LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA ALINYTJARA WILU̠RARA

Alinytjara Wilu̠rara Landscape Board
Meeting Minutes

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board - Meeting 21	
Date:	**Tuesday, 24 June 2025 – Thursday, 26 June 2025**
Location:	**Mint Bush Gallery, Ceduna**
Attendees:	**Peter Burgoyne (Acting Chair), Duane Edwards, Tapaya Edwards (Days 1-2), Wanda Miller, Jeremy Lebois, Debbie Hansen.**
Apologies	**Brenz Saunders, Tapaya Edwards (Day 3)**
Staff:	**Kim Krebs (General Manager), Thuy Phan (Business Manager), Olivia O'Leary-Fletcher (Executive Officer), Yasmin Wolf (Operations Manager), Noel Probert (Communications Coordinator), Damon Ezis (Manager, Strategy & Sustainable Landscapes)**
Guests:	**Nell Reidy (National Indigenous Disaster Resilience) [Item 4.4 via Microsoft Teams]**

1. OPENING ITEMS

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

Prior to the meeting opening, the board were asked to deliberate on a Chair for the meeting due to apologies received from Brenz Saunders. The board nominated Peter Burgoyne to act as Chair for Meeting 21.

The meeting opened at 9:18am. The acting Chair, Peter, welcomed all present and provided an acknowledgement of Country to Elders past, present, and emerging, and their relationship with land, sea, and Country. A minute of silence was observed.

Apologies were received from Brenz Saunders.

There were no additional items raised and the agenda for Meeting 21 was adopted.

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

The board discussed the conflict-of-interest form, and each member prepared the form for the 2025-26 financial year. There were no declared conflicts of interest for Meeting 21.

2. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

2.1 Review of Decisions and Minutes of Meeting 20

The acting Chair requested the board to review the minutes of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board (AWLB) Meeting 20. The board discussed the previous presentation at Meeting 20 from Telstra and concern in the confidence of the flora and fauna surveys done as there are lots of living animals and plants in that area. The board asked Kim to liaise with Telstra and request a copy of the species list for what Telstra encountered in their surveys, what they thought they would encounter prior to the surveys, and whether Anangu/FWCAC were involved. Additionally, the board discussed their desire for a collaborative approach between AWLB and LHAs to collectively ensure places are not destroyed in processes where there is a lack of consultation. The board emphasised that it should be traditional people who know the Country and understand the Tjukurpa involved in cultural monitoring and not a token tick box assignment. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of Meeting 20 and were adopted without any changes.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the minutes of AW Landscape Board Meeting 20 held on 9th April 2025 without amendment.

Moved: Jeremy Lebois *Seconded: Tapaya Edwards* *Outcome: All in favour/**CARRIED***

Actions

1. Kim to liaise with Telstra to request information about who they engaged for cultural advice on site and a species list of what they did and thought they would encounter in the survey
2. Kim to write to Minister Kyam Maher expressing the Board's concerns about the actions of Telstra
3. The board to determine a way to initiate collaborative meetings with LHAs to assist with operational communication of works across the AW region

2.2 **Business Arising**

The General Manager updated the board on actions from Meeting 20 and their status. Progression of actions were noted by the board.

AWLB Action Register:

- Item ID 38 – completed.
- Item ID 42 – completed.
- Item ID 147 – in progress. PIRSA have been contacted, a date yet to be set.
- Item ID 148 – in progress. Diary hold has been sent to the CE and invitation has been accepted.
- Item ID 149 – in progress. Date not yet agreed upon.
- Item ID 150 – in progress. Data has been received although yet to be interpreted.
- Item ID 151 – in progress. Date has been saved for 26-28/8/25.
- Item ID 152 – in progress. Initial contact has been made; draft green economic plan has been developed by LG.
- Item ID 153 – completed. On board agenda.
- Item ID 154 – completed.
- Item ID 155 – in progress. Draft list being curated.
- Item ID 156 – in progress. Draft list being curated.
- Item ID 157 – in progress. Email sent.
- Item ID 158 – completed. DEW Investigations and Compliance Unit (ICU) requested a statement of cultural impact concerning the impact of trucks using business road. The board discussed the potential impact of buffel grass spread and stressed the need for contractual agreements with large corporations such as Telstra to detail repercussions of non-compliance.
- Item ID 159 – completed.
- Item ID 160 – completed.
- Item ID 161 – outstanding.
- Item ID 162 – completed. The DEW ICU is investigating the possibility of authorised officer training for ranger teams.
- Item ID 163 – outstanding.
- Item ID 164 – completed.
- Item ID 165 – completed.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

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

Outcome: ***NOTED***

2.3 **Chair's Update**

As Brenz was an apology, this item was dismissed.

