



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 39

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held Wednesday 28th – Thursday 29th August, 2013

Venue Address: Tiffins on the Park, Parkside

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:

Board Members: Parry Agius, Rose Lester, Mima Smart, Brian Queama, Sydney Chamberlain, Michael (Mick) Haynes

State Government Representatives: Ian Hopton (DMITRE)

AW NRM Staff: Matthew Ward, Helen Donald, Neil Collins, Bruce Macpherson, Thuy Phan

Guests: Paul Dalby (Water consultant), Hugh Pringle (EMU project), Nerida Saunders, Tom Rich and James Armitage (Dept Premier and Cabinet – Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation), Gary Lewis (in-coming AW NRM Board member), Malcolm Walton (DMITRE)

Pre-Meeting Discussion
9.30 The Presiding Member met with Board Members for preliminary discussions prior to meeting opening.
1. Welcome and Apologies
<p>Meeting Day 1: Opened 10:15am</p> <p>Welcome</p> <p>Mr Agius welcomed Members, staff and guests to the 39th meeting of the Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) Natural Resources Management Board (the Board) and acknowledged the area’s traditional Aboriginal custodians</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies received from: Justine Graham (A/Manager, Protected Areas and Public Lands), Janet Queama (AW NRM Board Member), Basil Coleman, Jason Irving, Andrew Hawking</p>
2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
<p>2.1 The Agenda for Meeting number 39 was adopted with the following additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No conditions <p>2.2 There were no declarations of Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>Brian Queama asked for confirmation that his involvement with Yalata Land Management was okay. The Regional Manager said he was fine unless discussions were directly regarding contracts in the region</p>

3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr Agius went through the minutes from the 38th meeting of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board held on 23rd-24th April 2013 (Board Meeting planned for June was postponed to August and replaced by the Board's *Governance and Audit Committee* inaugural meeting)

At Rose Lester's request the 3rd bullet point under section 4.1 *Rose Lester's country* was changed to *Wallatinna*

- The Board **adopted** the Minutes from 23rd-24th April 2013 without further amendment

Motion moved by: Brian Queama **Seconded by:** Sydney Chamberlain

4. Review of New Action Arising Sheet No. 38

Mr Ward progressed through the *New Actions Arising* from Meeting No. 38 and provided a status update on each

4.1 Board

- Gab research Prospectus: letter drafted for CSIRO and Adelaide

For consideration: Consider making a delegation meeting with the Chancellor

- Outstanding Policies: to be discussed in Regional Manager's Report
- Connecting with the Board: PM acknowledge that establishing a baseline of community understanding and perception of the Board would be a significant body of work

Action Arising: Mr Agius requested an outline of what a *Survey of Perception* might involve

Action Arising: Send a copy of Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges framework to Ninti One's Sam Osborne (requested by Ms Lester)

4.2 People

- Briefing sent to Minister's office: waiting for response before forwarding a letter to Scott Ashby
- Working Parties: developing a research prospectus in league with various regional bodies
- Mr Macpherson will be reporting employment statistics in the Engagement Manager's Report
- Mr Agius suggested creating a central skills record to be accessed by us and other agencies eg TAFE (skills records available through training agencies such as TAFE, AW records available to Mr Agius)
- Maralinga Tjaratja: letter drafted to the Minister, requesting update of what is current status of MT and underline our presence and influence in the region and to maintain positive relationships

Action Arising:

- Mr Haynes requested an update from Maralinga Council regarding radiation levels in the region
- Mr Hopton to send a report to the Board regarding radiation in the region
- Ms Graham tried to organise a TAFE, FAHCIA etc Forum but a number of people did not respond, Mr Macpherson will expand in the Engagement Manager's report
- Mr Haynes asked that it be noted that Oak Valley does not have a central body (Land Management) that takes care of contracting. (Mr Haynes will follow up with Bruce Macpherson later in day)

4.3 Country

- Biosecurity has special task force regarding camels

Action Arising: Mr Agius asked that a letter to go to Minister requesting that AW be involved in development of related Policy

- EMU: Hugh Pringle will be presenting later in day
- Oak Valley – letter written to Oak Valley regarding land management - contracts signed
Mr Agius Note: *may be worthwhile including other communities into regional discussions on Water*
- Yalata's emergency response: Fire management letter written(?)

