IN ATTENDANCE:
EPNRM Board: Simon Clark, (Acting Presiding Member), Mark Whitfield, Mark Dennis, Bill Nosworthy and Geoff Ryan (1110 – 1216) (1220 – 1237) (1250 - 1530)

Agency Representatives:
DEWNR Staff: Jonathan Clark, Regional Director; Jackie Green, Executive Assistant; Ben Smith A/Manager Strategy, Engagement & Knowledge; Pam Gloyn, Manager Business Support, Peter Wilkins, Manager, Southern & Eastern Districts and Mark Anderson, Manager, Western District and Julia Grant Group Executive Director, Climate Change, (1110 – 1220) (1225 – 1320)

Presenters: Julia Grant, Group Executive Director, Climate Change, Dept. Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR)

Gallery: Karen Hollamby, Regional Coordinator, Eyre and Western, Primary Industries & Regions SA (PIRSA) (1110-1320)

1. OPENING
1.1 Welcome
The Acting Presiding Member opened the meeting at 1110 and welcomed those in attendance, including Julia Grant from DEWNR and Karen Hollamby from PIRSA.

1.2 Apologies
Diana Laube, Eyre Peninsula NRM Board, Presiding Member
Ben Bruce, Group Executive Director, Water Group, Dept. Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR)
Rob Donaldson, Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association (EPLGA)
Tim Hall, Manager Parks and Sustainable Landscapes, Dept. Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR)

1.3 Declaration of Interest
Bill Nosworthy declared that he has been the recipient of funding grants from WildEyre. Bill further declared that he will not seek remuneration for sitting fees for Eyre Peninsula NRM Board meetings and will only accept the payment of travel allowances for Board meetings,

2. DEPUTATIONS
Julia Grant provided the meeting with a presentation regarding Coastal management in SA and highlighted the following points of interest;

- Current issues, challenges and engagement
- Sample of existing issues
• Sea level rise
• SA coastal management framework
• Coast Protection Board’s challenges and priorities
• Strategic issues
• Coastal Cliff Erosion
• Shacks - freehold and leasehold
• Sea level variation last 400,000 years
• Sea level variation last 20k years
• Climate Change IPCC 5th Assessment
• Long term projections
• Global mean seal level
• The SA perspective – Sea level rise
• SA Coastal management framework
• CPB Strategic Plan – vision and policy framework
• Climate change role
• Funding model
• Operational model
• Coastal Management Blueprint
• Ageing seawalls
• Immediate funding priorities
• Coastal settlement adaptation plans
• Strategic coastal management plan
• Strategic Plan
• CPB liaison with LG & DEWNR
• On ground presence

At the conclusion of the presentation the meeting discussed the following matters, funding, engagement, liability, insurance and the environment versus the economy. The meeting also noted the Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) project, being funded from retained earnings, to acquire data to support sea-level rise modelling and decision-making for potentially vulnerable ecosystems as well as developed assets in priority coastal areas. The A/Manager Strategy, Engagement & Knowledge reported to the Citizen Science projects capturing data from across the Eyre Peninsula region around king tides and coastal inundations linked to extreme weather events.

3. STRATEGIC MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ENDORSEMENT

3.1 Eyre Peninsula NRM Board 2017/18 Budget
The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board 2017/18 Budget was presented and discussed at a workshop prior to the Board meeting.

Recommendation 90:3.1
Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board endorse the 2017/18 draft budget as presented.

Moved: Mark Whitfield
Second: Mark Dennis
Outcome: Carried

3.2 Draft Local Government Engagement Strategy
A briefing paper inviting the Board to review the Draft Local Government Engagement Strategy and approve the release of it for consultation at the Joint EPLGA/RDA/NRM workshop on 30 June 2017 was provided.

The Regional Director reported that one of the Boards key strategic priorities is the raise their profile and include completion of key engagement strategies, with an initial focus on local government. The strategy is designed to be for Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula, and as such will provide guidance for the Board as well as DEWNR staff. It was noted that the strategy will make a commitment to Local Government that NREP will undertake a range of engagement activities aimed at improving relationships and collaboration across the region. The meeting agreed that the strategy required some
minor amendments. It was agreed that the final version of the Strategy would be presented to the Board at the August meeting for approval.

**Action:** the Regional Director will make the recommended minor amendments to the Draft Local Government Engagement Strategy.

**Recommendation 90:3.2**

**Motion:** That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board;

1. Review the Draft Local Government Engagement Strategy and provide feedback on any changes that may be required; and

Moved: Bill Nosworthy
Second: Geoff Ryan
Outcome: Carried

**3.3 Response to the Liberals NRM Survey**

A briefing paper inviting the Board to write to the opposition spokesperson for Environment and Conservation regarding the NRM survey was provided.

