



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 44

MINUTES OF MEETING

2nd and 4th June, 2014

Venue: Tiffins on the Park, Parkside

Statement of Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today.

We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country.

We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal people visiting/attending from other areas of South Australia/Australia present here today.

In Attendance:	
AW NRM Board Members	Parry Agius (Presiding Member), Mima Smart, Brian Queama, Sydney Chamberlain, Gary Lewis,
NR AW Staff	Matthew Ward (Regional Manager), Neil Collins (Sustainability, Planning & Reporting), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement), Saras Kumar (Landscapes, Conservation & Public Lands), Thuy Phan (Business & Partnerships), Sue Agars (Executive Officer)
Guests	Nerida Saunders (DSD AARD), Mick Horner (DPTI), Paul Dalby & Peter Kretschmer, Paul Francis (AG), Ian Hopton (DMITRE), Greg Franks (Yalata CEO), Mike Greig & Deb Kelly (DEWNR)
Apologies:	Michael Haynes, Janet Queama, Ian Hopton (DMITRE)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Day 1 - Meeting opened at 9.35am

Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius welcomed AW NRM Board members and NR AW staff to Meeting 44 of the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) Natural Resources Management Board (the Board).

Mr Agius declared the meeting open and acknowledged the area's traditional Aboriginal custodians.

An overview of the Agenda for Meeting 44 was provided, and the Board were asked for any additional items for discussion.

Apologies received from: Michael Haynes, Janet Queama, Ian Hopton (DMITRE)

2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Agenda for Meeting 44 was adopted and there were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Summary of Minutes and Minutes of Meeting 43, held in Alice Springs 8-9 April, 2014 were reviewed and adopted without amendment.

Moved by: Sydney Chamberlain
Seconded by: Mima Smart

4. Board Correspondence

The list of incoming and outgoing AW Board correspondence was viewed by the members, with the following noted for discussion:

- Commission of Audit, National Landcare Program, Presiding Member letters to Prime Minister (and response).

Motion: *The Board notes incoming and outgoing correspondence.*

Moved: *Brian Queama*
Seconded: *Sydney Chamberlain*

5. Board Report - Presiding Member

Parry Agius (Presiding Member AW NRM Board)

Mr Agius provided the Board with an overview of his activities conducted since the last AW NRM Board Meeting, (held 8-9 April, 2014 in Alice Springs) as follows:

Strategic Positioning of Board:

- Attended meeting with Minister Hunt in Canberra, representing AW NRM Board and Rangelands Alliance. Discussions held on the idea of Rangelands Trust, Program Design, and the next iteration of Landcare. Paper to be developed further exploring the proposal. Minister Hunt confirmed future allocation of monies for dealing with pests.

Broader State NRM Delivery:

- Assisted leading workshop on Aboriginal Engagement in NRM Planning, and number
- Numerous meetings with DEWNR Executive re: NRM / DEWNR partnership
- Attended Presiding Members Forum where focus on local Govt. was explored. New relationship with Outback Communities Authority, Mark Sutton was developed. DEWNR representatives on NRM Boards discussed. Concerns about higher level representatives being on Boards and confidentiality. Discussion around roles and representation. AW NRM Board to decide if DEWNR representative role is required.
- Discussion about DEWNR representatives on Boards

Matthew Ward raised issue re: rotation of DEWNR representative – proposal of one person to attend all meetings, or rotate DEWNR representatives for different meetings. For further discussion.

Motion: *The AW NRM Board note and accept the Presiding Members Report.*

Moved: *Brain Queama*
Seconded: *Gary Lewis*

6. Manager Report – Regional Manager

Matthew Ward (Regional Manager, Natural Resources AW)

Matthew Ward provided an overview progress towards Schedule 5, and key activities as indicated in the Regional Managers Report:

GOVERNANCE:

- Meetings including outcomes of Audit and risk Committee Meetings
- Schedule of AW NRM Board Meetings (Calender) to be presented at this meeting

RELEVANCE:

- Support to Presiding Member's visit with Rangelands Alliance in Canberra to meet with Minister Hunt
- Meeting with Outback Communities Authority
- Board presented at '*Better Together Workshop*' for Minister Brock (where AW were the only regional DEWNR representation present)
- Correspondence to Minister Brock, the Prime Minister, and Minister Hunt regarding Landcare