2.4 **General Manager's Update**

Kim informed the board about the General Manager's activities since Board Meeting 20. The board was informed on key matters relating to funding, staff, partnerships, workplace health and safety, and government which included:

- A business case for long term and statewide funding of buffel grass was submitted to the Office of the Deputy Premier. The DEW Chief Executive's team will lead a formal budget bid that involves other state government agencies.
- Board performance reviews will be deferred to December to allow the Chair to be in his role for at least 12 months.
- Jeremy, Debbie, Peter, and Brenz attended the Landscape SA Forum in May. The attendees enjoyed hearing from the other boards about what is happening around the state.
- The AW General Manager met with the General Manager from Rangelands WA NRM and Territory NRM to discuss a tri-state coalition.
- There have been no new incidents reported through the GovSAfety system.
- ARTC were sent a letter co-signed by the Chairs of AWLB, FWCAC, MT, NPAC, and YCMB and a meeting between all parties is being organised to address the issue of buffel grass along the railway line.
- Due to the state's current drought conditions, it is possible AW will be provided funding to make water more accessible. This will be brought to the board for conversation once funding has been confirmed.

Kim requested thoughts/ideas from the board about how to recruit additional board members as there are two positions currently available. The board suggested to create flyers for community.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the General Manager's update

Outcome: ***NOTED***

Action

1. AW staff to create flyers for community to advertise board member vacancy

2.5 **Board Member Roundtable**

The acting Chair requested each board member to raise any concerns and/or discuss recent ventures.

- Tapaya – the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is hosting a 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday 25 October 2025 to celebrate the handback anniversary. Tapaya, as the Chair, invited AW to join.
- Jeremy – discussed problems with an influx of tourists which has resulted in new purchases of security cameras to resolve the issue of trespassing and to assist emergency services events for Anangu.
- Debbie – attended chopper week recently and enjoyed learning about incendiaries dropping to the ground from the helicopter.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

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

Outcome: ***NOTED***

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS (FOR DECISION)

3.1 **Sponsorship and Donations Policy Review**

As the board endeavours to seek diversified funding sources, Kim described AWPOL00003 Sponsorship (Incoming) and Donation Policy has been updated to better reflect the principles that need to apply to the decision making related to attracting and accepting private funding. The board deliberated on their comfort in accepting funding from mining companies and agreed this would be okay. The board agreed that funding should be discussed and accepted on a case-by-case basis. Jeremy suggested the board should do a presentation at functions to attract money. Kim discussed the Westpac secondment for a PR person to develop a prospectus/sales pitch for us that speaks a corporate language.

The board discussed how to manage money that goes directly to AW versus money that goes directly to a LHA. The board agreed for it to come to the board for better control and management, plus awareness and security on how the money is being spent.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Discussed** and provided feedback on the 'Sponsorship (Incoming) and Donation Policy' to reflect the intention to advance efforts to attract corporate and philanthropic investment

Outcome: ***DISCUSSED***

3.2 **AWLB Business Plan 2025/26**

Damon presented to the board the draft AWLB Business Plan 2025/26 which is a key document that informs the Minister on the budget, proposed expenditure for regional priorities and projects, and information regarding staffing arrangements. The board discussed the key deliverables for 2025-26 which included the Australian Government funded Nganamarra (Malleefowl project) and the Sustainable Agriculture project with APY and Yalata. Funding the next Regional Landscape Plan was also discussed.

The board asked for more information on the funding of water management activities and were advised that the zeroed amount is because there are no water licences and minimal water in the AW region. The board discussed there are some old wells across the region as well as bores and wells of which water quality and levels could be checked. It was discussed this could be included in the next regional landscape plan.