- Maralinga: Mr Haynes raised a concern about radiation during rehabilitation in the area

Action Arising:

- Mr Agius requested an update from Maralinga Council regarding radioactivity in region
- Mr Agius suggested that AW NRM could be promoted around the success of the Seed collection and rehabilitation work done in the region. Mr Ward suggested that perhaps Nathan Williams could take some photographs showing the changes since revegetation work was undertaken in 2008

Note: Mr Hopton suggested he could send records from 1996-97 for the Boards perusal

4.3 Water

- Communications plan for water plan created by Paul Dalby: he will discuss later in the day

4.3 Items Carried Over

Actions:

- letter to be sent to Minister of Education regarding NRM as part fo the curriculum
- letter and discussions proposed to University Vice Chancellor re student involvement in NRM
- Intellectual Property to be discussed by Mr Collins later today
- Note: Parry raised points from closed meeting and said he would talk to Matt about some issues raised later in day and noted that others would be discussed as part of the day's proceedings.

5. Presiding Members Report

Parry Agius spoke about his recent Board related work including his attendance, on behalf of the Board, at the *Building Better Boards* and *Feral Animal Carbon Methodology* workshops. He told the Board about the letters that have been sent out inviting participation from SAAL and WA and NT Natural Resources Boards. He was also part of the Governance Training delivered in Pt Augusta.

MS Lester asked about Ninti One's involvement and Mr Agius said they did not contribute a great deal at the meeting

6.1 Strategic and Policy Positioning

Mr Agius informed the Board that he had had discussions about MoU's and Water with Paul Dalby. He asked that it be noted that the Minister has approved the AW Business Plan 2013-14 with latest water related inclusions

Action: letters to be sent to communities regarding this and the Water Plan

6.2 Governance

Mr Agius said that he had been involved in ongoing discussions with the Regional Manager about a range of matters, and with DEWNR regarding Board membership. He also noted that he met with the Governor's Leaders Foundation regarding training

6.3 Broader State NRM delivery

Mr Agius informed the Board that he had attended meetings of:

- the Aboriginal State Advisory Council at the Coorong
- Presiding members discussed/focussed on communication

He also had met with the Presiding Member and Regional member of AMLR and invited them to present on Aboriginal engagement at next AW NRM Board meeting

Action: Invite AMLR (as above) to October Board meeting

Mr Haynes raised that Complete Personnel have to develop an employment Plan and that perhaps AW should be part of that consultation: PM advised him to speak to the Engagement Manager about it

6. Regional Manager's Report

6.1 Board Strategic Foundations

Matthew Ward provided a brief rundown on the Strategic Foundations for the benefit of the new Board members and as an update to others. This included a description of the relationship with DEWNR and reporting responsibilities/requirements. He expanded on the Boards policies, MoUs, Schedule 5 (Priority and Performance Matrix related to the Service Level Agreement)

He explained the Plan to the Board and how the policies and MoU relate to our work and the Board's direction. He described the correspondence and meetings already undertaken as part of establishing foundations with various regional authorities APY, Yalata and MT. He distributed a table showing at a glance, who is responsible for what and how work/projects etc align with the Board's priorities.

Mr Agius noted to the Board the value of this format as it showed the links clearly between what is being done to achieve priorities and "*keeping our house in order*".

Mr Haynes raise that MoUs are non-binding but that Service Level Agreements are stronger and longer lasting. Mr Ward responded describing the framework and relationships that the Board is aiming for. Mr Haynes suggested considering a different name for the same type of agreement. (This was expanded on later in the meeting – please see under item 13)

Key work undertaken were discussed including: new Board membership; MoUs with regional stakeholders; workforce review and presenting the Boards activities for DEWNR – who we are and where we are going

6.2 Board Governance Training

Mr Ward described the Governance Training undertaken and its relevance to how the Board works. He proposed using a simple 6 month planner (chart) to keep track of Board meetings/events and the key issues which might be discussed/included at each.

Mr Agius suggested when and where we might hold various events (including Board meetings) and Mr Ward entered them directly onto the planner.

6.3 Restructure and rationale of NR AW workforce

Mr Ward provided background about the growth of the NR AW workforce. He then discussed the new structure using an organisation chart. He explained the drivers for change and the rationale for changes. He explained the various streams and how the each position functions to achieve the Boards objectives.