RELATIONSHIP WITH DEWNR:

- Review of Service Level Agreement between DEWNR and AW
- Attendance at Presiding Members Forum and meetings with CE DEWNR

MOU'S WITH STAKEHOLDERS:

- APY Executive - Gary Lewis to continue to raise with APY Executive (Matthew Ward to support)
- FWC still ongoing

Motion: *Manager, Landscapes, Conservation & Public Lands to set meeting date with FWC for MoU discussion (possibly at next AW Board Meeting)*

Moved: Gary Lewis
Seconded: Mima Smart

NATURAL RESOURCES ALINYTJARA WILURARA ACTIVITIES:

- A two day NR AW Staff Forum was held in Ceduna which included discussion on relationship with the Board and workplace culture (presentation available), Human Resources, current structure (Organisational Chart) and funding streams viewed, and announcement of Neil Collins retirement.

Matthew Ward provided an overview of proposals for position/roles as follows:

1. New position to be created (to replace Neil Collins). Position to support the Board and NR AW Regional Manager position, with a focus on planning & reporting.
2. Proposal for a role/person for co-management and Public Lands to be placed in Ceduna.

Discussion around the AW Board's role and influence on position of Manager Sustainability & Reporting – (AW pay for half of role).

Action: *Matthew Ward to develop paper discussing proposals for position of Manager Sustainability & Reporting*

DEWNR (more broadly):

- NR AW taking lead in strategic policy approach to Aboriginal Policy across DEWNR
- Taking lead in responding to Ministerial briefings re: Aboriginal issues
- HR still taking lead in relation to employment and DEWNR Aboriginal Workforce Strategy. Approach is set by DEWNR Executive sub-committee on Reconciliation, and Senior Officers Group on Aboriginal Affairs (Regional Manager & Manager Community Engagement)
- Development of a workshop led by NRM Council and AW on engaging Aboriginal communities in NRM planning – each region, senior planning and engagement of staff. Outcomes included: self-assessment tool around participation of Boards in Aboriginal Engagement and relationship building
- DEWNR Committees (which Matt sits on)

Matthew Ward advised the Board he was due to travel to New Zealand during June 2014 for a conference on Co-management.

Recommendation: *The AW Board note and discuss the Report of the Regional Manager, Natural Resources Alinytjara Wilurara.*

Motion: *The AW NRM Board note and accept the Regional Manager's Report for Meeting 44.*

Moved: Parry Agius
Seconded: Mima Smart

7. Government Update

Nerida Saunders (DSD AARD)

Update and implications of transition to Department of State Development for regional delivery in AW Region

Nerida Saunders advised there had been a merger of 2 departments (DFEEST and DMITRE) into one new department (now called Department of State Development). Positioning for best use of resources was now being conducted. DPC now to focus on priorities of Govt. with AARD moving into new Dept. for State Development (which includes Arts SA, the Office for Economic Development Board, and Invest SA).

Nerida advised the merger does not reflect budget savings, as Departments will continue to do the work they were originally doing. Ray Gurran is now heading up new organisation, and Aboriginal issues are at the forefront of discussions with developments in Employment and Procurement.

Nerida advised that new legislation recognises unique Aboriginal communities and diversity, and reflects a whole of Govt. approach in relation to accountability. Regional Authorities, Aboriginal Communities to come together and negotiate with Govt. on conversations that impact upon their community. Model to be trailed on site – Nurrangiri, Narrunga, Port Augusta, Angarna, focusing on different areas of policy, structure, focal points, Govt. service provision, and funding. The aim of the model is to create opportunity for communities to have a voice.

An overview of Commonwealth budget was provided and Nerida advised there would be a reduction in the number of Boards and Committees. There will however be a new Indigenous Advancement Committee to the Prime Minister's Indigenous Advisory Council, with a commitment to continue the school attendance program, and safety and wellbeing to support additional policing structures in APY Lands, increasing mobile coverage areas etc. under the Minister for Services Program for remote community housing.

Nerida advised that the National Partnership Agreements will cease on 30 June 2014 with negotiations being held. Income Management programs were being rolled out, through voluntary arrangements and Centrelink, and is considered compulsory under Child Protection.

