



Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board - Meeting 22

Date:	Wednesday, 24 September
Location:	Maralinga Village
Attendees:	Peter Burgoyne, Duane Edwards, Tapaya Edwards, Wanda Miller, Jeremy Lebois & Debbie Hansen.
Apologies:	Brenz Saunders, Thuy Phan, Yasmin Wolf.
Staff:	Kim Krebs (General Manager), Olivia O’Leary-Fletcher (Executive Officer), Noel Probert (Communications Coordinator) & Damon Ezis (Manager, Strategy & Sustainable Landscapes)
Guests:	Steven Milner

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.0 Nomination of Chair for AWLB Meeting 22

The board deliberated on a Chair for Meeting 22 and agreed for Mr Peter Burgoyne to act as the Chair.

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

The meeting was opened at 8:53am and Jeremy provided a welcome to Country to the group. Apologies were received from Brenz, Thuy and Yasmin.

There were no additional items raised and the agenda for Meeting 22 was adopted.

1.2 Conflict of Interest and Related Party Disclosures

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

2. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

2.1 Review of Decisions and Minutes of Meeting 21

The A/Chair requested the board to review the minutes of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board (AWLB) Meeting 21. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of Meeting 21 and were adopted without any changes.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the minutes of AW Landscape Board Meeting 21 held on 24th – 26th June 2025 without amendment.

Moved: Jeremy Lebois

Seconded: Tapaya Edwards

Outcome: All in favour/CARRIED

Action

1. Invite Southern Launch to provide an update to the board on the status of buffel grass monitoring and control, the impacts on threatened species, how they’re managing culturally significant areas, and their expansion

2.2 Business Arising

The General Manager updated the board on actions from Meeting 21 and their status. Progression of actions were noted by the board.

AWLB Action Register:

- Item ID 151 – completed.
- Item ID 153 – completed.
- Item ID 166 – overtaken by events – escalated to DEW ICU as a legal matter.
- Item ID 167 – overtaken by events – escalated to DEW ICU as a legal matter.
- Item ID 169 – completed.
- Item ID 170 – completed. The board agreed AAR need to workshop their approach with all cultural groups with vested interests before works commence.
- Item ID 171 – in progress.
- Item ID 172 – completed.
- Item ID 173 – in progress. Feedback received from Parks that as a Landscape Board we could facilitate this conversation with Yalata and FWC as this comes under Native Title.
- Item ID 174 – completed. MT and Yalata were invited to the workshops.
- Item ID 175 – completed. Kim spoke with David and Oak Valley Rangers are heavily involved. Kim to further discuss about how they're managing buffel grass. Jeremy discussed he can check the neighbour agreement between Defence/MT.
- Item ID 176 – completed.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

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

*Outcome: **NOTED***

Action

1. Kim to write to WA Environment Department about the threats and impact of buffel grass crossing the border

2.3 Chair's Update

As the Chair was an apology, Kim provided a brief update to the board on some recent conferences Brenz has attended including the APY Lands to present to the APY Executive and the NRMRA Knowledge Conference in Cairns.

2.4 General Manager's Update

The General Manager informed the board on key matters relating to funding, staff, partnerships, workplace health and safety, and government which included:

- Discussions continue with the Australian Government regarding AW's ability to meet contractual milestones with IPA and ranger Program expansion impacts.
- The remote vehicle travel policy and procedure is being reviewed as staff limitations mean there is a growing demand for individuals to travel remotely rather than in at least a pair. Additionally, Garmin InReach will soon replace SPOT trackers.
- There is one active WHS injury where income protection and work cover is being sought, OCPSE is currently investigating this.
- The board's performance workshop is scheduled for December and Matrix on Board will be contracted to provide this service.
- Jess Burdon has started with AW as Program Coordinator and there will be another person starting in the role of Sustainable Landscapes Project Officer soon.
- AW has been invited to present to the Savanna Fire Forum and National Indigenous Carbon Forum next February in Darwin. Kim opened the invite up to the board as to whether there are any board delegates who would like to attend.
- Kim will be on leave for most of October; Damon will be acting in the position of General Manager over this period.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