The Regional Director reported that the South Australian Liberal Party is undertaking a survey to gauge interested parties’ views on the current approach to Natural Resource Management (NRM) in South Australia and how this can be improved.

The survey contained a number of questions under the following categories, including the Natural Resource Management (NRM) system, the current NRM structure and the calculation, collection and allocation of NRM levies.

The meeting agreed to forward a copy of the response to the Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Minister Environment, Water and Natural Resources, the Member for Flinders, Peter Treloar and the Member for Giles, Eddie Hughes and the Presiding Members of the NRM Boards across the state.

**Recommendation 90:3.3**

**Motion:** That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board write to the Hon David Spiers MP, Shadow Minister for the Environment in response to the NRM Survey.

Moved: Bill Nosworthy
Second: Mark Dennis
Outcome: Carried

**3.4 EP NRM Board Strategic Workplan for 2016/17**

A briefing paper requesting that the Board review the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board (EPNRM) strategic workplan for 2016/17 was provided.

The Regional Director reported to the paper provided and referred to the strategic priorities identified in the Board’s work plan for 2016/17.

**Recommendation 90:3.4**

**That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board resolve to note the June review of the 2016/17 strategic workplan.**

*Resolved*
3.5 **Current Dry Conditions**

A briefing paper regarding the current dry conditions and the potential impacts on the community was provided.

The Regional Director reported that most of Eyre Peninsula is experiencing a dry start to the season that may well be unprecedented due to well below average autumn rainfall and above average temperatures. The highly variable distribution of autumn rainfall has resulted in large variations in the amount of seeding that has been undertaken, with some farmers partially or finishing seeding. It was noted that there has been a large prevalence of dry seeding in anticipation of rain.

The Regional Director further reported that many farmers have removed stock from lighter-textured soils which might be at risk of erosion if heavily grazed, and are supplementary feeding animals in confinement feeding areas on heavier soil types. It was further noted that some producers have already bought hay and others are trying to buy feed at present. Prices for hay and grain are increasing due to demand. Whilst many growers still have hay and grain on hand, persistence of dry conditions is prolonging the lack of paddock feed and might cause fodder supplies to run out.

The Regional Director invited the meeting to consider the following items;

1. How, if at all they would like to be involved in support initiatives;
2. The need or otherwise to partner with PIRSA and RDA in participating in a governance structure to oversee efforts in the region;
3. How to resource any involvement;
4. Consider approach to dealing with potential soil erosion; and
5. Be prepared that if the conditions continue into next year and/or become more widespread that the classification of the event may be elevated, noting that the workshop scheduled for the August meeting will be an opportune time to consider longer term options.

Members shared their observations of the conditions in their regions and discussed destocking, soil erosion, support initiatives, mental health and financial stress on local landholders.

**Action:** The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board will write to PIRSA and Country Health SA in relation to the current conditions being experienced by landholders in the region.

**Recommendation 90:3.5**

**Motion:** That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board;

1. Note the current dry conditions and the potential impacts on the Community and the environment; and
2. Consider what options there may be for support or involvement in related initiatives.

**Moved:** Geoff Ryan  
**Second:** Mark Whitfield  
**Outcome:** Carried

3.6 **Update on Tod Reservoir**

A briefing paper to update the Board regarding the Tod Reservoir upgrade including discussing options for future management of the Tod Reservoir and Catchment; and endorse a modification to the Best Practice Operating Procedure with SA Water was provided.

The Regional Director reported that SA Water is currently in the process of modifying the Tod Reservoir, in order to comply with the Australian National Committee on Large Dams (ANCOLD) Guidelines, and reduce risk of the Tod Reservoir failing.
The members discussed the information contained within the briefing paper provided.

**Recommendation 90:3.6**  
**Motion:** That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board;

1. Note information contained in this briefing paper;
2. Endorse the removal of the Appendix C - controlled discharges from the Tod Reservoir from the current SA Water BPOP, and advise them in writing of this recommendation; and
3. If required, negotiate an agreement with SA water to undertake additional monitoring or management actions not covered in the forthcoming operations and management plan.

Moved:  Bill Nosworthy  
Second:  Mark Whitfield  
Outcome:  Carried

*Meeting broke for lunch at 1320 and reconvened at 1355*

4. **PROCEDURAL MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION/ENDORSEMENT**

4.1 **Confirmation of Previous Meetings**

4.1.1 **Minutes of Meeting No. 89**

The draft minutes of Eyre Peninsula NRM Board Meeting No 89, held on 18 April 2017 were provided for formal endorsement.