Matthew Ward, Regional Manager NR AW thanked Nerida for her attendance and contribution.

8. Manager Report – Regional & Business Partnerships

Thuy Phan (Manager Regional & Business Partnerships)

Service Level Agreement 2013-14

Thuy Phan outlined the purpose of the SLA and proposal for 2013-14, with differences outlined from previous year's SLA. Thuy advised there were 5 schedules of agreement – both DEWNR and Boards would benefit from a degree of consistency across the SLA's for the 8 regions. The SLA which has been delayed until now, has been reviewed by the Audit & Risk Committee, and has been sent for signing by CE DEWNR.

Main issues for change outlined for discussion: including incorrect contact details, preparation of Financial Statement by SSSA not included, governance/legal fee not listed, DEWNR Administered Accounts, and one way advance mileage payment to Board members.

Cover letter from CE DEWNR will be sent to PM re an approach to acquit this cost. Account will remain open but balance will be transferred. A decision from the committee has not been noted.

Finance Report:

Thuy Phan outlined the draft NRM Budget for 2014-15. Discussion around financial expenditure to 30th April 2014, the Boards income as at 30th April 2014, and projected income for next 5 years. Income and Expenditure 2013-14 reviewed as at 30th April. Total budgets viewed for (People, Water, Country, and Board). Summary of total budget provided. Risks outlined with unspent monies.

Projected AW Income for 14-15 as at May 2014 viewed, which includes CFOC Base funding, Climate Change, Central Corridor Conserving AW's Coastline, Indigenous Carbon Farming, FRM Funding, and Davey's Bore.

Thuy advised that the Climate Change funding was now complete. Central Corridor has one year remaining, Coastal was ongoing but half funding. Indigenous nil for next year. Native Vegetation ongoing. Total for next financial year is approx. \$4.1million. Length of contracts overviewed.

Matthew Ward advised assurances had been received that base funding would remain consistent until 2014-15, however 2016-18 is anticipated to be less. Thuy advised that remaining funds in NRM as at 30 April 2014 (which includes committed funds) is \$564,071.

Contract Register List discussed – outstanding payment due on contracts. Reports were to be received before payment/invoice. Length of contracts overviewed.

Draft budget for 2014-15 reviewed and discussed with anticipated costs/expenses.

Recommendations:

- 1. The Board approves the financial report as at April 2014**
- 2. The Board reviews the NRM Board budget for 2014-15 and provides advice**
- 3. The Board notes the projected budget for 2014-15 and 2015-16**

Motion: *the AW Board accept the recommendations as provided and endorse the Draft Budget for 2014-15 as proposed by Manager Regional & Business Partnerships, Thuy Phan.*

Moved: Gary
Seconded: Sydney

Parry Agius requested recommendations to be summarised and on A3 paper, with graphs, key messages, and recommendations to be included.

Action: *Thuy Phan, to summarise financial recommendations on A3 paper, with graphs and key messages, to be included.*

Thuy Phan provided an overview and advised the Board of the outcomes of the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held during May 2014.

9. Regional Session: APY Lands

Session Chair: *Rose Lester*

Aude Loisier & Bruce Macpherson (for Neil Collins, absent)

Rose Lester opened the session and handed over to Aude Loisier and Bruce Macpherson, who provided an overview of projects and activities in the APY region.

WATER PLANNING:

- Water planning currently on target – pilot with new proposed road into APY in 2016 being developed
- Contract in place with SAAL to utilise their forms for the purpose of AW issuing water permits
- Salt level specification of greater than 5000ppm salt to be utilised on roads
- Further consultation to occur

REPORTING PROCESSES:

Aude Loisier provided the Board with an overview of reporting processes including MERRIT (Commonwealth level required reporting), and performance measure tool. Paul Francis provided further insight on new tool for reporting – Nationwide tracking on delivery of targets, showcasing activities, with results provided in Annual Report and used for future decision making.

