



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 45

MINUTES OF MEETING

26 September, 2014

Venue: Comfort Inn Haven Marina, Glenelg

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, Michael Haynes
NR AW Staff	Matthew Ward (Regional Manager), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement), Thuy Phan (Business & Partnerships), Sue Agars (Executive Officer), Adam Wood (Program Development & Reporting), Aude Loisier (Performance & Innovation), Helen Donald (Communications)
Guests	John Mungee, Josie McArthur, Parka Hogan, Debbie Hansen, Cindy Watson (Mamungari Board)
Apologies:	Janet Queama, Gary Lewis

1. Welcome and Apologies

Meeting opened at 9.50am

Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius welcomed AW NRM Board members, Mamungari Board members, and NR AW staff to Meeting 45 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 45 was provided, and the Board were asked for any additional items for discussion. No additional items received.

Apologies received from: Janet Queama, Gary Lewis.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Agenda for Meeting 45 was adopted without amendment.

Michael Haynes raised issue of conflict of interest in relation to correspondence submitted to the Board from Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation (10 Sept 2014). Discussion among the AW Board determined that Michael Haynes should be present when the letter was discussed as he may be able to provide relevant information and insight.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Summary of Minutes of Meeting 44, held in Adelaide Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th June 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:

- Letter sent to Alan Morris, Regional Manager, Northern & Western DPTI re: request to sit on Steering Committee for new road in APY. No response received to date.

Action: *EO to contact DPTI Regional Manager Alan Morris re: follow up letter sent requesting AW member sit on Steering Committee for new road in APY*

- Letter sent to Executive Chair Ocean Watch Australia (Brad Warren) with recommendations re: introduction of new NRM organisation

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, as follows:

Strategic Positioning of Board:

- Boards & Committee's review – conducted numerous discussions with Board members in Ceduna and Adelaide and drafted response to Premier with Regional Manager
- Meeting with SANTOS / MURPHY re: drilling in the Great Australian Bight
- Positioning of Board for corporate investment arrangements

Broader State NRM Delivery:

- Attended Presiding Members Forum
- Attended AW NRM Water Steering Committee meeting 24/7/14
- Meeting with Leaders Institute SA re: Leadership Development Program
- Preparation for AW NRM Economic Development Workshops

General Representation of the Board:

- Represented AW NRM Board at Mamungari Co-management Board Meeting on-park 11 September, 2014.

Recommendation: *The Board note and discuss the Report of the Presiding Member of the AW NRM Board.*

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

*Moved: Brian Queama
Seconded: Mima Smart*

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:

- Support Board meeting and Economic Development Workshops

RELEVANCE:

- Support to Presiding Member's to respond to Minister re: Board & Committee's Review

- Meeting with DEWNR CE and discuss role of the Board and region
- Support Presiding Member with representing the Board at Mamungari Co-management Board meeting
- Represent the Board at Presiding Members Forum
- Board promotion through various forums and social media

RELATIONSHIP WITH DEWNR:

- Support the Board and attend 2 day workshop with Presiding Members Forum re: DEWNR Partnership, Corporate Model, NRM Model

MOU'S WITH STAKEHOLDERS:

- Gary Lewis to continue to raise MOU with APY Executive (APY have not been meeting)
- MT meeting delayed due to Boards & Committee's Review
- FWC still ongoing – no meeting to date

EMERGING STRATEGIC ISSUES:

- New Landcare Funding – meeting held with Commonwealth, and need to demonstrate 20% going to communities
- Reduced funding from 2015 – funding applications going under Indigenous Advancement Strategy

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 – recruiting for Manager Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability, and Manager Co-management and Public Lands
- Co-management – attended Mamungari Co-management Board Meeting, and Breakaways Co-management Board Meeting. Positive outcomes being influenced.

DEWNR (more broadly):

- NR AW taking lead in strategic policy approach to Aboriginal Policy across DEWNR – Bruce Macpherson attended Senior Officer's Group on Aboriginal Affairs. Meeting also held with AARD re: future policy directions of the state.
- Establishment of DEWNR Reconciliation network with first meeting to be held during October 2014. Approach is set by DEWNR Executive Sub-committee and includes principles of Employment, Partnership, Traditional Ecological Knowledge, and Symbolism.
- DEWNR committees: Leaders Forum & Regional Manager Meeting, Budget Saving Strategy Steering Committee, Executive Sub-committee on Procurement, Executive Sub-committee on Reconciliation, Reconciliation Network.

