



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 51

MINUTES OF MEETING

7-8 March 2016

Venue: Desert Cave Hotel Coober Pedy

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, Gary Lewis, Debbie Hansen, Rose Lester (via telephone), Michael Garrod (DEWNR)
NR AW Staff	Fiona Gill (A/Regional Director), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement), Timothy Moore (Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability), Executive Officer (SA)
Guests	John Mungee (MLUCP Board), Paul Dalby (facilitator)
Apologies:	Michael Haynes, Ian Crombie

1. Welcome and Apologies

Meeting opened at 10.00am

Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius welcomed AW NRM Board members, guests and NR AW Staff to Meeting 51 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board).

Apologies: Mr Michael Haynes, and Mr Ian Crombie.

Mr Agius declared the meeting open and acknowledged the area's traditional Aboriginal custodians past and present. An overview of the Agenda for Meeting 51 was provided, and the Board were asked for any additional items for discussion.

The Summary of Minutes & Actions of Meeting 50 (held in Adelaide 14-15 December, 2015) were not reviewed. Deferred to Meeting 52.

2. Board Business

Presiding Member Parry Agius, and Regional Management Team Natural Resources Alinytjara Wilurara

2.1 Introduction – A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Presiding Member Parry Agius introduced Fiona Gill, Acting Regional Director for the AW Region. Fiona provided an overview of her background and said she sees her time in the AW RD role as an opportunity for connecting the Board and staff to other parts of the Department (DEWNR).

Discussion/questions with the Board. Rose queried future directions/priorities, advised setting foundational work for later in 2016 based on funding issues.

The Board members introduced themselves and provided an overview of their backgrounds and interests.

2.2 Natural Resources Committee of Parliament Trip to AW Region (update)

A/Regional Director Fiona Gill provided an overview of the NRC Trip inclusions. Timothy Moore advised this was an opportunity to talk with NRC group re: funding and project spending. Requested members to be available where possible. NRC have high expectations for this trip. Presiding Member, Parry Agius and Matthew Ward have presented to the NRC issues of the region, successes, and ideas for the future. NRC appreciated the presentation and are now looking at the Region to get a 'bigger picture'.

Discussions around APY Executive and lack of interaction to date in relation to development of MoU.

2.3 AW NRM Board Appointments (update)

Presiding Member Parry Agius provided an overview of the current round of AW NRM Board applications for re-appointment. Rose Lester advised that after 6 years on the Board she was not applying to be reappointed. The Board expressed their deepest thanks to Rose for her contributions made as a Board member, and wished her well in her future directions.

2.4 Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission (update)

Presiding Member, Parry Agius provided an overview of the outcomes of the NFCRC Tentative Findings (*Ref: Summary of Tentative Findings translated into Pitjantjatjara*).

Discussion around Board reactions to the findings. Gary Lewis and Mima Smart suggested that Government people need to come to the community to discuss issues and tell their side of the story. It is important Anangu get to tell their story, and from there the two groups can work together. Gary advised that APY Executive had held a meeting and decided that nuclear waste was not wanted. Suggestion from John Mungee that Chairs from each Regional body come together for clear communication and discussion.

Discussion around Policy – lack of effectiveness re: funding and understanding of Anangu views. Discussion around NRM Board core functions, connection to Anangu, and role in community representation/decision making. NRM seen as leadership and making sure the community is heard through NRM ie. Water Planning.

Presiding Member Parry Agius requested the Board hold further discussions and provide key points to the Royal commission.

Whiteboard messages: *Aboriginal / Anangu Focus Forums – listen to community, bring info to the Government, Communication through Strategy, listening to land owners on the ground, NRM Policy back to community, community views/land holding authority views/NRM Policies.*

Discussion around Board recommendation to the Government that the Commission engage an independent person to review stories which come from communities. Not endorsed.

Rose Lester queried the returns from different investigations which have been conducted to date. Rose queried 'how do we get Government to listen to what is being said'. Voices to be amplified to say 'no' and give the reasons why. Parry recommended the process to do this is through the Royal Commission. Rose emphasised full consent required from Aboriginal/Anangu people. Gary queried why Anangu were asked to take the query back to the community when Anangu have already said 'no' to nuclear waste. Rose suggested the Board state to the Commission that it is against the law to have nuclear waste in SA, and review history of issues with animals and plant life/contamination in fallout zone. There is however a lack of investigative reports/findings available – even 60 years ago. Consultation is complete as far as Anangu are concerned and it is against culture to re-hash past traumatic incidents (not good for mental health). In addition, past matters have not been addressed to satisfaction.