**Recommendation 90:4.1.1**  
**Motion:** The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board accepts the minutes of meeting No.89 held 18 April 2017 as a true and accurate record of the business conducted at that meeting.

Moved:  Mark Whitfield  
Second:  Geoff Ryan  
Outcome:  Carried

4.2 **Review of Action List**

The list of action items arising from the previous Board Meetings were provided for information.

**Recommendation 90:4.2**  
**That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board resolve to note the status of Board action items.**

*Resolved*

4.3 **Financial reports**

A copy of the financial reports for the financial period ending May 2017 were provided.  
Manager Business Support guided the meeting through the interactive financial report and responded to queries from the members regarding the contents of the report as tabled.

**Recommendation 90:4.3**  
**Motion:** The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board resolves to receive the financial reports as presented.

Moved:  Mark Whitfield  
Second:  Mark Denis  
Outcome:  Carried
4.4 Eyre Peninsula NRM Board Risk Table
A briefing paper to provide the Board with the updated risk table and request that
the Board notes the amended risks and actions taken to control them was provided.
No additional risks were identified at the meeting.

Recommendation 90:4.4
Motion: The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board;
1. Accept the risk ratings and note actions taken to address controls; and
2. Identify any new risks that have arisen since the April Board (No 89) meeting and the Risk and Audit Committee meeting (No 24) on 6.6.17

Moved: Mark Whitfield
Second: Mark Denis
Outcome: Carried

4.5 Items and recommendations arising from Eyre Peninsula NRM Board Committee meetings.
Nil

4.6 SA Wild Dog Advisory Group
A briefing paper requesting that the Board consider nominating a suitable member of the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board to continue as a member of the Sth Aust Wild Dog Advisory Group (SAWDAG) was provided. The members agreed that it was crucial for the Board to be represented on the SAWDAG. Nominations were received and accepted from Bill Nosworthy and Geoff Ryan, as deputy.

Recommendation 90:4.6
Motion: The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board;
1. Note the request from Marty Bower, State Wild Dog Coordinator, DEWNR; and
2. Nominate a suitable member of the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board to continue as a member of the Sth Aust Wild Dog Advisory Group (SAWDAG)

Moved: Mark Whitfield
Second: Mark Dennis
Outcome: Carried

4.7 Adapt NRM Project – South Australian Oyster Research Council
A briefing paper seeking the Board’s endorsement for a six-month extension to the Adapt NRM Project Environmental monitoring to improve understanding of oyster performance was provided.

Recommendation 90:4.7
Motion: The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board;
1. The Board grant a six-month extension to the completion date of this project to 31 December 2017; and
2. The Board note that an impacting budget adjustment ($12,000) will be requested to be funded from levy carryover following Treasury approval.

Moved: Mark Dennis
Second: Geoff Ryan
Outcome: Carried

A briefing paper seeking the Board’s feedback on the draft Strategy and Action Plan for Better Water Planning and Management was provided.

The Regional Director reported to briefing and advised the meeting that Better Water Planning and Management (BWPM) is a partnership initiative between DEWNR and the eight regional NRM Boards. BWPM is seeking to improve South Australia’s water planning and management arrangements by making them quicker, simpler and more responsive.

The Regional Director further reported that the draft Strategy and Action Plan is presented to the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board to seek feedback and ideas about the direction and projects for BWPM. Consideration is particularly sought about:
1. Do the five strategic directions encapsulate the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board’s vision and desired outcomes for BWPM?
2. What are the most prominent and promising vehicles (e.g. initiatives and projects) that could be harnessed to leverage additional resources and support for progressing BWPM?
3. Are there any projects that Eyre Peninsula NRM Board could progress for BWPM in the forthcoming year or beyond?

It was noted that the Board are already funding a water related project in the region, the Sustainable Development through Water Management on Eyre Peninsula project.

In closing the Regional Director guided the meeting though the steps to finalise the draft Strategy and Action Plan and noted that the final Strategy and Action Plan will be provided to the Board for approval at the August meeting.

Action: The Regional Director will prepare a response to provide feedback to the State and National Water Policy Unit regarding the Strategy and Action Plan for Better Water Planning and Management.

Recommendation 90:4.8

Motion: The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board resolve to discuss the draft Strategy and Action Plan and provide feedback to State and National Water Policy Unit.

Resolved

4.9 Eyre Peninsula NRM Board Policy Review

A briefing paper seeking the Board’s endorsement of the recommendations of Risk and Audit Committee June policy review was provided.