The board reviewed the draft AWLB Business Plan 2025/26 and agreed on the recommendation from the A&RMC to endorse the document for submission to the Minister.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Annual Business Plan 2025-26

Moved: Jeremy Lebois *Seconded: Tapaya Edwards* *Outcome: All in favour/**CARRIED***

3.3 **Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting 11 Decisions**

The Alinytjara Wilurara Audit & Risk Management Committee (A&RMC) met yesterday (23/06/25), and multiple recommendations were made for the board to approve. Thuy provided an overview of the meeting and presented to the board with the A&RMC Meeting 11 decisions for approval.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilu<u>r</u>ara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the following recommendations made by the Audit and Risk Management Committee:
    a. Approval of the risk management register
    b. Approval of the board's 2025-26 projected budget
    c. Approval of the board's 2025-26 annual Business Plan
    d. Approval of the board's progress against the May 2025 income and expenditure dashboard reports
    e. Approval of the following Instruments of Authorisation financial delegations:
        i. Contract Execution via Purchase Card.
        ii. Procurement – Contract Pre-Approval, Payment & Disbursement, and
        iii. Contract Execution
        iv. Affix Common Seal
        v. AWLB – *Landscape SA Act 2019*
    f. Approval of the 2024-25 Financial Management Compliance Program (FMCP)
    g. Approval of the disposal of three mobile storage units
    h. Approval of the General Manager's key performance indicators
    i. Approval of the following new work health and safety procedures:
        i. AW-WHS00065A Contractor Safety Procedure
        ii. AW-WHS00069A Hazardous Manual Tasks Procedure
        iii. AW-WHS00071A Health and Safety Representative Procedure

Moved: Tapaya Edwards *Seconded: Jeremy Lebois* *Outcome: All in favour/**CARRIED***

3.4 **Grassroots Grant 2025/26**

The board were advised that the Grassroots Grant was recently opened for the 2025/26 financial year which provides an opportunity for landholding authorities, schools, and community groups in the AW region to apply for up to $39,382 to implement activities to help to achieve healthy Country and community outcomes. The applications will close on 25 July 2025 and will require two board members to join the assessment panel. The board agreed to renominate Brenz and Duane to the panel.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilu<u>r</u>ara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the 2025/26 Grassroots Grant application process
2. **Endorsed** the renomination of Brenz and Duane to join the assessment panel

Moved: Peter Burgoyne *Seconded: Jeremy Lebois* *Outcome: **CARRIED***

3.5 **Koonalda Cave Consultation**

AW recently received correspondence regarding the proposed project from DEW to establish baseline data for the conservation of Koonalda Cave. The objective of the activities is to obtain reliable, accurate and repeatable data through high resolution digital photography and laser scanning, production of high-quality digital flat and 3D images of the engravings, collection of water samples, and monitoring of the climate within the cave through data loggers. The board discussed the proposed methodology and the location of the project and commented that the culturally appropriate people should always be involved in decision making on matters such as this.

The board noted there are many groups with interest in the Nullarbor and the Koonalda Cave and reflected that a workshop could be organised by Aboriginal Affairs to bring Traditional Owners together to discuss together as a whole.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the engagement process to establish baseline data for the conservation of Koonalda Cave

Outcome: ***NOTED***

Action

1. Kim to talk with AAR about their approaches to consultation

4. WORKSHOPS

4.1 **Indigenous Cultural Intellectual Property (ICIP)**

The board discussed the purpose of a clear understanding of ICIP as it relates to their role and relationship with community and investors. They reflected on the challenges in balancing statutory requirements, the expectations of funders, and cultural responsibilities of board members and Anangu partners. Damon explained the value of data sharing agreements to formalise specific conditions of biological data, avoid confusion between parties involved with the data, and to enhance quality control, safety, and security. Additionally, Kim discussed the recent engagement of Terri Janke & Co to help with contractual ICIP clauses. During this engagement with TJ&Co, it was realised that the board's ICIP policy required updating and to articulate the board's principles of ICIP. The board discussed the possibility of having Terri Janke & Co facilitate a workshop to work through this. The board agreed it's Statement of Commitment principles could be used to underline how work is done with community and that the CSIRO's ICIP principles could be used to define ICIP relationship between the board and staff or investors.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** cultural intellectual property policy principles to inform how Indigenous cultural intellectual property (ICIP) is managed through the board's programs and projects