Mima Smart indicated she would like the Commissioner to visit with the Community ie. Yalata or MT for discussions. The Board have consulted with people in the region. Against any processing of nuclear waste on lands.

Discussion around the Commission statement that there would be no guarantee that there will be no exposure – Board view is that if anything is contaminated it will be a catastrophic event.

Decision: The AW NRM Board endorse the Presiding Member to write a letter of response to the NFCRC in relation to the Key Tentative Findings, capturing that it is against the law to store nuclear waste in SA (reiterate legal situation) and reaffirming the Community says 'no' to nuclear waste.

Action: Presiding Member to provide response letter to the NFCRC Key Tentative Findings, and the Minister, capturing that it is against the law to store nuclear waste in SA (reiterate legal situation). Reaffirm the Community says 'no' to nuclear waste. Use whiteboard model to provide leadership through the process of further consultation.

3. AW NRM Board – New Policy Workshop

Timothy Moore, Manager Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability

Tim provided the Board with an overview of AW NRM Board policies, the reasoning behind them, and how they are used (*refer to powerpoint slides*). Presiding Member Parry Agius provided insight as to the range of policies of the Board and why they exist. Discussions around the science around the policies and how the different activities affect the natural resources.

Discussion around referencing to the NRM Act, and must include consultation with Anangu land holders (not APY), and build capacity of local community to undertake natural resource activities (where possible provide resources for local communities to undertake NRM). Anangu Title holders control access to land.

3.1 Planning Policy (Community Based, Tenure, Consistent)

Presentation: Regional Policy issue: Planning Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability

Timothy Moore, Manager, Strategy Knowledge and Sustainability

Discussion around how many plans may be required to support SROI planning and measuring. New Regional NRM Plan to be delivered to the Minister by 2021; to be made up of local plans guided by Healthy Country Plans for each sub-region or as defined by the Board Planning Policy.

Suggested approaches to support meaningful contribution from Traditional Owners – Planning on Country, utilising Indigenous Governance Structures, adopting flexible timeframes and providing regular feedback, and using appropriate terms and language.

Action: Debbie Hansen to ask Pila Nguru for copy of their Healthy Country Plan to inform the Board of how HCP's work. A/RD Fiona Gill and Tim Moore to supply other examples of HCP for the Board to view ie. Arabana and Kanpi-Nyapari.

Learnings from others who have done the HCP process is valuable. Viewed as a good process by those who have completed theirs. Debbie advised she has seen the impacts of minimal funding. HCP has helped with projects and plans such as returning elderly people to country ie. ladies trip. Cultural safety considerations such as returning elderly people to country are very important, and HCP can help with these situations.

HCPs already in place or being developed include: Kanpi-Nyapari (2014), Tallaringa and Far West Coast (2015), Yalata (2017), MT and Mamungari (2018), APY from 2018-2019.

Discussion around reduction in funding and impacts of HCPs. Focus on developing all HCPs to ensure good planning for future activities and making decisions about what work to be done.

Decision: The AW NRM Board endorse the Presiding Member of the Board to write a letter to the Australian Government and Minister Hunter explaining the AW NRM Board position re: future funding, and suggesting ideas for HCP to ensure good planning process for future decision making.

Moved: Gary Lewis
Seconded: Brian Queama
All in favour

Action: Presiding Member Parry Agius to write a letter to the Australian Government and Minister Hunter explaining the AW NRM Board position re: future funding, and suggesting ideas for HCP to ensure good planning process for future decision making.

Discussion around groups and communities coming together to discuss and map out ways to work together. No specific action decided.

3.2 Wellbeing and Land Policy

Parry Agius, Presiding Member

Presiding Member Parry Agius provided the Board with an overview of the thinking behind developing a policy for Wellbeing and Land from an NRM point of view.

Discussion around the principles and purpose of the policy – a relationship between health and wellbeing and healthy country/activities on country. Campfires, story-telling, healing and happiness from being on-country, feel strong from being in country environment. People and young people in communities need benefit of visiting and seeing projects being done on country.

Discussion around prevention of health problems by visiting and spending time on country. Example of this is at the new Royal Adelaide Hospital – has a bush tucker garden for aboriginal people only. Gift from Kurna people and is aimed at assisting aboriginal people in their recovery when in hospital. Discussion around development of MoU between Dept. of Health and Dept. of Environment.

Discussion around Co-management and how it can assist with wellbeing. How do people who come from the coastal areas be involved? Bruce advised that people find strength from co-management - provides identity and belonging and spiritual connection. Cross – cultural learning and experience from each other. Singing songs, and dancing, repatriation with family and country around them.