CURRENT PROJECTS ON APY LANDS:

Bruce Macpherson provided an overview into projects currently being conducted in Kanpi Knapri. Projects are working well, and Laura Mitchell is now on location. Projects aim to provide more structured employment for Communities. Initial discussions have been held with Indulkina and KN. In the process of gaining short-term accommodation for contractors. Will enable projects to be more easily conducted (employee's staying on site longer). Neil Collins is currently holding discussions with APY Pastoral to see how monies from camels can be fed back into a trust for community use for repairs and maintenance.

Action: *Neil / Bruce to develop interactive map demonstrating all AW current projects and their status in the region.*

Parry Agius raised discussion on the current draft MoU between AW NRM Board and APY Executive. The draft agreement was reviewed with changes as indicated. Matthew Ward provided a recommendation that if the Board were happy with the draft, it should be taken to APY Executive for further discussion.

Recommendation: *The AW Board accept the Draft MoU Agreement for use in further discussions with APY Executive.*

Motion: *The AW Board accept the Draft MoU Agreement for use in discussions with APY Executive.*

Moved: Sydney Chamberlain
Seconded: Mima Smart

Action: *Matthew Ward to send email to APY Executive General Manager advising AW Board endorsement for Draft MoU Agreement, and arrange visit to APY for discussion.*

10. Government Update

Mick Horner (DPTI)
APY Roads and AW NRM Water Permit Process

Session Chair: Rose Lester
Aude Loisier (for Neil Collins, absent)

Rose Lester opened the session and handed over to Mick Horner, and Allan Morris (RM for DPTI).

Mick provided a presentation to the Board which had been made to APY Board. The presentation included an overview of history on the construction of formed road and their benefits. SA Govt. prepared bid for improvement of roads and in December 2013 confirmed Federal and State funding. Objectives were to form partnership and collaboration with a focus on protecting cultural sites. The project scope and map of project area was demonstrated, indicating a 210km main access road, and 21km community access roads. A 5 year plan is to be developed in consultation with APY lands and communities.

Parry Agius queried water sources and community access to these – requested findings be captured and included. Mick advised that no disturbance to community water was expected as the water use would be from existing bores only, however 5-6 further sources may be required. Sources will be required for ongoing maintenance of completed sections. Pre-construction is due to commence during July 2014 with construction phase during July 2015. Engagement plan commencing next week (June 2014) as comprehensive community engagement was required to ensure views and concerns are fully recognised

Mick Horner advised the project would possibly be ongoing for 4 years and this was a good opportunity for employment/traineeships etc.

Rose Lester requested both the Board and Anangu be involved in process of site clearance. Advised this will be part of the consultation. Concerns over ground cover and impacts on natural environment.

Parry Agius queried if AW Board could attend and be part of process for discussion, and decision – making. DPTI agreed this was possible.

Parry Agius queried AW Staff for consideration of other involvement re: AW Policies. More detailed consultation will be conducted in the future.

Matthew Ward queried the Board as to their responsibilities under the NRM Act – Gary Lewis expressed concern that APY don't have policies relating to water use. Gary said there were other demands on water in the APY and queried the road project within NRM boundaries in relation to water. Mick Horner advised happy to attend future Board meetings to provide updates. Paul Dalby advised DPTI will need to apply for permit for water management and the Board will also have an opportunity to review activities at this time.

Matthew Ward queried where working group obtains their information and processes from. DPTI advised full time environmental officer employed to address issues with projects. Rose Lester suggested DPTI consider employing Aboriginal Liaison Officer who could offer special skill-set. Gary Lewis supported saying it was important that someone with a clear understanding who represented Anangu was involved.

Parry Agius queried overview of pre, during, and post activities as opposed to Environmental Officer on impacts on NRM. Requested estimated costings with NRM directions to be considered. Also consider possibilities of by-products to be considered (water holding dams?) DPTI to build this report and provide in future.

Paul Dalby advised permitting process for AW Board still to be finalised (by August 2014).

Action: EO Sue Agars to invite Mick Horner to attend the AW Water Steering Committee Meetings – place on group mail list.

11. Water Plan Update & Groundwater Report

Paul Dalby and Peter Kretschmer

Brief update provided on Water Permit process through SAAL.

Issue of pastoral use of water raised. Invitation to DEWNR to Water Strategy Meeting for risk assessment on pastoral use of water resources. Proposal to be returned to the AW Board. Project funded by CwIth Govt last year re: Groundwater Recharge Assessment in eastern APY lands (to be presented during this section of the meeting).

