



Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board - Meeting 25

Date:	Tuesday, 2 June 2026 – Wednesday, 3 June 2026
Location:	Westland Hotel Motel, Whyalla
Attendees:	Peter Burgoyne, Duane Edwards, Tapaya Edwards, Wanda Miller [Teams], Jeremy Lebois, Debbie Hansen
Apologies	
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), Leah Kyriacou (Planning and Reporting Coordinator), Brett Backhouse (Regional Ecologist) [Items 3.6-4.4], Jess Burdon (Program Coordinator), Dalin Song (Business Services Coordinator) [Teams]

1. OPENING ITEMS

1.0 Chair for Meeting 25

Prior to the board meeting opening, the board deliberated on a Chair for Meeting 25. Peter Burgoyne was nominated to Chair Meeting 25 and the board unanimously agreed.

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

The meeting opened at 1:03pm. The A/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.

No apologies were received.

There were no additional items raised and the agenda for Meeting 25 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 conflicts of interest declared in relation to Meeting 25; however, board members provided updates on their current board associations, and this was recorded on the *Conflict of Interest 2025-26* Form.

2. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

2.1 Review of Decisions and Minutes of Meeting 24

The A/Chair requested the board review the minutes of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board (AWLB) Meeting 24. The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate reflection of Meeting 24 and were adopted without any changes.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the minutes of AW Landscape Board Meeting 24 held on 26 March 2026 without amendment.

Moved: Duane Edwards

Seconded: Peter Burgoyne

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

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 50 – completed.
- Item ID 81 – ongoing.
- Item ID 85 – in progress. MoU is being progressed since Ben Bruce attendance at M23.
- Item ID 109 – the board would like to progress this and organise an introductory meeting.
- Item ID 124 – hoping to weave this action into Landscape Priority Funds. The location would depend on who wants to progress this. Kim will work with land management to progress this.
- Item ID 127 – DEM are not at liberty to discuss mining royalties. This action will be closed/complete.
- Item ID 147 – Damon will follow up with the new project officer seeking availability for a future meeting.
- Item ID 149 – Kim to ask Iluka to provide a presentation and/or site visit to align with next Ceduna board meeting with the request to stay out there overnight.
- Item ID 150 – still waiting for information.
- Item ID 155 – this is not AW remit – matter closed.
- Item ID 161 – will be progressed when it can be.
- Item ID 163 – closed.
- Item ID 168 – closed. Staff have regular meetings with LHAs to bridge communication
- Item ID 177 – in progress for Dec.
- Item ID 178 – completed/closed. This is now linked to cross-border project.
- Item ID 182 – completed.
- Item ID 184 – completed.
- Item ID 185 – board member role description accessibility is in progress. Project team has been formed, and early results will be brought at the Dec meeting.
- Item ID 186 – ongoing. As it arises, we will work with current and progressive members.
- Item ID 190 – completed. request sent.
- Item ID 191 – ongoing
- Item ID 192 – in progress. Kim has reached out to multiple stakeholders and is still awaiting a response hence this matter remains unresolved.

Wanda requested this item (192) be added for discussion for any other business.

- Item ID 193 – completed.
- Item ID 194 – completed.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

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

Outcome: **NOTED**

2.4 General Manager's Update

Kim informed the board about the General Manager's activities since Board Meeting 24, including key matters relating to funding, staff, partnerships, workplace health and safety, and government described below:

- Tanya van Horen's nomination as the AMYAC representative to AWLB is being considered by the Minister and should be formally confirmed soon.
- Minister Bourke has requested a regional tour with the board in 25-28 August. Kim will keep the board posted on the confirmation of these dates.
- A briefing paper was submitted to the Minister requesting her support for state funding for a coordinated buffel grass program – the same business case previously submitted to government.
- The Australian Government released the 2026/27 Federal Budget which suggests there could be implications for AW's access to funding in future years. The board's Green Economic Plan is intended to help address this potential reduction.
- The Department of Treasury and Finance advised that any underspends from the Landscape Priority Fund grants cannot be carried over. Staff are working on bringing forward as much expenditure as possible.
- No WHS incidents were reported since the last meeting.
- Duane and Damon attended the SAWDAG meeting in Port Augusta on 6 May. The board discussed that only one AW representative is required at these meetings. Depending on availability, either Jeremy, Duane, or Damon will attend.
- AW's Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31 was submitted to the Minister for her endorsement.
- The SA Land and Sea Ranger Conference was a great success with 170 Rangers from across SA. A final report and video will be shared with all participants.
- The board's Water Affecting Activities Control Policy is being reviewed to ensure the board can provide relevant advice and support to community. This policy will be a focus at a future board meeting.
- ARTC discussions have progressed, and a delegation of key people will meet in June. An update will be provided at the next board meeting after this discussion.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

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

Outcome: **NOTED**

2.5 Board Member Roundtable

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

- Jeremy – has been busy with the cleanup at Maralinga Village. Additionally, he had attended the Kangaroo Partnerships Meeting in Port Augusta. He noted there were differing discussions and opinions on kangaroo culling. Attended training in Lucas Heights, tests on a Friday morning.
- Duane – noted that the Country is very green with more buffel grass.
- Tapaya – advised the APY General Manager has been stood down and that there have been delays with the APY board nominating a female representative.
- Debbie – spoke of the difficulties in attracting people to come and work in Tjuntjuntjara. She had recently attended the WA Forum and described the benefits in being able to talk to other rangers and see what they have been doing. Additionally, the Oak Valley Rangers are still working on buffel grass control.
- Wanda – has been busy with other board commitments.
- Peter – discussed his appointment to a advisory group linked to the Western Green Energy Hub project which is a proposed hydrogen project to be situated on WA Mirning Native Title.