Move to accept both PM and RM's report:

moved by: Sydney Chamberlain **Seconded by:** Mima Smart All in favour

7. Financial Report

Thuy Phan described for the benefit of new members about her role and continued to discussed:

7.1 The Board Bank Account

Ms Phan explained that we are required to close the AW bank account but that we have not had it confirmed by Shared Services as we, and a number of other Boards, have reservations about this. It is widely considered that it will affect the level of service able to be provided. Mr Ward said he has been in negotiations along with other RM's. We are currently trialling the Shared Service option

The Presiding Member noted that we should have followed through with putting forward expressing our views (in a letter) as it was a Board decision. He wanted it noted that our Board has a unique set of lifestyle influences and must be put forward to the CEO asap

Action: letters to be sent to CEO (as above)

Ms Phan noted that the Minister has to sanction closing of the Board account: this has been raised with DEWNR. However we are not allowed to pay from AW Bank account – all payments must go from Shared Service at present

Mr Ward noted that part of the last SLA was the commitment to joining finances through DEWNR

MS Phan told the Board that: Mileage fee can be paid before the meeting and at the meeting

Payment of sitting fees will be paid after the meeting. Parry asked that we push have that changed

Ms Lester asked about how payments will be managed through Shared Services. Ms Phan said she would do all follow up and send information to Rose Lester

Mr Agius asked how we currently track payments

Mick Haynes suggested that we should have a policy about Board responsibility regarding travel and accommodation

New Action Arising:

- Ms Lester asked about how payments will be managed through Shared Services and Mr Agius asked how we currently track payments Ms Phan said she would follow up and send information to queries
- Mr Agius asked that we inform the Board members when the money is coming in and what it is for
- can we let people know a week in advance – we need a process plan eg letting people know
- development of a policy about Board responsibility regarding travel and accommodation to be discussed at next Board meeting

For Note Parry informed the Board that he has written to Janet Queama regarding her attendance

7.2 Board Bank account and Payment Process update

Ms Phan explained to the Board that a one way travel allowance is paid to Board members through Shared Services in the pay cycle before the meeting. The return mileage is paid to Board members with a cheque at the meeting and sitting fees are paid in next DEWNR pay cycle after meeting. If necessary AW can put a purchase order in at a fuel station so Board member can fill up to come to meeting

(This was translated for Board members)

Thuy explained the Monthly Transaction Reports for 2012-13 and the graphs illustrating the figures and showing that overall total expenditure matched budgeted figures

She then explained the figures and charts on the Financial Report as at 30 June 2013 including a summary of the AW income and expenditure as well as the percentage of expenditure used for Aboriginal wages

Mr Agius asked the Board to take note of the need to gain funding

New Actions Arising:

- Add Board expenditure to Finance report
- Individual agreements for members re responsibilities to the Board
- Clarification about where the borders lie with regard to be considered as an “employee”

Motion to accept the financial statements for the period ending 30th June 2013

Motion moved by Sydney Chamberlain **seconded by:** Mick Haynes All in favour.

8. Sustainable Landscapes, Planning and Evaluation’s Report

Sustainable Landscapes, Planning and Evaluation’s Report incorporated into following report.

9. Water

9.1 Paul Dalby announced that AW now has a Water Plan and that it is unique because it was driven by the needs of aboriginal people and took into consideration on-ground as well as cultural issues.

He described the process of developing the Plan and that it was driven by the Board’s Water Policy. He noted the significance of having the policy saying it was instrumental in ensuring that the Plan would suit Anangu requirements

He spoke about consultations with various regional groups undertaken with Neil Collins to understand the range of water concern to ensure the Plan was informed by Anangu requirements

He described how the Plan tied in with the NRM Act and that the Minister has signed off the Plan (it is now law). Over the next 12 months it will be evaluated and changes can be made if necessary

He explained to the Board the Rules about taking water in the Plan. Neil Collins said that special considerations were given for development around/of communities

Mr Haynes asked about admin of licences etc and Mr Dalby said that was still being worked on

Ms Lester asked how towns/communities/gazetted lands are classified with regard to the Plan

Mr Dalby discussed the process for issuing permits, showing a flowchart of decision making that would assist in determining licensing requirements

Mr Agius suggested the importance of reputation and how communities might manage disreputable requested for water. Paul explained that DIMTR manages this and that Ian Hopton will speak about this later in this session

Mr Dalby discussed the proposed process for approving permits. Importantly that the Board SAAL issues permits under the AW NRM banner and control

Mr Haynes asked about Illuka mine specifically the salinity and quantity of the water used by the mine and about agreements/licences with existing users. Will they have to reapply?