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

Outcome: **NOTED**

2.5 Board Member Roundtable

Board members agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

3. STRATEGIC ITEMS (FOR DECISION)

3.1 Draft Tjungungku Palyalpai Business Plan

Kim discussed with the board the draft business plan for Tjungungku Palyalpai which is intended to contribute towards Closing the Gap targets by focusing on two-way knowledge and skills. The board discussed other dimensions that could be added to the business plan including the importance of Elders and being paid accordingly for cultural knowledge, the opportunity for collective Elder meetings, having AW staff members based in Umuwa to service the APY Lands locally, developing an Anangu standard for managing buffel grass to be shared with partners, and Anangu tailored curriculum for education providers.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the intentions of the draft Tjungungku Palyalpai business case
2. **Endorsed** the strategic objectives of the new service delivery model

Moved: *Jeremy Lebois*

Seconded: *Duane Edwards*

Outcome: **CARRIED**

3.2 **Draft Green Economic Plan**

The board had previously discussed developing a green economic (investment) plan to assist in diversifying where the board's funding streams. The plan aims to describe the work AW does with communities in a way that identifies achievements against the World Health Organisation's Sustainable Development Goals. The General Manager has had meetings with Westpac Bank, Commonwealth Bank, and other corporate investment firms to facilitate this. The board discussed the ideal potential investors and how their core values should align to the four principles Kim presented to retain integrity in decision making. The board requested a name change to the justice principle and endorsed the intent of the principles to negotiate funding.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the intentions of the draft concept plan for a Green Economic Plan
2. **Endorsed** the strategic objective and principles that will shape diverse investment into Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board's services

Moved: Tapaya Edwards

Seconded: Jeremy Lebois

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

3.3 **Communications Update**

Noel presented to the board on the progress of communications since the last meeting, including:

- Palya Winter 2025 has been finalised and distributed
- The top Facebook post was a story on AW Board Member Wanda Miller receiving recognition as the SA Woman Elder of the Year 2025 Award. The board congratulated her with a round of applause.
- Board recruitment flyer has been created as was the board member recruitment video. The board agreed they were very happy with the outcome of the video and agreed for it to be shared.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress of AW's communications and continue to seek ways to contribute further
2. **Endorsed** the distribution of the board member recruitment video

Moved: Peter Burgoyne

Seconded: Jeremy Lebois

*Outcome: All in favour/**CARRIED***

3.4 **Board Member Recruitment**

The board agreed for the flyers to be distributed to the local communities and landholding authorities. No other discussion.

3.5 **Grassroots Grant 2025-26**

Two applications were received for the 2025/26 Grassroots Grant round; the assessment panel met and agreed to recommend the project Keeping Women's Culture Strong: Kalka - Pipalyatjara IPA women's on-country tjukurpa for endorsement of \$41,250. The board discussed whether there would be potential to invite women outside the Kalka-Pip IPA and would be supportive of the grant application if it can be broadened in scale to invite women from Tjuntjuntjara, Oak Valley and Yalata.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the Keeping Women's Culture Strong project on the condition that the invite be forwarded to Tjuntjuntjara, Oak Valley and Yalata women too

Moved: Jeremy Lebois

Seconded: Tapaya Edwards

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

3.6 – Nullarbor National Heritage Listing/ Nullarbor Caves Research

3.7 Steven Milner presented to the board on the Nullarbor Caves National Heritage Listing and the research proposal from the University of Adelaide. Steven discussed the underground critters and the ecosystem in the cave and the importance of conducting detailed scientific assessments of the natural values of the Nullarbor caves. There were discussions about the threats to the Nullarbor and the importance of protecting the area's cultural significance, species, and ecological system. The board agreed to endorse both letters of support requested.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the Nullarbor Plain National Heritage Listing nomination by the Australian Speleological Federation
2. **Endorsed** providing a letter of support for the Nullarbor Plain National Heritage Listing nomination by the Australian Speleological Federation
3. **Noted** the Nullarbor caves research proposal from the University of Adelaide
4. **Endorsed** providing a letter of support for The University of Adelaide research proposal