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

3.1 Board Chair and Membership

Kim discussed with the board the need for a succession plan to ensure smooth transition of knowledge when board members choose to step down. To address this, the board participated in a workshop discussing what skills, attributes and experiences an AW board member and/or Chairperson should have, and who may have these skills.

The board agreed membership should be endorsed by landholding authorities. It was discussed that the board member role should be filled with someone who possesses the following qualities: cultural understanding, able to move in many directions, fairness, listens to people, supportive, be open to work with anybody, knowing how to connect people and culture, connections to the region, Anangu knowledge around tjukurpa, truth telling, able to represent the region, kind, collaborative, and two-way skills – Pirinpa and Anangu.

The board discussed leadership programs and how something like this could be a useful tool for potential members/up-and-coming leaders. Additionally, potential members could come along to board meetings and sit in the background, so they are exposed to the function and governance of a board.

Furthermore, the board discussed the qualities of a Chair to include being an advocate, an enabler, and a good communicator. The board agreed that Peter would act as the interim Chair at AWLB meetings until membership terms are up in January 2027.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Discussed** the strategy for board membership and succession
2. **Agreed** that Peter will act as the interim Chair for AWLB meetings until January contract terms are up

Outcome: **DISCUSSED**

3.2 Regional Landscape Plan Update

Damon presented to the board on the status of the Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31 and described that it is in its final stages and has been provided to the Minister for approval. At the previous meeting, the board provided input on some changes which were incorporated for the final draft. Damon explained further work is now underway to support the delivery of the plan including an implementation action plan; a monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement framework; and plan on a page.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Plan 2026-31

Outcome: **NOTED**

3.3 AWLB Business Plan 2026/27

The board reviewed the draft Business Plan 2026/27 and discussed the proposed expenditure allocated to each of the five regional priorities, as well as the sources of funding for 2026-27. Damon sought approval from the board to remove the 'water affecting activities' page from the document and the board agreed pending further legislative advice.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Annual Business Plan 2026-27 with the approval to remove 'water affecting activities' page following further legislative advice

Moved: Tapaya Edwards

Seconded: Jeremy Lebois

Outcome: **CARRIED**

3.4 Grassroots Grant 2026/27

The Grassroots Grant 2026/27 application round was detailed to be opening at the beginning of July (for four weeks) with \$40,368 available for landholding authorities, schools, and/or community groups to implement activities to achieve healthy Country and community outcomes. The board discussed two board members to join the assessment panel and Jeremy and Peter were nominated.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the 2026/27 Grassroots Grant application process
2. **Endorsed** the nomination of Jeremy and Peter to join the assessment panel

Moved: Tapaya Edwards

Seconded: Duane Edwards

Outcome: **CARRIED**

3.5 Communications Update

Noel presented the communications update to the board which included:

- Palya Winter 2026 issue is in development. The Summer 2025 issue was downloaded 151 times as of last week.
- Social media's most popular stories featured dingoes with a photo reaching over 11,000 views and a video demonstrating canid pest ejector use reaching over 4000 views. The board discussed creating and promoting a story about the importance of dingoes for Anangu.
- Consultation and engagement work as part of the Regional Landscape Plan (RLP) review
- The Business Plan 2026-27 was developed to align with new design elements of the RLP
- AW has contributed to NRM Regions Australia website update to explain what work is being done and why it is important

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the progress of AW's communications and continue to seek ways to contribute further

Outcome: **NOTED**

Action

1. Noel to liaise with Jeremy about a dingo story from the Anangu perspective

3.6 Cross Border Statement of Principles

Kim facilitated a workshop with the board on overarching principles that could guide how an Anangu-led cross border land management model could be established and what its primary objectives could be. This included identifying the key partners. It was agreed the idea should be progressed and include Elders in the conversations. Additionally, the board proposed the possibility of running a workshop (or similar) on this matter at the IDA Conference at Yulara in November to have people from across the desert areas to provide input and progress the idea.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Discussed** a proposed pathway to establishing an Anangu-led cross border land management model
2. **Endorsed** the principles associated with having an Anangu-led cross border land management model