Senses - quality, and quantity - contribute to wellbeing as a whole. Aboriginal people's help is connected to being on country and can't be separated. Loneliness, isolation, depression, emotion wellbeing is compromised when not on country. Model of the Western Dialysis Unit operates from raising monies from art work, Commonwealth and State funding, breaking down Govt. barriers. Allows sick and elderly people to return to country and still have health services available.

Discussion around 'End of Life Agreement' with Health providers. Quality of life to be considered in last few days of life ie. leaving hospital to go home and enjoy being on country before passing away. Gives opportunity to give instruction to family. Encourage doctors and family to assist by providing insight and education.

Discussion around how to involve and encourage talks with health providers: Ceduna/Koonibba, Tjuntjuntjara, Tallawon, Ngamba Health, Hospitals.

Action: Presiding Member and NR AW Management Team to continue working on Wellbeing and Land policy, with draft version to be discussed at future meeting.

4. Social Return on Investment

Presentation: Understanding how Social Value Principles apply to the work of the AW NRM Board **Guest Speaker – Simon Faivel, Social Ventures Australia**

Simon Faivel introduced himself and provided an overview of his background. Has provided his services to many Communities throughout Australia in relation to SROI.

Idea behind SROI is to support NRM activities - tell stories, people listen, and gain ongoing support for work on country. IPA funding ends in 2018 and the Australian Government is starting a program review.

Simon advised this process has been a powerful tool for other groups. Recommended the Board consider how to apply to the AW Region or parts of the region. SROI can be a way of translating what people who haven't been on country can understand.

Principles: Involve Stakeholders, Understand what changes, Value the things that matter, Only include what is material, Do not over claim, Be transparent, Verify the result.

5 Questions of Social Value: Who changes as a result of our activities? How do they change? How do we provide it has changed? Which changes are most valued? Is it all down to us?

Exercise for the AW NRM Board:

1. What programs do you have? List them.
2. Who changes as a result of our activities?
3. What has changed? Write them down on post it notes: green=good, Pink=bad. Be as specific as possible.
4. Which changes are most valued?
5. Is it all down to us? Who are the organisations you work with? Is it working well?

Group presentations followed by lengthy discussion around the need for SROI and how it may relate to the AW Region.

Gary Lewis enquired as to the Board's Strategic Plan and the outcomes of Warren Mundine's workshop on future directions for the Board.

Discussion around the concept of a further workshop to fully discuss the issue.

Action: Draft (updated) Policy on SROI to be presented for discussion/further development at future date.

Conclusion of Guest Speaker item. Further discussion in 3.3.

3.3 Social Return on Investment Policy

Facilitator: Paul Dalby

Paul Dalby provided an overview of the previous discussion around SROI. Outcomes for investments and funding directly related to the Board's ability to clearly state their directions from NRM Plan. Focus on People, Country and Water inside the NRM Plan and Act.

Wording for Social Return on Investment Policy reviewed (as agreed in Meeting 50):

'In undertaking work that fixes up Country, we create benefit in many ways. We will seek to understand and measure the change we create for society and the impact we make for people, for communities, for the environment, and for culture when we undertake any NRM work in our Region'.

Discussion around Community Based NRM Policy and its relation to the Board undertaking its business. Wording required around Communities developing their own plans to complement the AW NRM Board's plans.

Motion: Aboriginal Communities in the AW Region will develop their own plans around SROI and NRM which will form part of the AW NRM Plan

Moved: Brian Queama
Seconded: Mima Smart

Action: Assist Aboriginal Communities in the AW NRM Region to develop their own community plans around SROI and NRM to form part of the AW regional NRM Plan

Implementation of community plans/Board Plan will provide results for the community, accountability by staff and Board, and utilise for gaining resources for community. Delivery of outcomes and benefits are measurable and reportable.

Motion: the AW NRM Board endorse the development of a set of social return on investment measures for each community plan within the AW Region

Moved: Brian Queama
Seconded: Mima Smart
All in favour

Action: Develop set of measures for social return on investment for each community plan within the AW Region

5.00pm Day 1 Meeting Close

Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 51

Day 2 – Tuesday 8 March, 2016

Meeting Opened at 9.45am

Presiding Member Parry Agius welcomed all members and staff to Day 2 of AW NRM Board Meeting 51 and Policy Development Workshop.

Gary Lewis addressed the Board with his thoughts on the previous day's discussions around SROI. He advised it was important that cultural knowledge was observed and respected and that it wasn't necessarily appropriate to take the knowledge from other groups/communities and apply it to Anangu. SROI to be discussed again at a later date.