Moved: Jeremy Lebois

Seconded: Tapaya Edwards

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

Action

1. Provide a letter of support to the Australian Speleological Federation for the nomination of the Nullarbor Plain as a National Heritage Listing
2. Provide a letter of support to the University of Adelaide for their Nullarbor caves research proposal
3. The board agreed to write a letter to the Mirning Council of Elders, FWC, and the Nullarbor Advisory Committee advising them of AW's agreed support of the proposed projects

4. STRATEGIC ITEMS (FOR NOTING)

4.1 **ARTC Update**

Kim provided the board with an update on the status of buffel grass management along the rail corridor and explained that a formal meeting between ARTC and the signatories of the letter has been delayed until ARTC have developed a national vegetation strategy (to be finalised by September). No further information has been received on the status of this strategy.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the buffel grass management discussions with ARTC

*Outcome: **NOTED***

4.2 Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) Progress Update

The board currently have four programs under NHT funding and Damon provided an update on the key achievements since the last board meeting:

- Nganamara in the Great Victoria Desert – added camel control and moved buffel control into APY Lands near survey sites; and strong engagement through FWCAC, Ceduna Area School, Oak Valley Rangers and buffel workshops
- Sustainable pastoral development in APY and Yalata – new services introduced (fencing and water management) to strengthen rotational grazing; and 18 Anangu land managers gained new skills and knowledge
- Sustainable agriculture facilitator – delivered workshops, communication materials, and one-on-one support on grazing and drought resilience
- Sandhill dunnart at Yellabinna and Yumbarra - project has been delayed due to approvals and is now set to begin in 2025-26

Tapaya provided feedback that community members are not understanding why AW are working in the pastoral space and not with buffel grass, etc. The board suggested there should be better communications with community about the importance of the pastoral program for healthy soils.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress update on NHT funded programs

*Outcome: **NOTED***

Action

1. A message to be prepared for the APY Executive, and the broader APY community, about the importance of the pastoral program in promoting healthy soils

4.3 Regional Landscape Plan Update

Damon advised the board the Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31 consultation is underway with consultation having taken place with MT/OV land management team the day prior (23/09/25). The APY Executive have provided approval to consult with their land management teams, and briefing papers have been submitted to FWCAC, AMYAC, and YAAC for endorsement to engage with their ranger teams. A draft of the Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31 is intended to be provided to the board at the March 2026 meeting.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress update on the development of the AW Landscape Plan 2026-31, including the consultation activities undertaken to date and the next steps planned for the remainder of 2025

*Outcome: **NOTED***

4.4 State Ranger Forum

The board were advised a State Aboriginal Land & Sea Ranger Forum is being led by AW and will be held in the week beginning 23rd March 2026 (venue to be confirmed). The theme is likely to be about birds connecting Country and is anticipating 150-250 rangers and support staff.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress of establishing a South Australian Ranger Forum in 2026 being led by AW

*Outcome: **NOTED***

5. CLOSING ITEMS

5.1 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 21

Outcome: **NOTED**

5.2 Proposed Meeting Dates and Location for next Board Meeting

The proposed meeting dates and location for the next board meeting were discussed for 11-12 December 2025 at Adelaide. The board meeting and accommodation will be at The Terrace Hotel on South Terrace.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the date, time, and location for Meeting 23 at Adelaide 11-12 December 2025

Outcome: **NOTED**

5.3 Decisions of AW Landscape Board Meeting 22

The board agreed that the decisions and actions of Meeting 22 were a true and accurate representation.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Accepted** the decisions as a true representation of Meeting 22

Outcome: **NOTED**

5.4 Key Messages for the Minister

The board decided on key topics from Meeting 22 they would like included in the letter to the Minister:

- Invitation to visit the AW region and the importance of managing buffel grass
- The Landscape Plan consultation with MT/OV
- Board's endorsement of the Nullarbor projects
- The ongoing negotiations with ARTC regarding pest control within their rail corridor

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 22 and attaching the draft minutes

Meeting Close

The Acting Chair thanked everyone for attending the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting 22 and the meeting was closed at 2:09pm

Endorsed by:



Brenz Saunders, Presiding Member
ALINYTJARA WILURARA LANDSCAPE BOARD
Date: 22 December 2025