Peter Kretschmer advised background to report in relation to high cultural value, and increasingly important resource, plus potential for mining exploration. The report follows a desktop review of groundwater in APY lands which demonstrated a serious lack of information on groundwater in APY. New data was required to assess and there were 3 key objectives – to estimate groundwater recharge, the relationship between rainfall and recharge, and regional activity in aquifers. Initial results indicate increasing salinity, slowly getting saltier towards the south and to the east. Salt tends to suggest it is older water.

Key conclusions (refer to presentation): average recharge rate is just .55MI/y in APY Lands, and recharge occurs rapidly after the rare large rainfall >60-80mm/month.

Next steps – bore audits, monitoring of wells (away from communities), and exploration of Paleo valleys.

Paul Dalby advised that the use of groundwater in APY is not high with current use of 1-2% of the water. Information contained in report is considered useful for decision making in the future re: amounts, quality of water, etc.

12. Government Update – Aust Govt.

Paul Francis (AG's Office)

Paul Francis advised the Board that there will be some reduction in budget over the coming years. Regional funding is committed over next 3 years, with Programs utilising 80% over 2 years. 20% not allocated will be minimum not be funded. Implications to be explored and discussed with the Board. Commitment to Green Army – tenders for providers to that program are being called for. Number of providers to be finalised. 20 Million Trees coming shortly. Small grants now no longer active. No funding programs currently which can be accessed.

For AW Board, 2015-16 onwards looking at base funding and green army. Further projects to be explored.

Bruce Macpherson queried funding for endangered species. Paul advised he was unaware of any announcements.

Matthew Ward advised of Parry's meeting in Canberra last week – response reasonably positive – proposal to be developed.

Operationally, Paul Francis reported the relationship between AW Board and Government is tracking well.

13. Government Update

Ian Hopton (DMITRE) Absent – apology received

Day 1 Meeting Close 5.00pm

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Day 2 – Wednesday 4 June, 2014

Meeting Opened at 9.30am

15. Manager Report – Community Engagement

Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement

Bruce Macpherson provided an overview of employment programs within the AW region.

Next Board Meeting number of people we have employed this year, where, how we have employed. Next 4 years aim for 5% increase. Some employed by DEWNR, Communities, and casual within programs. 2015-16 another 5% increase (ongoing). Also supporting those people to consider career in this field with skills provided. Working closely with communities so plan can be implemented. Challenges for Board and NR AW include Palya Kalkuni – important this vision is carried out.

Discussion around how to implement 5yr Employment Strategy and vision.

Suggestion for AW Board to host a one day Workshop with all stakeholders to find ways to work together. Invitations may be extended to each of the Communities, Skillhire, and APY Executive.

Decision: *The AW NRM Board approve the establishment of a one day Workshop with key stakeholders to develop and discuss the employment and training strategy, based on NRM Projects.*

*Moved: Parry Agius
Seconded: Rose Lester*

Action: *Bruce Macpherson to arrange one day Workshop with key stakeholders to discuss and map out Employment and Training Strategy, and place in to 'One Story'.*

14. Regional Session - Yalata

Session Chair – Mima Smart

Mima Smart opened the session, and introduced Greg Franks, CEO Yalata Community as guest speaker.

Greg Franks thanked the Board for the opportunity to update them on developments and activities in the Yalata Community. Greg advised that Yalata was in its 60th year since granting of land to the Lutheran's, next year represents the 40th year that land has been under Anangu control. Yalata Community has its own governance structure, and the 'Happy Healthy Safe Community' vision is working well. Greg provided an overview of activities of interest which include: RJCP Program – 14 new structured activities created, includes foundation training (funding received), Yalata Beautification Program, Building Program (includes Cementary restoration) Womens Program, Youth Program, and Council activities. Sports, Arts and Events include Yalata Pride Awards in NAIDOC Week, and a series of Arts projects will be commencing soon. Digital Arts program (following Ollie's activities), and a book being written about the Edwards family. Sculpture project, school attendance program, Indigenous Carbon Farming project now complete. Trial planting of 5 hectare site, second bore being explored, and fuel outlet has been approved.