New Actions Arising:

- Mr Dalby to find out about the above query and get back to the Board
- Confirm for Michael Haynes that this Plan also covers the Water Reserves eg Yellabinna
- Independently verified report requested for water supplies considered not potable
- Provide Mr Agius with a desktop look at what WA/SAAL are doing etc. to know what options are available to the AW NRM Board(?)
- Will existing users have to reapply for Agreements/licences?
- Promote Land Holding Authorities (eg Yalata, MT, APY) in our permitting documentation
- Mr Agius requested *Terms of Reference* related to management of the Plan and processes
- Mr Agius requested that the Board have an independent observer (expert) to monitor quality control of the Plan
- Invite DEWNR to next Board meeting to discuss where the Plan sits with regard to the Department's water allocation planning
- Have Water Plan written in language
- Consider how to promote the work done by the Board regarding the significant work done (part of Communications Planning)

The Presiding Member asked about funding SAAL issuing licences. Mr Colins suggested that we would probably need to have a Service Level Agreement with SAAL.

Mr Haynes asked about how the community would be notified about intentions to use water ie seek cultural approval and water notification discussions – recommended that he raise this with DIMTR in following session

Mr Dalby also explained about how the new NRM Water Plan could be managed and how people from the region can be involved in monitoring water usage (in line with licensing etc.)

The Board approved the work done on the Plan to date.

Recommendation that the Board allow DIMTRE to have responsibility for Exploration and Mining licences with regard to water. SAAL and DIMTRE already have systems in place to manage it

9.2 DMITRE representative: Water

Ian Hopton, supported by Malcolm Walton (both from DIMTRE) provided a brief background about DIMITRE and about how they and the Board work together for the benefit of new members.

Mr Hopton spoke about: the process in place for licensing ie application, environmental assessment and other requirements; the various types of licences, licensing consultation and Native Title considerations; environmental assessment and approval of Environmental objectives. He also explained:

- Activity Notification and approval eg landholder information ie Notification of entry, risk assessment (rehabilitation, impact on community)
- Licensing and approval process for exploration activities
- Regulation of mineral exploration activities (applications and licensing)
- (35 days notice required before companies can go on ground DIMTRE has to approve and Notice of entry must be given 21 day prior to entry)

- Mineral Exploration Approvals: eg submitting a Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (companies must pay a bond for rehabilitation)
- Discovery and development: low ratio of mining (2%) to exploration undertaken mining lease not automatically given if exploration proves successful
- DIMTRE's interaction with the AW NRM Board: several opportunities given for the Board to comment on any developments
- Permit Processes as recommended by Paul Dalby and Neil Collins to be approved
- Moved by Brian Queama and seconded Mima Smart

Actions invoked

Mr Agius suggested that the Board establish a sub-committee that focuses specifically on Water issues
Mick Haynes and Rose Lester nominated and accepted

Moved by: Brian Queama **seconded by:** Mima Smart

The Presiding Member nominated to represent the Board on the Water Strategy and Planning Committee, accepted by Parry Agius

Moved by: Rose Lester **seconded by:** Mick Haynes

New Action Arising

- AW NRM Board to engage an independent expert to be on the Water Strategy and Planning Committee. The Board recommended Paul Dalby

Moved by: Mick Haynes **seconded by:** Mima Smart

- Signing ceremonies for Minister of the Plan with DEWNR and the AW PM with SAAL's PM

10. Manager Community Engagement

10.1 Mr Macpherson delivered his report as part of the following session

11 Maralinga Tjarutja and Yalata

Maralinga Tjarutja, Yalata and Manager, Community Engagement sessions were combined to allow more time for other matters

Mr Agius invited Brian Queama to chair the session

11.1 General Update by Manager, Community Engagement

Bruce Macpherson described the Dreamweaver project and showed the members examples of the Reports (Story Books)

Ms Smart talked about the Dreamweaver projects that she was involved in and about what was discussed with the ladies on these trips about Land Management including culture and rockholes and showing the young women the women's sites. She said they are looking at another trip in Gawler Ranges which is in planning with communities in the APY through to Yalata/Oak Valley and Eyre Peninsula

Local Anangu women fully supportive of trip and hosting/helping the trip. Ms Smart hoping to organise a formal Women's Council for the region Far West Coast and Eyre Peninsula.

