



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 48

MINUTES OF MEETING

20-21 April 2015

Venue: Ceduna Foreshore Hotel

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	Parry Agius (Presiding Member), Mima Smart, Brian Queama, Sydney Chamberlain, Michael Haynes, Janet Queama, Rose Lester, Gary Lewis, Debbie Hansen
NR AW Staff	Matthew Ward (Regional Manager), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement), Samantha Doudle (Co-Management & Public Lands), Tim Moore (Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability), Executive Officer
Guests	Braydon Ames (DPTI)
Apologies:	Parry Agius (Day 1 only)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Meeting opened at 9.30am

Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius was an apology for Day 1 of the meeting. The Board nominated Rose Lester to act as Chair in Mr Agius' absence. Rose welcomed all to Meeting 48 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board). The meeting was declared open and area's traditional Aboriginal custodians were acknowledged.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Agenda for Meeting 48 was adopted without amendment and there were no declarations of Conflict of Interest.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Summary of Minutes of Meeting 47, held in Ceduna 23 February 2015 were reviewed and adopted without amendment.

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart

4. Welcome to New Board Members

NR AW Regional Manager, Matthew Ward

Matthew welcomed new Board members Debbie Hansen and Ian Crombie (absent).

An overview of the Premier's Economic Priorities and how AW NRM Board activities relate to them was provided i.e. Water Plan, Mining etc. Discussion around roles & responsibilities of the Board and members.

5. Regional Session – Far West Coast & Marine Parks

NR AW Manager Co-Management & Public Lands, Samantha Doudle (Chair Michael Haynes)

(refer to presentation)

Samantha Doudle introduced herself to the Board and provided an insight into her professional background. Sam provided an overview and structure of the Far West Coast Co-Management Boards and Advisory Committees. Sam advised the AW NRM Board were holding a joint meeting with representatives of these Boards/Committee's on Wednesday following this meeting to discuss how NRM and Co-Management Boards can work together. Other updates included:

- Yumburra and Nullarbor Start-up Day was held on 25 February
- The role of Deputy's was still being considered
- All members were nominated by FWCAC
- Stuart Cowell is the Healthy Country Planning Facilitator
- Draft HCP Management Plan due by end of 2016
- Monitoring strategy to be implemented
- Permit fees system to be discussed further in relation to Park Management Plan
- Currently mapping tracks – closures/cultural signs/ safety considerations. Some priority work needed ie: cliff stability
- Visitor Management Strategy to be developed.
- Mamungari Co-Management Board next meeting 9-10 June 2015 in Oak Valley
- Next Yumbarra Co-Management Board meeting 28 August (location TBA)
- Invitation for Co-management Board members to attend Nature Based tourism Strategy in Adelaide 5th May

Presentation on behalf of Dirk Holman, Coast & Marine Manager

Discussion around training for disentanglement for Yalata. Dirk to meet with Yalata for further discussions.

Action: Sam Doudle/Dirk Holman to provide further information on training for disentanglement at Yalata

Rose Lester queried the position of the Native Title Group and FWCAC opinion on GAB exploration licence granted.

Action: Matthew Ward to seek position of the Native Title Group and FWCAC on GAB exploration licence granted

Future Strategic Session on GAB MP to be held.

Recommendation: the AW NRM Board note the report of the Manager, Co-Management and Public Lands

Recommendation endorsed

**Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart**

6. Update on APY Road Project

Braydon Ames (DPTI)

Objectives of new road to be constructed in APY provided:

- Stabilise surfaces to maintain integrity of creeks and roads
- Legal requirements (NRM Act)
- Water Affecting Activity Permits
- Query on removal of vegetation and heritage assessments
- Potential Hazard – overly salty reservoirs (sending birds `crazy`)
- Comparison water consumption discussed ie. cattle v human, townships v roads
- Query re: policing Aboriginal employment targets. Skill Hire have trained individuals but no locked to any individual that have been trained. Tenders available.

Matthew Ward advised a decision would be requested of the Board on Day 2 of this meeting on Water Affecting Activity Permits.

Discussion around how the Board is to be updated on APY Road developments in the future. Facebook site and email address to be supplied by Braydon.

Action: DPTI to supply copy of Heritage Clearances for sighting by the Board to ensure Traditional Owners have given approval/consent.

7. Regional Session – Maralinga Tjarutja

Bruce Macpherson (Chair Brian Queama)

Overview of interactive AW Region Map provided.

Update on employment to be provided on Day 2.