Action: Executive Officer to locate segment on NITV as indicated by Gary Lewis. To be viewed by members at next meeting.

Michael Garrod and Paul Dalby left the meeting at 10.30am.

KEY POLICY REVIEW

Timothy Moore, Manager Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability

5.1 Community Based NRM (not discussed due to time constraints)

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5.2 Economic Development (not discussed due to time constraints)

5.3 Co-management of Public Lands (not discussed due to time constraints)

5.4 Pastoralism (not discussed due to time constraints)

5.5 Regional Tourism Policy

Discussion around building on to existing Board Policy for Tourism in the AW Region.

SATC only have small view of tourism but AW Region is large. Add to DEWNR Nature Based Tourism Strategy but with layers of cultural awareness and stories/sharing, training leading to employment, cultural safety, visitors, Anangu designed tourism, joint venture/Uluru connection (places of interest). Rules about consuming alcohol on country.

Tourism accesses: road, plane, car, bicycle. Nullarbor caves – authority for cavers to access.

5.6 Board Funding

Presiding Member Parry Agius proposed a 6 month period of consideration for a 'think tank' to be held between NR AW Regional Director, staff and the Board Presiding Member re: future to develop a \$10m plan.

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Brian Queama
All in favour

Decision: Presiding Member, NR AW Regional Director and NR AW Managers to consider holding a 'think-tank' on developing a \$10m plan for AW NRM Board within 6 months of Meeting 51 (due Sept/Oct 2016)

Action: Schedule 'think-tank' for developing a \$10m plan for AW NRM Board within 6 months of Meeting 51

6. Healthy Country Planning

Timothy Moore, Manager Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability

Discussed during 3.1 Planning Policy.

7. 2016 Co-management Workshop Outcomes

Fiona Gill, A/Regional Director NR AW

Fiona Gill provided the Board with an overview of the 2016 Co-Management Workshop outcomes. The state-wide Workshop was held in February, 2016 in Adelaide with representatives from all Co-management Boards and Advisory Committees attending. Principles of Co-management explained and the parks were outlined.

John Mungee attended for MLUCP Board and was asked for his views on the workshop. John advised he enjoyed the workshop, but was disappointed that the invitation to have youth representatives attend was not fulfilled for AW region (retracted following discussions on duty of care and remuneration issues).

8. Other Business

8.1 MoU between Land Association of SA and NRM Boards *Presiding Member, Parry Agius*

Presiding Member Parry Agius provided an overview of developments with funding for 20 Million Trees and Green Army. MoU is designed so that all NRM Boards can work as one through Landcare SA and has been signed by 6 of the 8 NRM Boards in South Australia.

Motion: the AW NRM Board endorses signing of the MoU between NRM Boards and LASA (for tabling at the Presiding Member's Forum during March, 2016).

Moved: Brian Queama
Seconded: Gary Lewis
All in favour

8.2 Member claims for payment issues (late item) *Presiding Member, Parry Agius*

Issue of 'missed' mileage payment by SSSA discussed further. Out of session meeting was held on Sunday 6 March to discuss the difficulties the missed payment presented to members travelling to the AW NRM Board meeting in Coober Pedy.

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorse the Presiding member and Regional Director write to the Minister expressing dissatisfaction with SSSA payment cycle option for remuneration to Board Members.

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Debbie Hansen
All in favour

9. Communications – Key Messages from Meeting 51

KEY MESSAGES/OUTCOMES:

- Visit by Natural Resources Committee of Parliament to AW Region 4-7 April, 2016
- AW NRM Board appointments update – Rose Lester's last meeting
- Letter of response to NFCRC Tentative Findings endorsed – to be prepared
- Guest speaker from Sydney re: future funding and SROI (Workshop)
- Reaffirmed Healthy Country Planning approach for AW region
- Workshopped two new policies – Wellbeing and Land, and Tourism
- Reflected on 2016 State-wide Co-management Workshop
- MoU with LASA endorsed
- Developing existing policy on Community Based NRM

10. Meeting Close and Next Meeting

Due to time constraints and having prioritised the items for discussion, AW NRM Chair Parry Agius provided thanks to members for their attendance and contribution, and NR AW Staff for supporting the Board with their meeting requirements. The meeting was then declared closed at 4.05pm on Tuesday 8th March, 2016.

- The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held: in **Ceduna** 30 May to 1 June, 2016

Out of Session: Brian Queama advised he was withdrawing his application for re-appointment as member of the AW NRM Board.

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date:

31 / 3 / 2016