Mr Macpherson mentioned that there are currently 3 key project bases working about Dreamweaver and that these continue to be of interest to Anangu women. The Board now has received a significant sum for women to be involved in land management and in doing so handing on cultural knowledge to the young women.

Mr Lewis raised that it would be good for AW to discuss with APY Land Management and work together for regional Land management involving Anangu outside of IPA's in particular joint projects

New Action Arising:

- Motion put forward that AW engage with APY Executive to talk about working with them on APY projects

Motion moved by: Mick Haynes **seconded by** Mima Smart All in favour

Bruce Macpherson talked with the Board about Aboriginal employment and how we can follow who (Anangu) is working in direct, tertiary and secondary employment stating that our role is to build capacity, employ either directly or through contracts or casual jobs Anangu who that have the capacity

He described the intention to increase aboriginal employment (over the next four years) by 5% per year and how that will be met

Mr Haynes raised that training gets delivered but there is no work to follow up. Mr Macpherson said that there will be six monthly reports delivered to show how the % increase is being achieved

New Action Arising:

- The *Direct, Contract, Casual* employment terms be included in a revised version of the Employment Policy

Ms Lester asked how can we could put in a funding application for a conference to talk about business models/plans. Bruce explained that there are some political situations happening with MT that make things more difficult

Mr Haynes raised that the Land Management Program said that it had been resumed as part of Breaking the Cycle (FACHSIA). Mr Macpherson said some discussions had already taken place and that there were a number of favourable outcomes eg Chemsearch, Cyber tracker training, Buffel grass mapping etc. Mr Haynes said there is a big gap now since changes to CEO's and said it would be good to readdress it through (FACHSIA). Bruce said we haven't been able to meet with the MT Board for over 12 months but has met with Complete Personnel and others

Mr Macpherson also mention the Awards night NRM Awards, Goog's Lake, the women's trip and Volunteer group award and Yalata's Work Health and Safety. He asked for a Board member to self-nominate to attend the Award's dinner in November. Mima Smart nominated

New Action Arising: Mima Smart to attend the Award's dinner in November

Mr Macpherson also asked the Board how they would like to be involved in the development of the Community Engagement Strategy. Mr Agius noted input should be at both a higher level (Eagle) and in the detail (on the ground). Mr Haynes suggested we get all major players at the table including FWNT, TAFE, Communities, Complete Personnel, Camel project etc should all be at the table

New Consideration: NR AW and interested Board members meet all major players (as above) to discuss and develop the Community Engagement Strategy

11.2 Invitation for input from Government members

In relation to Commonwealth Defence Lands: they have to have a Deed of Exploration and Access requires a coordinated approach between the Commonwealth and the State. It is currently in discussion and **Mr Hopton will get back to the Board about what is happening** about that

Regional manager asked whether the Board wants the employment summary data included in agenda papers as a standard item. General agreement given

Action: Include employment summary data in agenda papers as a standard item

12 Yalata

Covered in previous session

Meeting Day 1 Closed at 5:00 pm

Meeting Day 2: Opened 9:00am

Mr Agius briefly reiterated the proceedings of the day before and outlined what would be discussed today

13. APY Lands

Rose Lester chaired the APY Lands session

Guests: James Armitage, Nerida Saunders, Tom Rich,(DPC) and Hugh Pringle (EMU)

Mr Agius briefly reiterated the proceedings from the day before and welcomed the guests. Also it was noted that Mr Lewis would need to leave early to attend a Buffel Grass meeting in Pt. Augusta

All attendees introduced themselves and described their roles.

