

**ADELAIDE AND MOUNT LOFTY RANGES
NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD**



Government
of South Australia

Adelaide and
Mount Lofty Ranges
Natural Resources
Management Board

MINUTES OF MEETING NO 149

held from 10.00am to 12.00 pm
on Thursday 21st of February 2019
at the Office for Natural Resources AMLR,
205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood

PRESENT: Chair: Felicity-ann Lewis

Members: Alexandra Kentish
Alison Cusack
Rachael Siddall
Russell Johnstone
Vicki-Jo Russell

APOLOGIES: None

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Grear, Regional Director
Anne Piro, Executive Officer
Katharine Ward, Manager Water Projects
Kim Krebs, Manager Community Engagement
Lisien Loan, Manager Parks & Sustainable Landscapes
Louisa Halliday, Manager Planning & Evaluation
Marguerite Swart, Manager Business Support
Michaela Heinson, Manager Land Marine and Biodiversity Services
Roisin McAlary, Manager Financial Services

Observers
Lissa Arcoverde
Andrew West
Pippa Cattanach

210219-149-1.0 MEETING PROCEDURE

210219-149-1.1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting, acknowledging that the land is the traditional lands for the Kurna people and the Board respects their spiritual relationship with their Country. The Board also acknowledged the Kurna people as the traditional custodians of the Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as important to the living Kurna people today. She welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

210219-149-1.2 Apologies

No apologies were received.

210219-149-1.3 Declarations of Interest

There were no additional declarations of interest declared.

210219-149-1.4 Consent Schedule

*The Board **confirmed** the items within the consent schedule be adopted with a minor amendment to 4.6 acknowledging Trudi Meakins' contribution to the Board.*

CARRIED

210219-149-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

*The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 148 held on 13th December 2018 as a true and accurate record.*

CARRIED

210219-149-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

*The Board **noted** the matters arising.*

CARRIED

210219-149-1.7 Resolution Register

*The Board **noted** the resolution register.*

CARRIED

210219-149-2.0 BOARD MATTERS

210219-149-2.1A Final Draft Business Operating Plan 2019-20–2021-22

The Board noted that the consultation period had concluded with a total of 24 submissions having been received. Based on those submissions it was proposed that no substantive changes be made to the draft Business Operating Plan 2019-20-2021-22.

The Board:

*2.1A.1 **approved** the Final Draft Business and Operational Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22 being provided to the Minister for Environment and Water for adoption;*

*2.1A.2 **approved** the Draft Consultation Report on the outcomes of consultation on the Draft Business and Operational Plan 2019-20 to 2021-22.*

CARRIED

210219-149-2.2B Strategic Planning Workshop

The Board discussed potential topics of focus for the Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for March. Key topics suggested for

consideration were the role of this Board during transition to Landscape Boards and Green Adelaide; possible priorities for this Board and the new Boards; ensuring ongoing progress to achieve environmental outcomes; and reviewing the Board's current strategic priorities.

The Board:

2.2B.1 **approved** the engagement of Strategic Matters as facilitator to assist the Board in this Strategic Planning Workshop;

2.2B.3 **agreed** to invite members of the Board's Audit, Finance and Risk Committee to attend the Strategic Planning Workshop.

CARRIED

210219-149-2.2 External Funding Applications to Support Phase 5 of the Paddock Tree Replacement Project

The Board reflected on the phased implementation of this multi-year and multi-funder project and noted that the learnings would be documented and shared with relevant parties throughout the State.

The Board:

2.2.1 **noted** the external funding opportunities that are being pursued for Phase 5 of the Paddock Tree Replacement Project, including the grant applications submitted in January 2019 through the Australian Government's Smart Farms initiative and the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife's Community Conservation Grants;

2.2.2 **endorsed** the \$247,000 funding allocation previously proposed from levy for 2019/20 to support Phase 5 of the Paddock Tree Replacement Project, which has been included as a matching contribution in the two external grant applications.

CARRIED

210219-149-2.3 Community Environmental Grants

The Board noted \$90,000 is allocated to Community Environment Grants to support community based projects that contribute to NRM outcomes. The 2018/19 Community Environment Grants was very competitive round with the grant review panel assessing 64 applications totalling \$442,426 (492% of the available funding). To address the over subscription of eligible projects the Board deliberated over three proposed funding options. The Board endorsed that all eligible Community Environment Grants are funded as recommended by the assessment panel (option 2).

The Board requested that the management of declared weeds on-park funding applications be supported through the DEW on-park Volunteer Support Grants if possible. Nevertheless, the Board was supportive of 18/19 NRM Levy underspend being redirected to fund a second round of eligible projects.