Discussion around ongoing Land Management issues in Oak Valley. Nathan Williams and Erin Gibson have had limited interaction ie. Connecting with Schools (booklet produced), Junior Ranger Program implemented but limited funding (failed AIS application).

Logistical and facilities difficulties ie. Lack of accommodation/showers for workers.

Brian Queama (with Sandro) and Bruce Macpherson to visit with MT Council GM Peter Clark to discuss how AW NRM Board can support MT to train personnel and implement a work program. Board to consider what messages to take to MT – **3 key things AW want from relationship with MT.**

- **Yalata, MT/OV, Mamungari, and Tjuntjuntjara/Spinifex working together**
- **Each Council is party to the plan – hold meetings in MT to discuss and agree on plans**
- **Mobility/flexibility Land Management work locations (alatja – be on a trip away from home group).**

Recommendation that Brian and Bruce travel to MT to meet with Keith Peters and Peter Clark and discuss (at Mamungari meeting in Oak Valley) and report back to the Board on progress.

Discussion around Yalata's involvement in Oak Valley Land Management activities. Seems that the best projects are done in conjunction – working together.

Discussion around Board role – how to support MT? Short and long-term.

Need to think ahead for future funding options.

Matt advised Exec trip to Region and benefits of advising them of plans for future.

Action: Bruce Macpherson to develop a strategy on model for joint Ranger programs through Healthy Country Plans following discussions with MT Council (along with Brian Queama and Sam Doudle).

Key Achievements for 2014 overviewed.

Indigenous employment engagement and capacity building overviewed.

Major Activities overviewed.

Palya Kalkuni still to be discussed with MT.

8. Regional Session - Yalata

Bruce Macpherson (Mima Smart Chair)

Overview of activities/programs in Yalata. Contract for the Whale of A Day, Marine/Beach Debris clean ups, Beach monitoring safety program, recreational fishing surveys, marine debris sculpture program.

Now looking at how Anangu can be trained and take on some of those programs through Green Army Project in August, and ensuring support is there for groups/activities to be conducted with Anangu Manager. Working with TAFESA to begin process of getting people skilled up and supporting them to take more responsibility.

Discussion around creating work crews including certified Supervisor and 4 individuals

Overview of Major Activities undertaken.

Action: Mima and Bruce to talk further and take Green Army program to Yalata: ie. Create work groups through Green Army program

Action: Bruce will explore a model of contracts subsidising Green Army activities

Action: NR AW staff to investigate what is happening with gas/mining exploration in Yalata (Iluka) and report back to Board

Action: Next AW NRM Board Meeting Richard to attend and provide update

Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Day 2, Meeting No. 48

Tuesday 21 April, 2015
Meeting Opened at 9.00am

Apologies: Janet Queama, Brian Queama

Acting Chair: Rose Lester

9. Presiding Members Report

Presiding Member, Parry Agius

(Refer to presentation)

Key points:

- Policies now nearing completion
- Audit & Risk Committee Meeting – signed off on Policy Statements, report on recommendations to be viewed at this meeting. SLA signed for 2014-15 – 2015-16 to be discussed today.
- Water Strategic Planning Committee meeting March
- SROI Workshop in Sydney
- National Chairs Forum in Brisbane
- Visit with new Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Kyam Maher
- Visit with Landcare Association SA – Green Army program
- Represented AW NRM at Mamungari Meeting in Feb
- PM's Strategic Forum deferred – still upcoming. Discussion between DEWNR and PM's needed to review future.
- March PM's Forum, Regional Manager attended – discussions on SSSA, clarity around services provided, letters provided outlining services. Information was very detailed.

Recommendations:

The AW NRM Board note the report of the Presiding Member

The AW NRM Board discuss with the Presiding Member any of the issues raised in the report

Recommendation endorsed

Moved: Michael Haynes

Seconded: Sydney Chamberlain

10. Regional Manager's Report

NR AW Regional Manager Matthew Ward

(Refer to presentation)

- Review of Schedule 5 and RMT reporting responsibilities
- Overview of Key Board Outcomes
- Governance – Policy Meeting (reviewed existing policies, developed new), Audit & Risk Committee Meeting, Water Strategic Planning committee Meeting, Boards & Committees review response to minister, develop Board meeting cycle.
- Relevance – Executive Trip to AW Region 1st week in June 2015 (request for Board members involvement), various DEWNR and Govt. meetings, Board communications inc. E-news (twice yearly), Facebook, Radio interviews being arranged (Paper Tracker), Media release re: Green Army.
- Partnership – RM's Meetings, DEWNR MOU & SLA including Corporate Services, new Board Member Michael Garrod (DEWNR, Manager Community Engagement)
 - MOU's with stakeholders – Yalata, APY on hold for new executive, MT to attend meeting for discussions, FWAC pending meeting between Parry and group for discussion, Co-Management