Suggestion to have meeting in Adelaide with Govt. to combine ideas. Workshop strategy first to work out stakeholders, and then hold stakeholder meeting to discuss strategy.

Discussion around the work being devolved to community. Gary Lewis emphasised importance of having a plan towards employment. Also importance of resources in NRM, and working with employment contractors.

Parry Agius demonstrated 'Our Story'...combining all stakeholder views and visions. Resources from all stakeholders to be brought together.

Further discussion around Training and Employment Strategy. Gary Lewis advised it was important for NRM to work with community and expressed concern at the level of ongoing training (since 1981). Suggested a plan was required to convert training in to real jobs.

Bruce Macpherson demonstrated the requirements for competency. It appears that ongoing training was not being converted into certification. Requirement for someone to pull together all the training and competencies for people to recognise training skills and achievements. There had been a breakdown with previous TAFESA training records with data lost. A requirement for reliable data base to store training record is recognised.

Greg Franks advised that they were setting up contracts and bringing in the Women's group. Level of understanding appears to be only at a higher level, however awareness at ground level will come as projects and contracts occur. Greg stated it is important to recognise the level of knowledge in the community about land management and that certification was recognised as this translates to confidence, leading to finding jobs and partnerships. Yalata Council's employment strategy 'Happy Healthy Safe Community' includes a working community. Currently the workforce consists of 32 personnel with only 7 non-indigenous employed. Greg Franks advised Yalata Council happy to bring resources to employment strategy

Session Chair Mima Smart thanked Greg Franks for his attendance and provision of information to the Board.

15. Regional Session – MT Lands

Neil Collins, Manager Sustainability, Planning and Reporting (Absent)

16. Regional Session – Far West Coast

Session Chair: Sydney Chamberlain

Saras Kumar, Manager, Landscapes, Conservation & Public Lands

Sydney Chamberlain opened the session, and handed over to Saras Kumar who provided the Board with a presentation on AW activities in the FWC region. A map of the AW region Parks was provided and activities over the last 2-3 months have included: Friends of Great Victoria Desert, West Mallee Protection Group, Goog's Lake Restoration, Management Plan for Yumbarra Rockholes, and Camel management.

Saras advised that FWC co-management activities have included: Nullarbor Advisory Committee and Yumbarra Co-management Board nominations have been provided to the Minister, and the field visit with Nullarbor Advisory committee has been postponed until July/August 2014. The recommendations for Nullarbor Advisory Committee, and Yumbarra Co-management Board were viewed and discussed.

Saras also provided an overview on Mamungari Board meetings and activities.

Action: Saras Kumar to provide copies of Mamungari Meeting Agenda to the AW Board.

Detailed Program Information provided and discussed. Healthy Country Plan for Kanpi Nyapri, Buffel Grass surveys in MT Lands, and Lynda Marshall in State Buffel Grass Taskforce in APY Lands.

Discussion on Delegations in co-management regions. Tiers of co-management parks overview provided by Matthew Ward and decision making authority discussed. Parry Agius queried delegatory power if given to Regional Manager and ability of Aboriginal persons to learn, and concerns for future management. Parry also raised concern for plan of 5 Boards working as one and how this was to occur logistically. Requested ideas to be submitted to the Board.

Saras advised issue of delegations is to assist the board with more minor tasks so the Board can concentrate on other issues – ie. Permits might take up all the board meeting time.

Recommendation: The Board note the report as provided by Manager, Landscapes, Conservation & Public Lands.

Motion: The AW Board note the report as provided by Manager, Landscapes, Conservation & Public Lands.

**Moved: Rose Lester
Seconded: Mima Smart**

Presentation: FWC Marine Park (Action item)

Manager, Landscapes, Conservation and Public Lands, Saras Kumar

Saras Kumar provided an overview of the sanctuary zones and Marine parks set up to protect habitats. Differing types of zones (restricted access zones) overviewed. Special purpose areas ie Hiltons campsite to allow for fishing at campsites as a result of consultation. Fishing restrictions not active until 30 October 2014.

Matthew Ward advised that DEWNR Regional Co-ordinators were being placed into regions, including Marine Park areas. The Role was yet to be defined, but may be an opportunity for involvement by AW Board.