Recommendation 90:4.9

Motion: The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board endorse the following Risk & Audit Committee recommendations;
1. That Financial Policy No 3, Annual Financial Reporting be ended as content is a requirement under legislation;

   Moved: Geoff Ryan
   Second: Mark Whitfield
   Outcome: Carried

2. That Financial Policy No 9, Cash Management be ended as content is a requirement under Treasurer’s instruction and DEWNR Policy; and
3. That Financial Policies No 10, No 23 and No 34 be endorsed with minor amendments.

Moved: Mark Whitfield
Second: Bill Nosworthy
Outcome: Carried

4.10 Proposal to proclaim additions to Wahgunyah Conservation Park

A briefing paper regarding an item of correspondence from Jason Irving (DEWNR Manager Protected Area Unit) advising of a proposal to proclaim additions to Wahgunyah Conservation Park was provided.

The Manager, Western District reported to the paper as presented as advised the meeting that the proposed additions include unalienated Crown Land totalling approximately 275.3 hectares. The land adjoins the south eastern boundary of Wahgunyah Conservation Park and abuts the Nyuts Archipelago Marine Park.

It was noted that the additional 275.3 hectares will be a valuable addition to Wahgunyah Conservation Park. The additions are currently unalienated Crown Land and are managed for conservation purposes. It was further noted that the inclusion into the park network will have no negative social or commercial impacts.

Recommendation 90:4.9
Motion: The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board resolve to note the information provided in the briefing paper.

Resolved

5. PAPERS FOR NOTING
Copies of the agenda items relating to the papers for noting are provided.

5.1 Presiding Member report
Nil

5.2 Regional Director report
As tabled

5.3 Regional Intelligence Reports
Nil

5.4 Eyre Peninsula NRM Board Governance Schedule
As tabled

5.5 Executed Contracts of the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board
As tabled

5.6 Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula Media releases
As tabled

5.7 EP NRM Board Risk and Audit Committee Confirmed Minutes meeting No 23
As tabled

5.8 EP NRM Board Risk and Audit Committee Draft Minutes meeting No 24
As tabled
5.9 National Landcare Program (NLP) Australian Government Performance Framework for Regional NRM Organisations – Audit
As tabled

Recommendation 90:5
Motion: The Eyre Peninsula NRM Board resolve to note the Papers for Noting as presented.

Resolved

6. CORRESPONDENCE
Copies of the agenda items relating to correspondence are provided

6.1 Proposed Nuclear Waste Facility in the Kimba District
As tabled – discussed and noted. It was noted that the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board would comment when formally engage in this matter.

6.2 Whyalla Northern Coastline Master Plan
As tabled

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As tabled

6.4 Natural Resources Management Plan for the Eyre Peninsula Region
As tabled

6.5 National Landcare Program
As tabled – discussed and noted

Action: The Regional Director will prepare a response to demonstrate the Board’s NLP programs and activities in the region

6.6 Sth Aust Multiple Land Use Framework
As tabled

6.7 External Audit of EPRMB 2016/17
As tabled – The Business Support Manager sought approval from the Board for the Regional Director to sign the acknowledgement and agree to the terms of the audit engagement.

Recommendation 90:6.7
Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board endorse the Regional Director to acknowledge and agree to the terms of this audit engagement of behalf of the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board.

Moved:  Mark Whitfield
Second:  Bill Nosworthy
Outcome:  Carried

6.8 Annual Reporting 2016/17
As tabled

Recommendation 90:6
Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula NRM Board resolve to note the correspondence as presented.

Resolved
7. NEXT MEETING & ONGOING SCHEDULE
   7.1 Meeting Schedule 2017
   A schedule of upcoming Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board and Committee meetings for 2017 is provided for information.
   Regional Director reminded members about the EPNRM Board Emergency management & response workshop on Wednesday 23 August.

   The next Board meeting (#91) is scheduled for Tuesday 22 August 2017 in Pt Lincoln

8. REVIEW OF MEETING
   8.1 Feedback on meeting structure, content and process
   The members acknowledged the presentation by Julia Grant and reported that they are looking forward to working with the Coastal Protection Board.

   The Regional Director provided the meeting with an overview of the exceptions of the EPNRM Board / EPLGA / RDAWEP Joint Planning Board workshop on Friday 30 June 2017.

   8.2 Suggested Media Engagement
   Nil

9. CLOSE
   With there being no further business to discuss the Acting Presiding Member thanked everyone for their time and declared the meeting closed at 1530.