serving as the proxy for natural capital accounting. The board agreed that it is preferable for both the primary and proxy portfolio holders to attend meetings where possible.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the nomination of Mr. Duane Edwards as primary holder role for the land and sea portfolio.
2. **Endorsed** the nomination of Mrs. Wanda Miller as a proxy role for the natural capital accounting portfolio.

*Moved: All in favour*

*Seconded: All in favour*

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

### 3.10 Minister's Aboriginal Advisory Group Nomination

In 2022, the Malinauskas Government pledged to establish a Ministerial Aboriginal Advisory Group (MAAG) to offer cultural advice to the environment minister – Hon Deputy Premier Dr Susan Close, on matters concerning the environment portfolio. The Deputy Premier has reached out to AW for a nomination to the MAAG. Ms. Krebs provided an overview of the terms of reference for the MAAG, and the board discussed potential nominations for the role.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the Deputy Premier's intentions to establish a Ministerial Aboriginal Advisory Group
2. **Endorsed** Mr. Jeremy Lebois as the Alinytjara Wilurara nominee to the Ministerial Aboriginal Advisory Group
3. **Endorsed** Mr Brenz Saunders as the Alinytjara Wilurara proxy to the Ministerial Aboriginal Advisory Group

*Moved: Peter Burgoyne*

*Seconded: Duane Edwards*

*Outcome: All in favour - **CARRIED***

#### Action

1. Prepare a correspondence advising the appointment of Jeremy as the AW representative for the Ministerial Aboriginal Advisory Group

## 4. HR MATTERS

### 4.1 AWLB Risk Register (11/09/24)

Ms. Thuy Phan presented the risk register to the board for feedback and approval. This register is essential for the board's governance responsibilities regarding for the oversight and management of identified strategic risks. It was last reviewed at A&RMC Meeting 09 and approved by the board at Meeting 17, with no new risk raised since then. Auditors have recommended that the risk register be reviewed and presented at each AWLB meeting to effectively manage risks associated with the board's activities. The General Manager is confident that the risk register currently captures all known relevant risks. The board agreed to conduct a more thorough review of the risk register at the next A&RMC Meeting.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the risk register and provided input and feedback to it.
2. **Approved** the risk register without amendment.

*Moved: Peter Burgoyne*

*Seconded: Jeremy Lebois*

*Outcome: All in favour - **CARRIED***



### Action

1. To conduct a thorough review of the risk register at the next A&RMC Meeting in December and present it to the board for endorsement thereafter.

#### 4.2 **Revised Financial Delegation (11/09/24)**

Ms. Thuy Phan discussed the review of financial delegations to ensure alignment with the board's strategic goals and operational requirements, allowing for financial decisions to be made by suitably qualified and authorised personnel. In the absence of a Chair since February 2024, the General Manager had to enter into a five-year contract with the Australian Government, which exceeded the current limit of \$1,500,000. To ensure compliance, this limit needed to be increased to \$2,500,000. Additionally, the new Australian Government funding has resulted in new contracts and staff positions to help meet the board's contractual obligations, necessitating updates to the Instrument of Authorisation to reflect these changes. The board endorsed the Chair's authority to sign the instruments of authorisation and the revised financial delegation presented.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the updated Instrument of Authorisations:
  - Instrument of Authorisation – Contract Execution
  - Instrument of Authorisation – Contract Execution via Purchase Card
  - Instrument of Authorisation – Procurement – Contract Pre-Approval – Procurement – Payment & Disbursement
2. **Approved** the updated Instrument of Authorisations including an increase in authorisation limit for the General Manager

*Moved: Brenz Saunders*

*Seconded: Peter Burgoyne*

*Outcome: All in favour - **CARRIED***

#### 4.3 **People Matter Employee Survey (11/09/24)**

The People Matter Employee Survey (PMES) is a statewide staff wellbeing survey conducted by the Office of the Commissioner for the Public Sector Employment to assess workplace perspectives. Upon completion of the survey, the General Manager is required to develop an action plan focusing on 3-4 key matters. Ms. Kim Krebs requested that the board review the summary provided and acknowledge the intent to create an action plan. The board discussed the survey's importance, upcoming professional development plans for staff and staff muster. The General Manager will present the staff action plan at the December meeting. Additionally, the board considered ways for board members to provide feedback, similarly, noting that the board member performance reviews would facilitate this conversation.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the 2024 People Matter Employee Survey of Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board staff and the intention to develop an action plan that addresses key issues.
2. **Endorsed** the submission of a summary of the findings to the Deputy Premier.

*Moved: Duane Edwards*

*Seconded: Peter Burgoyne*

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

Day 2 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting 18 closed at 4:30pm.

## Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board - Meeting 18, Day 2

Date:	Wednesday, 11 September 2024	Start: 09:00am	Finish: 02:25pm
Location:	Ballroom 1, Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg (2 Jetty Rd)		
Attendees:	Brenz Saunders (Chair), Peter Burgoyne, Duane Edwards, Debbie Hansen, Jeremy Lebois, Wanda Miller, Julie O'Toole,		
Apologies:	Tapaya Edwards		
Staff:	Kim Krebs (General Manager), Noel Probert (Communications Coordinator), Thuy Phan (Business Manager), Olivia O'Leary-Fletcher (Executive Officer), Dalin Song, (Business Services coordinator), Jacinta Sweet (Operations Services Coordinator), Yasmin Wolf (Operations Manager), Adam Wood (Coordinator, Data and Information Management), Aude Loisier (MERI Officer), Troy Bowman (State Buffel Grass Coordinator)		
Guests:	Peta Brettig (DEW) [Item 6.1]		

### 5. PROJECT MATTERS

#### Welcome

Day 2 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting 18 opened at 9:08am. The Chair welcomed all present and provided an acknowledgement of Country.

#### 5.1 Mining Tenements in the AW Region

At Meeting 17, the board requested maps of mineral and petroleum tenements from the South Australian Resources Information Gateway (SARIG) under the Department for Energy and Mining. Mr. Adam Wood presented these maps which highlighted mining licences, licence applications, and petroleum exploration sites, along with discussion on the uses of the mineral commodities. The board noted that this information is publicly available on the SARIG website. They also discussed Mr Wood's willingness to assist LHAs with mapping, should they request it. It was agreed to include these maps in the letter outlining the key outcomes from Meeting 18 to LHAs.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the mining tenements in the AW region

*Outcome: **NOTED***

#### Actions

1. To include the maps created by Mr Wood in correspondence to the LHAs on key outcomes of Meeting 18
2. The link to the mining map website (SARIG) to be shared with board members.

## 5.2 2024/25 Grassroots Grant Guidelines

Ms. Aude Loisier briefed the board on the Grassroots Grant guidelines and application process, highlighting that two board members are needed for the selection panel. According to the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*, each landscape board must allocate 2.9% of its funding towards the grant. The board reviewed past successful applicants and discussed the guidelines for the upcoming 2024/25 grants. One key change from last year is that successful applicants are now required to present their projects to the board. Staff will be available to assist applicants throughout the application process. The board acknowledged that conflicts of interest could affect nominations and assessment panel members may be excused for such reasons. The Grassroots Grant information will be emailed to LHAs and schools shortly after the meeting and board members will also receive it to help share with community groups.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the 2024/25 Grassroots Grant application guidelines and process.
2. **Endorsed** the nomination of Mr Brenz Saunders and Mr Duane Edwards to the Grassroots Grant assessment panel.

*Moved: Jeremy Lebois*

*Seconded: Peter Burgoyne*

*Outcome: All in favour - **CARRIED***

## 5.3 Revised 2024/25 Budget

The board's 2024/25 budget has been revised since the draft was endorsed at Meeting 17 to incorporate recent developments, including the Australian Government and Landscape Priorities Funding. Ms Thuy Phan presented the updated income and expenditure budget tables, as detailed in the attachments, noting that there is still carryover pending confirmation. The board raised concerns about funding negotiations for projects, particularly regarding the insufficient allocation for projects in remote regions.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** a revised budget for the 2024/25 period

*Moved: Brenz Saunders*

*Seconded: Peter Burgoyne*

*Outcome: All in favour - **CARRIED***

#### 5.4 2024/25 Projects

The board receives a mix of Federal and State Government funding to deliver the priorities and targets identified in the AW Landscape Plan. Ms. Aude Loisier described the current major projects including:

##### National Heritage Trusts Programs

- Mantangka munu talingka ngura Nganamara-ku (Malleefowl) atunypangkutjaku - Great Victoria Desert  
\$2.5M over 4.5 years, for a project focussed on the conversation of malleefowl and sandhill dunnart, while also tackling issues related to feral predators and buffel grass.
- Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator (SAF) – Alinytjara Wilurara  
\$1.12M over 4 years, for a project aimed at promoting climate-smart agriculture and supporting sustainable farming practices.
- Sustainable pastoral development – APY Lands and Yalata pastoral areas  
\$1.8M over 4 years, currently in co-design phase, this project aimed at increasing climate-smart agriculture and address inappropriate ground cover and knowledge/capacity.
- Carbon Farming Outreach Program (CFOP)  
\$190K over 2 years, to deliver training and advice to land managers to participate in carbon markets
- LPF1: Buffel and Camel in AW region  
To be finalised in June 2025, with \$130K remaining for activities focussed on buffel grass control and camel collaring.
- LPF3: State Buffel Grass Coordinator  
\$1.2M over 3 years, with Mr Troy Bowman employed to coordinate efforts against buffel grass. This project provides statewide coordination, and a Ministerial round table is scheduled for November to develop a plan for managing buffel grass in the future.
- LPF4: Healthy Country Community Leadership: Stage 1 Yalata based feral predator control
- LPF5 and LPF6: Warru Pintji extension (application pending)  
\$900K over 3 years, aimed at expanding the pintji predator-proof fence by 22km.

##### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the updates on 2024/25 funded projects

Outcome: **NOTED**

#### 5.5 Cultural Protocol – Staff and Projects

This meeting was agreed to be deferred due to time constraints. Staff will engage directly with board portfolio holders to develop a cultural protocol.

## 6. WORKSHOP

### 6.1 Department for Environment and Water Statewide Water Planning

Ms Peta Brettig provided background on the historical exclusion of First Nations people from water management, highlighting ongoing efforts to address this issue. The session aimed to gather community priorities, challenges, gaps, and barriers, as well as to explore ways to better recognise First Nations water rights and interests. The Statewide Water Planning team is working to enhance cultural authority in water allocation plans and water affecting activity control policies, while also implementing two-way science for sustainable water resource management. Although drinking water was not identified as a primary focus, it remains a significant concern for many communities due to issues with quality and quantity.

Ms Brettig discussed an Australian Government initiative aimed at improving First Nations water management, represented in South Australia by Grant Rigney on the Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Water Interests (CAWI). The board expressed concerns about mining companies extracting water from the Nullarbor, leaving communities like Yalata to search for new water sources as supplies dwindle. As a statutory board, AW can only comment on water to existing licenses; once a license is transferred to a mining company, it is lost to the community.

The board agreed on the need to influence the framework to enhance regional water governance and to recognise the fundamental role of water empowerment. The Chair inquired about the intended outcomes and Ms Brettig explained that the framework could lead to policy change recommendations. The board advised that drinking water is a crucial issue for desert communities and should not be sidelined in discussions. They agreed that the framework should acknowledge the impact on water security and the significance of environmental water for ecosystem.

Ms Loisier suggested it would be beneficial for AW and the DEW Statewide Water Planning team to have a joint discussion with the AW communities, particularly as the AW Landscape Plan is set for review next year.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the presentation provided by the Department for Environment and Water Statewide Water Planning Team

Outcome: **NOTED**

#### Action

1. To explore collaboration opportunities in facilitating a discussion on statewide First Nations water management and the review of the AW landscape plan.

### 6.2 Men's and Women's Discussions

The men and women separated to discuss men's and women's business.

## 7. CLOSING ITEMS

### 7.1 Correspondence

Board members were presented with a copy of the correspondence table and were advised that they may seek a copy of correspondence at any time. The overview of the incoming and outgoing correspondence was accepted.

#### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the incoming and outgoing correspondence since meeting 17

Outcome: **NOTED**

## 7.2 **Proposed Meeting Dates and Location for next Board Meeting**

Meeting 19 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board is scheduled for 4-5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Adelaide. The board provided feedback regarding the suitability of some rooms and the need for a balcony which will be considered for the next meeting.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the date, time, and location for Meeting 19 at Adelaide on the 4-5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Additionally, the board discussed concerns about starling birds and flying foxes entering Ceduna in increasing numbers. There was an identified need for more information being distributed to the community detailing warnings and disease risks. Onion weed was also discussed as a cause for concern.

*Outcome: **NOTED***

### Action

1. To follow up on the concerns of starling birds and flying foxes in the Ceduna region and for AW to use channels to promote people's safety.
2. To talk with EPLB about the concerns for onion weed.

## 7.3 **Decisions of AW Landscape Board Meeting 18**

The Executive Officer read through the Decisions of AW Landscape Board Meeting 18 with the board. The board members agreed that the list was a true representation of the decisions of the meeting.

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Accepted** the decisions as a true representation of Meeting 18

*Outcome: **NOTED***

## 7.4 **Key Messages for the Minister**

The board decided on key topics from Meeting 18 they would like included in the letter to the Minister:

- The new chair's vision and aspirations
- Concerns for funding and resource allocations
- Relationships between AW and DEW – clarity on how it works and what it looks like moving forward with the substantial funding challenges.
- Statement of commitment – how AW serve the LHAs.
- MAAG nomination of Jeremy and Brenz (proxy)
- Emphasis on statewide water management engagement with AW LHAs – focusing on remote area waters

### Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Discussed** the key topics to include with the minutes in a letter to the Minister

*Outcome: **NOTED***

### Action:

1. Write a letter to the Minister detailing key points of Meeting 18 and attaching the draft minutes

## **Meeting Close**

The Chair, Mr. Brenz Saunders, thanked everyone for attending the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting 18 and the meeting was closed at 12:32pm

Endorsed by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenz Saunders', written over a horizontal line.

Mr Brenz Saunders, Presiding Member  
ALINYTJARA WILURARA LANDSCAPE BOARD  
Date: **27/02/2025**