Boards to be discussed on Day 3 (Wed, Co-Mgt Meeting)

- Emerging strategic issues
 - Nature Based Tourism Strategy, Premiers Economic Priorities, Remote & Cultural based tourism
 - Boards & Committees Review – Board approved to continue, however Committee’s being reviewed currently
 - Expert Panel’s Report on Planning reform:
 - Reform 2: Create a network of regional planning boards across the state. Response - supported in part, proposal that the legislation will provide the mechanism to create regional planning boards but initially the establishment of regional planning boards will be piloted with willing country councils.
 - Reform 6: Reshape planning documents on a regional basis. Response – legislation will provide for a regional strategic plan that will integrate land use, economic development infrastructure and environmental management policies. Further work is required on whether other regional scale plans could be progressively incorporated into the regional strategic plan in the future.

Suggestion to gain appropriate person/contact details from Parry to discuss and explore further.

- Human Resources – New Manager Co-management and Public Lands Samantha Doudle, internal re-structuring over the next couple of weeks,
- Planning- full staff planning day held Dec, and RMT Planning Days held in Adelaide (March)
- DEWNR more broadly: policy lead on Aboriginal Participation & Reconciliation, review of Action Plan, Priority working towards better capturing DEWNR and NRM Boards work and potential in Aboriginal employment and engagement.
- Co-Management: Mamungari Board, Breakaways Board/Tallaringa Advisory Committee
- DEWNR committee’s

Recommendation: the AW NRM Board note and discuss the report of the Regional Manager, NR AW

Recommendation endorsed

Moved: Michael Haynes

Seconded: Sydney Chamberlain

11. Report – Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability

NR AW Manager, Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability Tim Moore

Review of Program Activity Spreadsheet – funding streams, target, progress etc. Sources of funding overviewed – National Landcare funding (replacing Caring for Country), Sustainable Environment 1 & 2. Funding streams and progress reviewed.

Discussion around consultation required to communicate message/engagement strategy to executive in APY and communities.

Items of note:

- Shorebird Monitoring – funding expires June 2016

Action: PM to invite BP (copy to FWC) to attend Board Meeting (and recommend possible on-country talks with Community) for discussion and engagement re: Shorebird Monitoring project and possibly request funding to continue project

- Future meeting/workshop dedicated to coastal and marine issues to be arranged. Parry to discuss with FWC at the upcoming meeting.
- Sustainable land management practices adopted – working with Skill Hire to train and employ community

people.

- Socio-economic trips near Mamungari ON TRACK – draft project coping document has been prepared and presented to MT GM. GM has approved draft and Scott Cane will begin the consultation process. Have approval from Pila Nguru to scope the project.

Board Feedback on Tims Report – indicate funding pictorially name of funding program, summary of important changes to note, graph to indicate progress of project. 2 x columns to indicate progress from last meeting (Sam's recommendation). Animal picture to represent area ie. Fish for coast.

12. Report – Community Engagement

NR AW Manager Community Engagement, Bruce Macpherson

Employment & Education Strategy Update (refer to presentation)

- Commitment to increase Aboriginal Employment by 5%. July-Dec 2014 figures provided.

Discussion around types of work/employment and who can be/should be included in reports of employment.

- YTD Report on Aboriginal Employment statistics provided for review by the Board.

Positive and Negative trends noted, in particular:

- Number of Positions linked to Training programs is significant
- New Approaches to Employment linking Training to Employment

Discussion around Green Army and West Mallee Protection Group – funding, outcomes and Strategic Link. Co-ordinated Labour Hire through CAC. National Policies and Programs – AW school based traineeship (Latisha Richards).

Discussion around recipients of Centrelink payments to work 5 hours work a day for 5 days (25 hours). How AW NRM can have a role in providing opportunities and meaningful work. ie tie together strategic work of the board ie. NRM Plan, Palya Kalkuni agreements, work groups, policies around employment targets, provider CAC. Take to the Minister/DPC as long term view as trusted provider of training and employment in the region.