- 13.1 Neil Collins** gave an overview of 13-14 the APY and the AW's current involvement in resource management in the region. He mentioned some of the funding around the work and the other agencies/people AW is involved with. He also talked about water and feral animal management in the region showing examples of the remote sensing images that indicated radical change (loss) in vegetation over a particular area of the APY.

Rose also raised that check recording...

- 13.2 Hugh Pringle**, project manager of the EMU program thanked all those involved in getting the program underway with special note to Neil Collins and Central Lands Council (Alice Springs). He introduced the EMU Ecosystem Management Understanding Program. He described where it is currently being undertaken as a holistic adaptive land management process that focusses on and uses the expertise of the people who live and work in the region.

He discussed EMU's origins and developments in the APY Lands. He pointed out the willingness of the Anangu to be involved in EMU work: building on local knowledge – rather than teaching, building capacity so that work can continue to support more productive, healthy landscapes.

Cultural areas checked with local Anangu and Premier and Cabinet for titles. Cultural conservation underpins all activities - land use patterns that respect culture - looking to find ways that "fit" the cultural system to heal the land. *Manta Palya Kutu* - the name chosen by the elders of region – the people chose their projects and priorities. He explained where the project area is and the challenges and plans including feral management and cattle. He pointed out the importance of women's business is properly addressed

Ms Lester asked about interpreting, and Hugh said they work with people who are strong in both languages

Action: She suggested that EMU could look at having an interpreter (check recording). It was generally agreed by Mr Collins and Mr Pringle that this was a good idea and should be followed up.

She also asked if EMU produces a report that can be/is used to inform APY Land Management. Hugh said they give verbal updates to the various programs in Umuwa.

Neil suggested that we might be able to link with Dreamweaver in some way to cover this. Ms Lester also suggested that perhaps we should consider transferring some knowledge of the project into educational type documents.

She asked the names of the Anangu working with Emu and Mr Pringle said: Willy Edwards and Wonlka, Peter Monkary and Alec Baker

11.2 APY Partnership Agreement

Nerida Saunders said the APY Partnership Agreement had been ratified by all government parties

She said that the Government have been watching what has been happening on the ground to assess provision of services. An agreement between Government and Anangu about how we can include a in the provision of services and access them. Looking at ways to make sure information is shared better across the APY and how Anangu leadership can be more effective in their negotiations with government. She then introduced James Armitage saying the process has 2 parts and this is Phase 1 - Consultation.

James Armitage pointed out that this agreement has been in development since 2011 to improve enhance regional governments and develop a region plan that has Anangu involved in planning. First stage is a signed agreement that puts together a set of statements about how the government and Anangu will work together, share responsibility, accountability etc. it is a 3 year agreement, with statements that sets out a process to move forward.

For this to work it was considered that there need to be an Authority to be established made up of government reps and APY CEO. Mr Parry said he considered the term *Authority* was misleading in terms of how their role is perceived. Clarity was given by Nerida that the 3 representatives are mandated to represent their respective parties. James said he follow up on this as they (the Authority) have not yet met.

Mr Ward asked the interpreter to run through with him the Agreement for the benefit of the Board in language. He pointed that stage two relates to establishing how the “Authority” work together with the people. It is proposed that people will work on the schedules. For example, (Anangu) working groups around healthy country might involve AW - another around Safe Community and around education.

Mr Lewis raised that there is a perception that the government is taking money away from communities, and there are no real jobs for Anangu – it’s all going to councils and groups but not real work. He acknowledged that there are moves toward involving community more in decisions but ongoing work is not coming through. Community members are not happy to just work as volunteers because they need to make money. What the community wants to do is work and then they can look after their own health and housing issues.

Mr Armitage said the Agreement does focus on councils and the delivery of programs. Employment of Anangu is key to all the incoming projects and programs. Ms Lester acknowledged that it will take time for the Agreement to become effective. Nerida explained that the intention is that the councils provide a voice for all Anangu.

Ms Lester asked what this Agreement means to AW NRM. Ms Saunders said that Schedules around Healthy Country are in development and that this Board could be instrumental in developing the Schedule as part of a working group around **Law an Culture**. Matt raised that we have employment statistics and we can see the potential to be involved and that AW may also be able to contribute at other levels.