Moved: Tapaya Edwards *Seconded: Jeremy Lebois* *Outcome:* ***CARRIED***

4.2 **Proposed AW Service Delivery Model**

Kim discussed with the board a proposed new service delivery model that aligns with the diversity of how AW does business with the community. The proposed model would create a refreshed and relevant service that focuses on information management, capacity building and knowledge. The model would still be within AW's legislative remit and link to ICIP, the Regional Landscape Plan, and expanding landholding authority and Indigenous Protected Area ranger programs. The program would deliver bespoke capacity building to help ranger teams report to government for funding allocations and assist with accountability and transparency. It could also inspire future ranger team members.

The board discussed their concerns for ranger teams being set up with limited training and education being provided or funded. The board agreed this could be solved with the new service delivery model and provided support for the model to be implemented. There were further suggestions from the board about initiating a collaborative sharing of operational information between AW and LHA ranger teams through quarterly gatherings.

The board were requested to deliberate on a new service delivery model and agreed on Ttjungungku Palyalpai which translates as working together.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the developing new service delivery model associated with information management across the region
2. **Endorsed** the name Tjungungku Palyalpai for the service deliver model

Moved: Jeremy Lebois *Seconded: Duane Edwards* *Outcome: All in favour/**CARRIED***

Telstra Use of Business Road

Further to the discussion 24/06/25 regarding the business roads being inappropriately used by Telstra, Kim shows the board photos of the extent of landscape destruction. The board viewed the photos and believed the road was graded without permission. It was agreed that fines should be given to all parties involved and further information needs to be provided by Telstra in regard to the involvement of cultural monitors. In the short-term, the board agreed the potential spread of buffel grass needs to be managed and that Telstra should be providing a rehabilitation plan to both AWLB and FWCAC. The matter of compensation was also discussed to manage this long term restoration challenge that has been created by Telstra.

Furthermore, the board requested to see the damage in person which will be considered as part of the next board meeting.

Action

1. AW to write a letter outlining the impact of Telstra using the business roads discussing that all companies involved should be fined, to seek evidence that cultural monitors were engaged, and to request Telstra to create a rehabilitation plan, and for the matter of compensation to be explored.

Board Member Recruitment

The Board has two vacancies for women. Kim requested advice from the board on candidates for AW board nominations, ideally from APY and AMY. The board agreed to formulate a list for the next meeting for all members to discuss.

Action

1. Olivia to add board member recruitment to the next AW agenda for board discussion

4.3 **Regional Landscape Plan**

Damon presented to the board on the Regional Landscape Plan 2026-2031 and discussed its vision - for a healthy and valued region, managed responsibly now, for the future benefit of people and Country. The landscape challenges were discussed, as derived from Healthy Country Plans, with the board agreeing they are still current. The board discussed the importance of education programs in schools for two-way science to segue into caring for Country. Additionally, the board discussed challenges in relation to wombat protection and a potential solution being to request a specific hunting season for the marsupial as well as awareness raising and education campaigns.

The key opportunities for AWLB as presented by Damon were agreed upon by the board noting that tjungunku palyalpai could be embedded somewhere and that each point was equally important. The matter of being natural disaster and climate change ready needed to be included. The board offered some ideas on how to build Anangu leadership and cultural knowledge through schools and ranger programs which included two-way learning, Elder advice, and regular workshops with Land Management programs.

The board discussed the format of the current plan and agreed it should be kept relatively similar. The board would like to see more acknowledgements of Elders and more pictures of both Elders and youth in the plan. There were also discussions on having separate pages for each landholding authority to demonstrate the collaborative work and projects of AWLB.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Discussed** and provided input/feedback to the Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31

Outcome: ***DISCUSSED***

Action

1. Kim to advocate to DEW for a closure on hunting wombats throughout the winter season

4.4 **Disaster Calendar Project Proposal**

Nell Reidy from the National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR) presented to the board on the two-year project - foundations in Indigenous disaster resilience - which aims to understand the unique experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities of environmental disasters. From this project, practical resources for emergency management will be created. Nell discussed with the board the visual hazard posters that will be developed as a resource to illustrate the unique experiences of Indigenous people, the hazards they face, the important work they do to protect Country and communities, and the support they require. The board agreed that the hazard posters described are of interest and appreciate the focus being on remote communities' response to natural disasters.