Moved: Jeremy Lebois

Seconded: Debbie Hansen

Outcome: **CARRIED**

Action

1. Kim will talk to IDA about the potential for AW to run a workshop at the conference

3.7 Audit & Risk Management Committee Decisions

Thuy discussed the key topics from the A&RMC Meeting 13 including all decisions and recommendations for the board to approve.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Endorsed** the following recommendations from the Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting 13:
 - a. Approval of the risk register and the new risk #27
 - b. Approval to progress inviting an independent candidate to the board's Audit & Risk Management Committee
 - c. Approval of the board's projected budget for the 2026-27 financial year
 - d. Approval of the draft Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Annual Business Plan 2026-27
 - e. Approval of the progress against the April 2026 income and expenditure dashboard reports
 - f. Approval of the following Instruments of Authorisation delegations:
 - i. Instrument of Authorisation – Contract Execution via Purchase Card
 - ii. Instrument of Authorisation – Procurement – Contract Pre-Approval – Procurement – Payment & Distribution
 - iii. Instrument of Authorisation – Contract Execution
 - iv. Instrument of Authorisation – Affix Common Seal
 - v. Instrument of Authorisation – AWLB – *Landscape SA Act 2019*
 - g. Approval of the Legislation Compliance Register
 - h. Approval to increase the delegation limit for the General Manager from \$1.5M to \$3M, effective from 26 May 2026 to 30 June 2027
 - i. Approval of the payment change process for mileage and sitting fees to be processed in one urgent transaction
 - j. Approval of the following new/updated policies and procedures:
 - i. Climate Ready Initiative Policy
 - ii. GOV-02 In Camera Sessions Policy
 - iii. GOV-03 In Camera Sessions Procedure
 - iv. GOV-11 KMP Related Parties Policy and Procedure
 - v. GOV-15 Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Policy for Landscape Boards
 - vi. GOV-16 Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Procedure for Landscape Boards
 - vii. GOV-17 Risk Management Policy
 - viii. GOV-18 Risk Appetite Statement
 - ix. GOV-19 Risk Management Framework
 - x. SA Public Sector Fraud and Corruption Control Policy by OCPSE

Moved: Tapaya Edwards

Seconded: Jeremy Lebois

*Outcome: **CARRIED***

3.8 Disaster Ready Planning – Project Plan

Jess presented to the board on the Disaster Ready Funding project – Roots of Resilience. This included discussion about what constitutes a disaster, the purpose of the project, the technical expertise required for the project and likely stakeholders/individuals, what groups/areas the plans will be developed for, as well as the roadmap for the implementation of the project. The board noted that Anangu are involved in lots of planning and expressed the need to ensure there is a purpose and outcome attached to this progress. Jess informed the board there will be seed funding attached to this for communities to reduce impacts for disaster. Furthermore, the board agreed that the project should begin with Yalata and Oak Valley communities.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the status of the Roots of Resilience: Safe Country, Strong Futures project, including early-phase activities, engagement undertaken and proposed next steps

Outcome: **NOTED**

3.9 Project Updates – Current and Prospective

Leah and Brett presented to the board on all AW's current projects and their progress against agreed timelines and outcomes, noting that eight are progressing well. It was noted there have been challenges with a few projects due to capacity constraints and new finance rules.

The board discussed the value of collaborating with school kids on projects and expressed the desire for such work to be expanded to communities outside of Ceduna.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the status of the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board 2025-26 programs

Outcome: **NOTED**

3.10 Any Other Business

Wanda requested further discussion regarding action (ID 192). Kim reiterated that she has contacted the Department for Environment and Water and the Australian Government to ascertain whether there would be an impact to Maralinga Tjarutja's freehold land title if the Nullarbor was granted National Heritage Listing. The board considered Maralinga's letter and decided to support their stance and thus retract the original letter of support to the Australian Speleological Federation.

Outcome: **NOTED**

Action

1. Kim to retract the original letter of support and rewrite in support of Maralinga's direction

4. CLOSING ITEMS

4.1 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 24

Outcome: **NOTED**

4.2 Proposed Meeting Dates and Location for next Board Meeting

The next board meeting dates were discussed for early September with the proposed location at Yulara to progress the cross-border land management concept.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Noted** the intended date, time, and location for Meeting 26 at Yulara 8-9 September 2026

Outcome: **NOTED**

4.3 Decisions of AW Landscape Board Meeting 25

The board agreed that the decisions and actions of Meeting 25 were a true and accurate representation.

Decision

The Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board:

1. **Accepted** the decisions as a true representation of Meeting 25

Outcome: **NOTED**

4.4 Key Messages for the Minister

The board decided on key topics from Meeting 25 they would like included in the letter to the Minister:

- A&RM committee meeting and deep dive into the risk register
- Workshop to help shape future board members
- Endorsed landscape plan and business plan
- Cross-border land management work – and expectation of government's support
- Summary of all projects from the team
- Ongoing concern and action of buffel control – difficulty in having other partners collaborate with us

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 25 and attaching the draft minutes

Meeting Close

The A/Chair thanked everyone for attending the Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board Meeting 25 and the meeting was closed at 12:02pm

Endorsed by:



Peter Burgoyne
Acting Chair Meeting 25
ALINYTJARA WILURARA LANDSCAPE BOARD
Date: 29/09/2026