Discussion around AW Boards voice around how marine parks are managed, and boards input into levels of responsibility.

Decision: *Marine Parks Manager/Director to be invited to speak with AW Board to discuss role/position of Regional Coordinator*

Parry suggested strategy be discussed – recommendation for Regional Manager to provide a futures paper for strategy and also for position to be Aboriginal.

Action: *Regional Manager to provide a futures paper for strategy on Marine Parks Coordinator position/role, with view to extending invitation to Marine Parks Manager/Director to speak with AW Board.*

17. Guest Speaker/s

Deb Kelly & Mike Grieg (DEWNR)

Matthew Ward provided round table introductions of the Board and guest speakers.

Deb Kelly – Wombat Case Study (Animal Welfare, DEWNR)

Deb Kelly provided the Board with an overview of the *Animal Welfare Act 1985* and the legislation surrounding the Hunting and Food Gathering by Aboriginal persons (interpretation provided to the Board by Rose Lester). Discussion around types of permits for killing or taking of animals. Issue of trend in wombats being taken (for sale), killed for meat etc. in Gawler Ranges area. Proposal to the AW Board what to do about it. For discussion.

Mike Grieg – Codes of Practice for the humane destruction of wildlife (Animal Welfare, DEWNR)

Mike Grieg provided the Board with an overview of South Australian Legislation and Code of Practice which detail recommended methods of destroying native wildlife within the bounds of the *Animal Welfare Act 1985*. Mike provided the Board with copies of the Code of Practice and there was discussion around the recommended methods of controlling birds, possums, and wombats and recommended ways of destroying wildlife within bounds of Animal Welfare Act. The Code of Practice also applies to those who obtain Permits.

Rose Lester suggested resources are required to educate and create awareness in remote communities – suggestion of a children's book, or through 'Go Animate' (cartoon story). Rose emphasised awareness needs to be created for people not to extract animals from their native regions. Discussion around traditional use of wombat meat.

Suggestion from Parry to include statement in newsletter about what the Board believes is the right way to do things in relation to humane destruction and traditional hunting and gathering. Plus letters to communities reiterating rules/ legislation. Recommendation from Matthew Ward to talk to co-management board, and Eyre Peninsula Board to develop education tool around this issue.

Decision: *Distribute article in AW Newsletter about what the Board supports as humane destruction and use of native animals in traditional hunting and gathering. Letters to be sent to communities reiterating rules/ legislation. Talks to be held with co-management board, and EP Board to develop education tool around this issue.*

Moved: Rose
Seconded: Parry

Action: *Regional Manager to hold talks with co-management board and Eyre Peninsula Board to develop education tool around issue of wildlife destruction methods. Distribute article in AW Newsletter about what the Board supports as humane destruction and use of native animals in traditional hunting and gathering. Letters to be sent to communities reiterating rules/ legislation.*

18. Economic Development Discussion

Matthew Ward, Regional Manager NR AW

Presentation: Economic Assessment of NRM and the AW NRM Region

Matthew Ward provided an overview and background to the Economic Development brief which was developed by Professor Michael O'Neil for the AW Board. The aim is to develop a strategy to approach potential investors, and move away from cyclic grant funding.

Matthew Ward advised the role of Boards under the State NRM Plan, and two of the priorities which include 'strengthening partnerships between government, local government, NRM Boards, industry and non-government organisations', and 'improve support for NRM amongst the broader business community'.

Discussion around Economic Development and opportunities for NRM in the AW Region, and how NRM be the driver of getting business in the region. Currently no plans exist and RPA have failed to deliver in the past. Matthew advised that the Department of State Development indicates no previous assessment which includes NRM, ecotourism, and economic opportunities, has been conducted in the past.

Matthew advised opportunities for collaboration exist with Department of State Development (which now includes Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division), and Economic Development Board (whose purpose is to maximise the value of emerging economic opportunities for South Australian regions).

Parry Agius provided a demonstration to explore options for economic development instead of just employment, training and jobs. Discussion around small unseen projects in Yalata, MT/Oak Valley, APY, & FWC, and how to combine all into one big recognised project.