Mr Agius said we need to consider how we fit NRM into Law and Culture. He then reiterated the structure that underpins the Regional Partnerships Agreement process. He raised concerns about how feedback about the delivery of service from the community is fed back up to the councils and mandated representatives. Nerida said the councils need to actively seek feedback and that the next stage of scheduling will look at how they can effectively engage and gain advice from Anangu.

Mr Haynes asked about how a change of government may affect the agreement. James said that if there is an incoming change in government he does not believe the impact will be significant but as we are in caretaker mode he is unable to give a definite position.

Ms Smart asked about MT and its management. Ms Saunders said Leanne Liddle is covering the position at Oak Valley until a new General Manager and Land Manager Co-ordinator are installed. Money is available for a part time Land Manager and to undertake projects with AW and various other agencies.

Ms Lester asked about the General Manager in the APY. Ms Saunders said that an interim Manager will be installed the process of seeking a new MG. is underway. It is expected that this take about 3 months

Government representatives were asked for input: **Ian Hopton** said that there will be many opportunities and impacts that will be relevant to the Board as plans unfold.

Actions Arising:

- Write to Minster regarding the Plan and that Presiding member be considered to represent the Board on Schedule developments
- Write to Nerida and Mike Bully to indicate the AW NRM Board’s interest and requesting that we be notified when Schedule development ready to go forward
- Inform APY and Executive about what is happening (using the EMU model of approach). Ensure the Board knows the processes that are in place
- Ms Lester requested the minutes from the APY Council meeting
- Formal letter sent to all councils regarding Water Plans
- Media release when the right time comes

Sydney Chamberlain chaired the West Coast session

Mr Ward acted as proxy for Justine Graham as she was currently attending the Mamungari Board's inaugural meeting. He informed the Board that Ms Graham would be cutting back her work hours and provided an update on her behalf saying that:

- The Mamungari Board is now established and informing the Board about who the members are and that, although we had Board meetings schedule since June, the first was being held today (29 August). The Mamungari Board will have two meetings per year and will manage money for on-ground work in the Park and for one cultural trip per year.
- AW now sits on the State Buffel Grass Taskforce (Ms Graham currently covering this). Mr Agius asked if this position could be designated as an Anangu position and asked that we actively look to find an Anangu person who might have the required capabilities. Will be advertised in Koori Mail, Pt Lincoln Times and the West Coast Sentinel.
- Brian Queama will be invited to be on panel for selection of the new Fire Officer

Mr Haynes raised that Native Title holders don't have total control over Parks and that the community will be closely involved in determination and development of the Management Plans.

- **Illuka** is looking at whether it is worth mining sites which have been picked up having deposits with satellite imaging. Board to note that it will have an impact on water
- NR AW will looking at reviewing our Service Level Agreement with Eyre Peninsular and noted how well the partnership has worked to date citing Goog's lake and NRC photo exhibition and other examples.

Mr Haynes asked how we (AW NRM Board) manage cross border management issues such as border work with WA and the NT regarding camels and fire management.

For Note:

- Heidi Crow dropped by to say goodbye to the Board. Mr Ward thanked her for her contribution during the time she has been involved with the Board as a government representative
- Mr Agius thanked all the Chairs for leading their respective sessions

13. MoU

Mr Ward explained for the benefit of Mr Haynes as a new Board member the background of Board related MoUs to date.

He said there has been a recent review of need for government reps at Board meetings: we have been in discussions about what the best fit will be. Mr Haynes noted the value of having people who are informed at the meetings.

Ms Lester put forward that she did not see the need to have government reps attend the whole meeting but that it is value to have them available at particular sessions. Mr Haynes commented at how impressed he was with the way the AW Board meeting was managed, the briefing papers etc.

Parry put forward a move that we no longer need government agencies attend the meetings except by invitation. He said that we will let the Minister know that we are reviewing this and that we would like to implement it in the new year

New Action Arising:

Produce a paper for the Board with a list of gov agencies for the next Board meeting

Matt then spoke about the MoU between DEWNR's CEO and the Board's Presiding Member and that some different words were put in it to ensure it aligned with our particular situation. There are a number of schedules around that he described and explained that they still need considerable refinement

New Action Arising:

- Parry suggested that we should have a meeting around development of the Schedules. Agreed that this take place at the next meeting. Mr Agius requested that the managers be available to discuss this with the Board

- Create a checklist of how we are going on each principle of the Schedules.
- Extend an invitation to ASAC Chair Derrick Walker and NRM Council chair Andrew Inglis to attend our December meeting to update the Board on what they are doing.
- Request the minutes from ASAC meetings. (ASAC forum is under the NRM Council and is made up of aboriginal reps from other NRM Boards) that advises the Minister)
- Write to Paul O’Leary and ask for clarity about Ms Lester’s role on the Committee regarding camels. Matt to Talk with Paul and Neil Collins.