The board will await the outcome of its recent submission for disaster resilience funding before deciding whether to progress the collaboration on the foundations in Indigenous disaster resilience project with NIDR.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the presentation from Nell Reidy about Foundations in Indigenous Disaster Resilience

Outcome: ***NOTED***

5. STRATEGIC ITEMS (FOR NOTING)

5.1 **Mining Tenements in South Australian Parks**

The board previously discussed their observations of mining activities in Yumbarra Conservation Park and the General Manager has since been in contact with the Department for Environment and Water's (DEW) Coordinator for Conservation and Mining for further details. The board was advised that the exploration for minerals is allowed in National Parks and Conservation Parks and has been happening since Parks were established. The board were informed that all exploration companies are required to consult with the Native Title holders and DEW and a map was provided for the board to view. Kim advised that Iluka are the only active mining tenement in the area although there are a range of other tenements including active licences and exploration licences.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the active mining tenements in Parks

Outcome: ***NOTED***

5.2 **Department for Environment and Water First Nations Water Interests**

The board were recently involved in a workshop about the development of the state government's First Nations Water Interests framework. The notes from the workshop and the state feedback were provided to the board for feedback and further input. The board's engagement and consultation influenced the matter of water security being added to the framework. A follow up workshop will be happening with Native Title Services later in July. The board discussed ensuring that there was appropriate representation from AW region LHAs at that workshop.

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress of the State's First Nations Water Interests framework and provided feedback on future consultation

Outcome: ***NOTED***

Action

1. Kim to ensure Maralinga and Yalata are included on the list for the First Nations Water Interests follow up workshop in Port Augusta later in July.

5.3 **Communications Update**

The Communications Coordinator presented to the board on recent communications activities undertaken on their behalf including:

- The Business Plan 2025-26 has been completed and features beautiful images of the AW region
- New pull-up banners have been created for events and were recently used at the Landscape SA Forum
- NRM Regions Australia – Noel has provided images and information for their website renovation and submitted two abstracts for consideration at upcoming National NRM Knowledge Conference
- Support Chair and GM – photos were taken at the SA Industry Climate Change Conference and Landscape SA Forum and invitations were produced overview of AW for the National Reconciliation Week breakfast
- Support was provided for recruitment of the new Planning and Reporting Coordinator role by creating a poster to attract applicants through visual imagery

Decision
The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress of communications and future communications plans

Outcome: ***NOTED***

6. CLOSING ITEMS

6.1 **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 20

Outcome: ***NOTED***

6.2 **Proposed Meeting Dates and Location for next Board Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept week of 22nd and proposed to be at Maralinga with the intention to connect with Oak Valley. The board discussed the possibility of talking to the Air Force about works happening at Woomera. The board noted that the Meeting 22 agenda should allow ample time to explore.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the date, time, and location for Meeting 22 at Maralinga 22-26 September 2025

Outcome: ***NOTED***

Action

1. Kim to follow up with David Miller (Air Force) about patrols that may provide environmental information and where collaboration could occur, and to invite them to meet with AW and Oak Valley.

6.3 **Decisions of AW Landscape Board Meeting 21**

The board agreed that the decisions and actions of Meeting 21 were a true and accurate representation.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Accepted** the decisions as a true representation of Meeting 21

Outcome: ***NOTED***

6.4 **Key Messages for the Minister**

The board decided on key topics from Meeting 21 they would like included in the letter to the Minister:

- Endorsement of business plan 2025/26
- A&RMC meeting
- Concerns about Telstra – and a heads up about writing to Minister Kyam Maher about concerns for oversight
- Conversation about disaster management and being disaster ready
- Googs field trip

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 21 and attaching the draft minutes

Meeting Close

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the Alinytjara Wiluṟara Landscape Board Meeting 21 and the meeting was closed at 12:36pm

Endorsed by:

Peter Burgoyne, Acting Presiding Member Meeting 21
ALINYTJARA WILUṞARA LANDSCAPE BOARD
Date: 3/10/2025