The Board would like to review the guidelines for future Community Environment Grants and discuss the eligibility of projects managing declared weeds on-parks, as this is the responsibility of the land owner under the NRM Act.

The Board:

2.3.1 **endorsed** that all eligible Community Environment Grants are funded as recommended by the assessment panel (option 2);

2.3.2 **noted** that \$78,979 (52%) of eligible projects sought investment in on-parks works, primarily for the control of declared weeds;

CARRIED

210219-149-2.3A Productive Economy Policy Discussion Paper

The Board:

2.3A.1 **approved** the attached draft Board response to the Productive Economy Policy Discussion Paper with a minor addition concerning building clear connections between land use planning and natural resource management systems through the Landscape SA reform process.

CARRIED

210219-149-2.4 Ngarrindjeri NRM Liaison Officer

The Board:

2.4.1 **Noted** the imminent signing of a joint grant agreement between the AMLR NRM Board and SAMDB NRM Board to fund the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority to employ a Ngarrindjeri NRM Liaison Officer until 30 June 2019;

CARRIED

210219-149-2.5 “Our Home” Children’s Environmental Education Book

The Board:

2.5.1 **endorsed** a mail out of the ‘Our Home’ book to pre-schools and Kindergarten across the AMLR region with an accompanying letter signed by the Board’s Presiding Member;

CARRIED

210219-149-2.6 Port Environment Centre (Community NRC)

The Board:

2.6.1 **Noted** the progress of the Port Environment Centre;

CARRIED

210219-149-2.7 Status of Water Allocation Planning in Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges region

The Board noted that the Adelaide Plains Water Allocation Plan was currently with the Crown Solicitors Office and it was anticipated that a final draft would be presented to the Board in May.

The Board also noted that the Barossa Water Allocation Plan would go out for further consultation in April/May and is anticipated that it may be presented to the Board in the second quarter of the next financial year.

The Board:

2.7.1 **noted** the update on water allocation planning in the region.

CARRIED

210219-149-2.8 Coastal Conservation Officer Support

The Board:

2.8.1 **noted** the potential for externally hosted council Coastal Conservation Officer roles to be readily transitioned into potential Landscape SA and Green Adelaide delivery models;

2.8.2 **endorsed** negotiations and development of service level agreements with Coastal Conservation Officer host councils for the 2019 – 2020 budget.

CARRIED

210219-149-2.9 Business and Operating Plan Report – Q2

The Board:

2.9.1 **endorsed** the January 2019 quarterly project report on the Board's Business and Operational Plan.

CARRIED

210219-149-2.10 Regional Directors Report

The Board:

2.10.1 **noted** the Regional Director's report;

CARRIED

210219-149-2.11 Approval to Release Board Funded Report – Outcomes of Living Smart courses

The Board:

2.11.1 **noted** the tabling of these report; and;

2.11.2 **endorsed** release of the reports via the AMLR NRM Board's website.

CARRIED

210219-149-2.12 Approval to Release Board Funded Report – Living Smart Highlights 2018

The Board:

2.12.1 **noted** the tabling of the Living Smart SA: 2018 Highlights and;

2.12.2 **endorsed** release of the Living Smart SA: 2018 Highlights via the Board's website.

CARRIED

210219-149-3.0 FINANCE

210219-149-3.1 Finance Report

The Finance Manager gave an update on the financial position and the budget variations.

The Board:

3.1.1 **Approved** the material budget adjustments submitted at year-end and approved by DTF as a part of the budget carryover process and the allocation to key drivers and the administration and governance salary budget; the fish ladder project (LM35); and the water allocation planning project (LM31)

3.1.2 **Approved** the impacting mid-year budget adjustments that are to be submitted to the DTF in February / March 2019;

3.1.3 **Accepted** the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 31 January 2019

CARRIED

210219-149-4.0 PAPERS TO NOTE

210219-149-4.1 Register of Interests

210219-149-4.2 Common Seal Usage

210219-149-4.3 Letter to Minister Spiers dated 20th December 2019 Re: December Board Meeting

210219-149-4.4 Letter from Minister Spiers dated 21st January 2019 re: October Board meeting

210219-149-4.5 Letter from Minister Spiers dated 19th December 2019 re Cessation of Government Reps – J Grant

210219-149-4.6 Letter from Trudi Meakins dated 18 January 2019 re her resignation

The Board notes information papers 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6.

CARRIED

210219-149-5.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business noted.

210219-149-6.0 MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:00 noon.

The next meeting of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board will be held on Thursday the 28th March 2019 at Office for Natural Resources AMLR, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood.

Felicity-ann Lewis
Presiding Member



Date: 28 10/3 / 2019