Gary Lewis stated important to involve discussions with the Community in a direct manner ie. Not through APY Executive. Gary recommended a plan should be put together to ensure the business's function properly.

Further discussion around exploring ideas of building Anangu individuals as contractors to do the NRM work of AW business.

Matthew Ward concluded the discussion with the following recommendations for endorsement:

Recommendations:

- 1. The AW Board engage someone to develop a review of the work which has been done (previous and current) – suggestions for Professor Michael O'Neil or Rural Solutions.**
- 2. The AW Board write to the State Economic Development Board, CE DEWNR, Chair of NRM Council, and CEO of DPC, outlining the target increase in Aboriginal Employment to 20%, the Board's interest in assessing the role of NRM in economic development in the AW region, and the AW Boards interest in holding a workshop to develop an economic strategy for the region.**

Motion: The Board endorse the recommendations as provided by the Regional Manager NR AW

**Moved: Parry Agius
Seconded: Mima Smart**

Presentation: Regional Management Team NR AW

Matthew Ward, Regional Manager NR AW

Matthew Ward advised this presentation was to inform the Board of changes to the Regional Management Team in NR AW, and outlined proposed options for endorsement.

Matthew provided some background to the structure and funding of RMT members, and advised that change was now required due to Manager, Sustainability, Planning & Reporting, Neil Collins retiring, and Manager, Landscapes, Conservation and Public Lands (Saras Kumar) position concluding end of August, 2014.

Three Proposed Options for the Manager, Sustainability, Planning & Reporting positions include:

1. Creating a new position called Manager, Strategy and Knowledge, funded 50% by NRM and 50% Australian Government (funding providers)

2. Not replacing the position, which would result in increased workloads for other Managers, and potential loss of confidence of Government through loss of supervision of reporting required
3. 3rd option open for discussion/suggestions

Matthew Ward advised proposal for new role of Manager, Co-management and Public Delivery to be based in Ceduna, with focus on co-management support, and increased stewardship of public lands by recognised Native Title Owners. Funding for this position would be from DEWNR and Co-management.

Matthew advised that both positions would be advertised Nationally.

Parry Agius requested that Aboriginals be targeted for the positions.

Recommendation: *The Board note and endorse the recommendation to create new positions for Manager, Strategy and Knowledge, and Manager, Co-management and Public Lands.*

*Moved: Parry Agius
Seconded: Rose Lester*

Motion: *The Board accepts and endorses the recommendations as provided.*

*Moved: Rose Lester
Seconded: Gary Lewis*

Action: *Matthew Ward to seek further information on process for targeted Aboriginal positions (Marine Parks Coordinator, Manager Strategy & Knowledge, and Manager Co-management and Public Lands)*

19. Communications – Key Messages

Key outcomes and messages from AW NRM Board Meeting 44 :

- Share our decisions with the Minister and DEWNR
- Decision to hold 2 x Workshops; Employment and Training, and Economic Development through procurement
- Board member Training is now complete!
- New training program is being developed for the next 12 months which includes Governance training with other land holding authorities and bodies
- Draft APY MoU supported
- Wombat and native animal joey issues discussed – Newsletter to go out asking Dept. to have closer connection with community
- `Our Story` – One Story, One Plan
- Decisions about AW RMT future positions and targeted Aboriginal positions
- Visit from Nerida Saunders DPC AARD for update
- Update re: APY Road and results of Groundwater Study

20. Other Business

Matthew Ward, Regional Manager NR AW

Presentation - Calender of Events (Action Item)

Matthew Ward provided the Board with an overview of the AW Board Calender of Events which displays the Board's commitments and meeting schedule (including Audit & Risk Committee meetings) for the 2014-15 period. It was discussed that the Calender will be referred to and displayed at each Board meeting to advise of upcoming meetings, financial reporting periods, policy sessions, training, and guest speaker appearances.

21. Meeting Close & Next Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, AW NRM Chair Parry Agius provided thanks to NR AW Staff and the regional team for supporting the AW NRM Board with their meeting requirements. The meeting was then declared closed at 4.15pm on Wednesday 4th June, 2014.

- The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held:

Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th August, 2014 in Oak Valley or Maralinga

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date:

17 / 07 / 2014