Action: NR AW staff to develop a concise narrative which demonstrates AW NRM Board are ready to provide a role in providing opportunities and meaningful work in conjunction with CAC - due early June for DEWNR Executive Trip to AW Region.

Recommendation: the AW NRM Board note and discuss the report of the Manager, Community Engagement

Recommendation endorsed

Moved: Michael Haynes

Seconded: Sydney Chamberlain

13. Regional & Business Partnerships - Report

NR AW Regional Manager, Matthew Ward

Items and recommendations referred to the AW NRM Board from the AW NRM Board Audit & Risk Committee, Meeting held 9th April, 2015.

The following items have been endorsed by the Audit & Risk committee on behalf of the AW NRM Board:

- The 2013-14 audit findings - responses to Auditor-General and actions and progress of the [implementation of 2013-14 audit findings](#)
- AW Policies including accounting policies and [risk management policies and procedures](#)
- Financial report as at 31 March 2015
- The Board's [income 2015-18](#)
- Progress of the Service Level Agreement 2014-15

The following items are to be reviewed for endorsement by the AW NRM Board as recommended by the Audit & Risk Committee:

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE PROGRAM (FMCP) 2014-15

The A&R Committee has considered the implementation of the [FMCP for 2014-15](#) and recommended that the Board adopts the recommendation from DEWNR and NR AW to apply the FMCP.

Audit & Risk Committee Recommendation: the AW NRM Board adopts the recommendation from DEWNR and NR AW to apply the FMCP as reviewed and endorsed by the AW NRM Audit & Risk Committee

Recommendation endorsed

Moved: Gary Lewis

Seconded: Mima Smart

PROPOSED [BUDGET FOR 2015-16 TO 2018](#)

The Audit and Risk committee adopted recommendation as presented to the committee by the Regional Manager in principle with the right for the Board to review future arrangements at regular intervals.

Budget reviewed and discussed - noted reduction in income for 2015-16. Cost saving measures to be implemented ie. Vehicle expenses, Board expenses, travel & accommodation, couriers etc.

Audit & Risk Committee Recommendation: the AW NRM Board adopts the recommendation from the AW NRM Audit & Risk Committee to endorse the Proposed Budget for 2015-16 to 2018

Recommendation endorsed

Moved: Gary Lewis

Seconded: Sydney Chamberlain

2015-16 MEETING CYCLE

Background provided with overview of AW NRM Board Committee's. Overview of Co-Management Boards and Advisory Committee's which NR AW need to support in future resulting in 18 Board Meetings per year. Reduction in funding has determined the need for reduction in expenses, and proposal provided for new meeting cycle.

AW NRM Board Planning Reporting Cycle chart viewed and discussed. Overview of potential risks provided.

Audit & Risk Committee Recommendation: the AW NRM Board supports the Audit & Risk Committees recommendation to move to:

- a) 4 x AW NRM Board meetings per year
- b) 2 x Audit & Risk Committee meetings per year

Recommendation endorsed

Moved: Mima Smart

Seconded: Debbie Hansen

Action: Regional Manager to provide the Board with further information/insight on what the proposed meeting schedule might look like.

Further Items To Be Noted By The Board: (supported by the Audit & Risk committee)

- Response letter to the Minister regarding NRM Boards & Committee's Review - Outgoing letter responding to Minister Hunter's request was reviewed and approved by the A&R for sending.
- A new corporate service delivery approach and the Corporate Service Recovery Model - The A&R Committee accepted recommendations as provided by the Regional Manager, for future discussions about new Corporate Services Delivery Cost Model

Motion: the response letter to the Minister regarding NRM Boards & Committee's Review, and the new Corporate Service Delivery approach and the Corporate Service Recovery Model are noted by the AW NRM Board

Moved: Gary Lewis

Seconded: Sydney Chamberlain

14. STRATEGIC BUSINESS

14.1 DPTI Water Decision

NR AW Regional Manager, Matthew Ward

(Refer to presentation – Day 1)

Presentation – Water Permitting and Permissions

To discuss APY's application for road. Background of legislation and permits surrounding water affecting activities provided. Types of approvals provided. Rules about taking water overviewed from Water Plan. AW NRM process for applications now complete. Overview and demonstration of flow-chart provided. Administered by SAAL. Permissions system overviewed. Discussion

Permit and Permission application submitted by DPTI seeking:

1. Permit for Water affecting activities
2. Permission to take surface and ground water

Recommendation: that the AW NRM Board approves:

- a) DPTI's Water Affecting Activity Permit application related to road construction
- b) DPTI's Water Take Permission application related to extracting water from two bores for road construction

Subject to:

- a) No risks to the water resource or native vegetation being identified by DEWNR – RMT member and board member to view and approve
- b) Evidence of cultural clearances received from applicant and APY
- c) High level agreement being signed by APY and DPTI

Decision: the AW NRM Board approved the recommendations as provided, subject to the conditions as indicated above

Moved: Gary Lewis

Seconded: Sydney Chamberlain

14.2 3rd Party Investment / AW Community Foundation

NR AW Regional Manager, Matthew Ward

Background provided on reasons behind establishing a trust / independent foundation.