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 45.*

*Moved: Parry Agius
Seconded: Mima Smart*

7. Regional Interactive Map

Helen Donald (NR AW Communications Officer)

Helen provided the Board with an overview and update on the development of the AW NRM Regional Interactive Map (in response to Action 119 from Meeting held 2/6/14).

The regional map at current development phase was reviewed by the Board, with discussion occurring around a requirement for further drop down items available for more detailed information on each project area.

Action: *Communications Officer to further develop interactive map to include further drop-down items containing detailed information on project areas.*

8. National Landcare Initiative

Adam Wood (Program Development & Reporting), Aude Loisier (Performance & Innovation)

Adam and Aude provided an overview of the new National Landcare Program which replaces CfoC, and implications for the AW Region.

Program to be delivered through local or national streams (20 Million Trees, Whale & Dolphin Protection Plan, Kimberly Cane Toad Clean-up etc). Locally (for AW) the projects aims to maximise the community, setting out priorities and delivering outcomes.

9. Manager Report: Regional & Business Partnerships

Thuy Phan (Regional & Business Partnerships)

Financial Report as at 30 June 2014:

Thuy Phan outlined the AW NRM Board Financial status as at 30 June 2014 under the AW Board, People, Country and Water themes.

Projected Income for 2014-17 was reviewed (refer to presentation) and AW total expenditure.

Thuy provided a presentation on Financial Delegations indicating staff movements within NR AW required the Board to update delegations to reflect new positions/staff. Approved Delegations were last reviewed in 2012. Positions which will now have financial delegation will include: Regional Manager, Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability, Manager Community Engagement, Manager Co-Management & Public Lands, and Manager Regional Partnerships & Business Development.

Recommendation: *the AW Board notes and approves the Financial Report, and report on Delegations, and approve.*

Motion: *the AW Board accept and endorse the Reports as provided by Manager Regional & Business Partnerships, Thuy Phan.*

*Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Brian Queama*

10. Regional Session – Far West Coast

Saras Kumar, Manager Landscapes, Conservation & Public Lands

Session Chair – Mima Smart

Saras provided the AW Board with a combined Far West Coast and Maralinga Tjaratjua report, with discussion around MT Indigenous Advancement Strategy and request for funding (Land Management Co-ordinator Position). AW will provide support and training. Discussion around possible future shortfalls in funding for Land Management Coordinator position.

Discussion also in relation to housing issues for EO Mamungari Board, Anne Baird and requirement for pre-contract discussion around other councils supporting contracts. Mamungari Board Chair John Mungee requested that Anne be involved in all future meetings where possible.

Action: *Regional Manager to review MT Executive Officer position to aid with future decisions.*

Progress on Googs Track reported. Employment opportunities provided through Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation. Nominations have been made for Co-Management Agreement, and currently awaiting endorsement.

An overview of programs was provided, with discussion around Fire Management Plan with CFS.

Parry Agius queried Healthy Country Plan – appears it was available to view prior to going to consultation (?). Parry requested to view future documents in line with AW NRM Policy.

Action: *NR AW Managers to ensure communities and the AW NRM Board review all plans prior to consultation.*

Discussion around Great Australian Bight Marine Park and restrictions – does not affect traditional owners.

Discussion around Land Management Position (Sandro) not working effectively with community and Anangu. Suggestion from Parry Agius that AW NRM Board could meet with Yalata Council to discuss the issue/s, and perhaps include considerations in future MoU.

Action: *Parry Agius to write to Yalata Council and hold discussion on issues with Land Management Position*

11. Other Business

11.1 Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation – letter received proposing that CAC be preferred supplier of labour hire/employment. Discussion resulted in the following action agreed upon by all present:

Action: *NR AW staff to explore options and provide recommendations on how AW can invest in relationship with CAC and how CAC can be considered as supplier of labour hire. Response to be provided to Michael Haynes.*

11.2 Corporate Partnership – discussion around three day workshop held prior to Board meeting resulted in the following resolution:

Decision: *The AW NRM Board resolves to develop and implement a policy which supports the Board to attract corporate investment for Community, NRM, and socio-economic advancement in the AW Region.*

Moved: Sydney Chamberlain
Seconded: Mima Smart
All in favour

Action: *Regional Manager to develop Board Policy on Third Party Investment Strategy/Corporate Partnership.*

12. Meeting Close & Next Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, AW NRM Chair Parry Agius provided thanks to the Mamungari Board members, NR AW Staff and the regional team for attending and supporting AW NRM Board Meeting 45. The meeting was then declared closed at 4.30pm on Friday 26th September, 2014.

- The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held:

Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December, 2014 in Adelaide.

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date:

22 / 10 / 2014