Matthew Ward explained the AW and DEWNR’s involvement in the Reconciliation Network and the various programs, principles that it involved. He spoke about how AW influences and works toward increasing in the number of Anangu involved in NRM and how ASAC can be part of that.

Mr Dalby and Mr Ward then discussed MoU’s with relation to Water

Mr Dalby presented some examples of good and bad MoU’s and asked the Board to consider what the AW’s should look like.

Ms Lester said that we need to clearly and simply describe why we have a MoU. Mr Haynes raised a few terminology considerations eg *Anangu will need to be involved* as opposed to *will*

The following were the thoughts put forward by the Board relating to what MoU’s should cover:

Principles

- Recognition of each other’s governance rights and obligations under legislation
 - recognition of each other Plans and Agreements and obligations how can we help each other
 - connection to International Agreements
 - reference to our Policies
- Valuing each other’s cultures and recognition that it is human beings are affected and involved
 - Recognising the traditions, cultures and practices that are ongoing
 - At an individual level: we have cultural responsibility to marry the skills knowledge and expertise of individuals from both cultures
- Working values: respect, trust, honesty, integrity, sincerity, responsive

Suggested that AW could reword the listing of 7 ideas based on 5.2 of the RPA’s document

Responsibilities

- who is responsible for what and when (leadership and commitment)
 - A Statement of Leadership
 - AW Staff: Commitment to Action
- exchange of communications eg how we addressing concerns, how we stay informed etc
- dispute resolution (clarity around relationships)

Administrative commitments

Scope: the things that are inside and those that are not part of the NRM Board’s and other party’s role

Rationale for MoU

- strength in putting a joint front forward: we can help
- tie in our key objectives under People Country Water
- Joining our land management plans, ideas etc

Consideration was then given to a better name for MoU’s, one that would have greater relevance to the people concerned. *Palyanki Kalkuni* (a good promise) was agreed to be a good choice for the southern regions – could be modified according to the region.

It was also suggested that *Making a Promise Work* be considered as a possible heading.

Helen Donald suggested that to give greater strength and public visibility to *Palyanki Kalkuni* the poster/certificate could be display in community meeting areas promoting the agreement and understanding (duel logos)

Paul to send copy of MoU examples to Helen.

14. Key Messages from Meeting

- Board attended the Strategic Thinking and Alignment workshop
 - Action:** the Board would like feedback from Cas (the presenter/trainer) regarding their comments
- New Board member (Michael Haynes) welcomed to first meeting . Gary Lewis, who will be joining the Board next meeting attended to familiarise himself with Board processes
- Guest speakers provided insight into the EMU project and APY Partnership Agreement (the Board discussed what their role would be in further development)
- Future action on the Water Plan: decisions made with regard to mineral and exploration licencing in accordance with standing laws and that we would use SAAL to manage AW licences as SAAL already have processes in place and the AW potentially will has few requests
- Opportunities considered to expand the Board's role through partnerships
- AARD was informed about how engagement might happen in our region
- Took the lead by offering to be part of the RPA and offer specific advice regarding the development of the new road
- Discussion held about the attendance of government reps at future Board meetings
- AW has passed auditing and that our expenditure was within budget
 - Action:** Invite Minster the CEO and all through group directors for the Christmas meeting.
 - Requested that consideration be given to clarify the difference between Authority and mandate from AARD (in the meaning and language of the RPA)

15. Correspondence and Other Business

Noted that correspondence was available and had been viewed by those who chose to.
No other Business raised

16. Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting currently scheduled to be held on 30 - 31 of October, 2013 in Adelaide proceeded by an all day training session on 29 Oct, 2013

Meeting Closed

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at:
3.30 pm on Thursday 29 August, 2013

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date: 22 /09/2013