Communication made with Crown Solicitor's office and response received. Their view the Board does not have the power to establish a trust under its own functions under the Act; would need Ministerial support; recommends the Board does not establish a trust.

Recommendation: NR AW Regional Manager's recommendation is for clear separation between the Board and the Trust, with Steering Committee (including diverse membership) and a clear constitution. Ministerial approval required and all conflicts of interest must be declared. Then proceed to attract sponsorship from external/third parties.

Discussion around current status.

Decision: the AW NRM Board accept the Regional Manager's recommendation and agree to write to the Minister to request funding and accept Crown Solicitor Advice, or follow trust structure.

Moved: Gary Lewis
Seconded: Mima Smart

Action: Regional Manager to write to the Minister indicating acceptance of Crown Solicitor Advice, requesting extra resources/funding to explore proposed model, and report back to Board with update on strategy.

14.4 Social Return on Investment

Tim Moore, Manager Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability – Presentation

Measuring the change we make in the world. Overview of what SROI is and can it help NR AW and the Board secure new funding. For consideration re: should we begin to measure the value of what we do?

Action: Draft policy to be developed around SROI, and Regional Manager to report to Board with a transition strategy next meeting

15. Regional Session – APY Lands

Tim Moore, Manager Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability

AW Regional Interactive Map Demonstrated – reporting on; Key Achievements 2014, Upcoming Activities etc.

Rose Lester advised APY Executive elections upcoming in May, 2015. Requested update on APY Land Management.

Discussion on this and the AW NRM role/relationship in APY.

Action: RMT to provide model/strategy on engaging APY community members for labour hire including role in Pastoral, ToR and Pastoral Group. Key principles to ensure Traditional Owners are part of the process.

16. Board Correspondence

NR AW Regional Manager, Matthew Ward

Register of Incoming/Outgoing Awnrm Board Correspondence reviewed by the Board. Correspondence of note included:

- Incoming letter from Minister Hunter re: Reform of Boards & Committee's
- Incoming letter from Minister Hunter re: retention of the regional NRM Boards and review of Committee's
- Outgoing letter to Minister Hunter re: review of Board Committee's (Audit & Risk Committee, Water Strategy Committee)

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board note and discuss the incoming and outgoing Board correspondence, and items of note

Moved: Gary Lewis

Seconded: Mima Smart

17. Action Register & Business Arising

(refer to Action Register)

18. Other Business

- State Fox and Mouse Policy, endorsement by the Board requested by Bio-security SA

Recommendation: that draft Fox Policy is approved by the Board with one amendment to wording to 'Manage Populations' instead of 'Protect Assets'

Recommendation: that the Mouse Policy is approved by the Board.

Decision: The AW NRM Board endorse the State Fox and Mouse Policies (subject to changes as indicated above)

Moved: Rose Lester

Seconded: Gary Lewis

19. Key Message from Meeting # 48

- Water Plan has been tested
- Board aiming for 1 workforce for MT, Mam, Yalata, Tjuntjuntjara, EWC, OV
- Green Army
- MT & AW to meet for discussions
- DPTI
- Co-Management and Tourism update
- SROI Policy to be developed
- Board meetings proposal based on reduced budget
- On track for 30% increase in aboriginal employment
- Small decrease in female employment/participation but will keep working on this
- BP GAB drilling – focus session to be held
- Economic priorities reviewed with AW identifying
- Planning Reform – kept up to date
- The engagement model, new APY engagement model
- Board may host a regional workshop on land management and regional development
- Hosting Co-management workshop 22/4/15
- Royal commission

18. Meeting Close & Next Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, Acting Chair Rose Lester provided thanks to NR AW staff and the regional team for supporting the AW NRM Board with their meeting requirements. The meeting was declared closed at 5.30pm on Tuesday 21st April, 2015.

- The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held: **tba**

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date:

22 / 05 / 2015