



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 40

MINUTES OF MEETING

Held Tuesday 29th – Wednesday 30th October, 2013

Venue Address: Natural Resources Centre, Ceduna

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, Mima Smart, Brian Queama, Sydney Chamberlain, Michael (Mick) Haynes, Janet Queama

State Government Representatives: Ian Hopton (DMITRE)

AW NR Staff: Matthew Ward, Helen Donald, Neil Collins, Bruce Macpherson, Sue Agars,

Guests: Paul Francis, Basil Colemann, Ollanta Lipcer (NR AW), Harald Ehmann (NR AW),

Meeting Procedure

Pre-Meeting Discussion
9.00 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: Rose Lester, Janet Queama</p>
2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest
<p>2.1 The Agenda for Meeting number 40 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>
3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
<p>Mr Agius worked through the minutes from the 39th meeting of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board held on 28th-29th August 2013</p>

- The Board **adopted** the Minutes from 28th -29th August, 2013 without further amendment

Motion moved by: Sydney Chamberlain Seconded by: Gary Lewis

4. Review of New Action Arising Sheet No. 38

Mr Ward progressed through the *Actions Arising* from Meeting No. 39 and provided a status update on each. He asked the Board to reflect upon the Board's acceptance of the water "rules" discussed in the previous meeting

(Mr Queama and Michal Haynes joined the meeting)

Mr Ward thanked Neil Collins for covering the Regional Manager's position in his absence. He then asked the Board to note the new format of the spreadsheets used for monitoring the progression of Board Actions

4.1 Board Actions:

- Draft Policy developed for Board payments and travel
- Recommendation that we are consistent with other Board baseline perception plan that says what the purpose of the importance of maintaining the Board's identity, Plan outline for approach rationale etc

New Action: Request for spider web perspective of relationships to the Board, indicate levels of interactive relationships – significance of relationships

- New Sustainable Resources Officer soon to be joining NR AW: one of their first priorities will be to review the Plant Declaration

4.2 People Actions:

- Discussions with FAHCIA (now Department of Social Services: DSS) to be discussed later with Engagement Manager
- Waiting for new Oak Valley General Manager, Richard Preece to start before arranging meeting to discuss OV MoUs and to create forum of TAFE, DIMTR Federal gov etc. At this stage, meeting planned for mid-November
- Ian Hopton provided report on radiation levels at Maralinga
- **New Action:** Ian Hopton to supply electronic copy of Maralinga report to the Board

4.3 Water Actions:

- Draft terms of reference have been developed (Water Committee Parry Chair) meeting to be held within next month. Note: caretaker mode starts mid-February
- Mick noted that there is mining activity about to take place that will require a lot of water. Ian Hopton assured the Board that all Approval have to go through DIMITR's permitting process

New Actions:

- Neil Collins to develop process to capture comments related to the water plan
- Letter from the Board to FWC Native Title needs to be sent to provide an update on Water Plan
- Ian Hopton to provide update summary on water with regard to mining
- Spider web chart to include the Board's Government reps as required
- Mr Agius asked that AMLR be invited to the Dec meeting for discussions on Aboriginal Engagement (note: Derek Walker already invited for Lunch: perhaps he might present in first session before or first after)
- Parry asked that we colour code Board, Water, Country, People, red for any incomplete
- Drafts of the various incomplete Board policies be ready for review at a special session considered for February
- Item 46 to be removed
- Matt Ward introduced Paul Francis and discussed his role as part of Caring for Country
- Item 19 to be removed
- Mr Agius suggested that all completed actions be reviewed by the Board out of session.
- Mr Ward asked for feedback on new format: all playa with inclusions as mentioned in actions above

5. Presiding Member's Report

Parry Agius spoke about his recent Board related work including his attendance, on behalf of the Board, at the SEGRA conference. He was particularly impressed by the *Looking at Your town, Your suburb* etc. and would like AW to consider how we can present our region to others with the same degree of effectiveness. He also discussed the conference's presentation on entrepreneurial endeavours that were simple and require minimal "red tape" and noted that this may be applied to Anangu business enterprises related to NRM.

Mr Agius met with:

- the Prime Minister's Advisor on Aboriginal Programs and discussed land management and the role of NRM in job opportunities
- Yalata Council: AW now has a draft MoU (copy of draft included in agenda section)

5.1 Strategic and Policy Positioning

Mr Agius will be presenting at the Presiding Members Forum in Nov on Aboriginal engagement

He met with Premier's Advisors and discussed economic management of government funds and how it can best be used to support Aboriginal employment: encouraging and multiplying the effect by supporting ongoing opportunities

He also held discussions with consultant Tim Moore related to Climate Change and carbon farming.

5.2 Governance

Ongoing discussions to keep action going forward and ensuring that we keep within the boundaries of the Service Level Agreement

5.3 Broader State NRM delivery

Ongoing discussions broadly on NRM

The Annual Report Draft was distributed for discussion. Mr Ward briefly explained its content and that a "gloss" report would also be developed for wider distribution. He asked the Board to approve the draft for submission to the Minister. Kangaroo Island has a good "this is what it's all about" to be used as a comparison doc on an annual basis. Neil Collins explained some of the financial detail of the report including the total comprehensive results

New Action: Send out Audit Report for approval to Audit and Risk Committee members: Rose Lester, Parry Agius and Sydney Chamberlain

Move that the Annual Report be accepted and forwarded to the Minister subject to approval of the final Audit Report:

moved by: Mick Haynes **Seconded by:** Mima Smart All in favour

Feedback provide related to the meetings held with Yalata Community Council around the (MoU) Palyaku Kalkuni Yalata Agreement draft, the Water Plan, Fire and Buffel Grass. Mima Smart explained her take on the meeting and said that the Council needed to be able to understand how the Agreement it would impact on the community. The end result was very positive. Mick Haynes also attended the meeting and was happy with document. Change name on MoU from Palyaku to Palya Kalkuni

Move to accept in principle the Yalata Palya Kalkuni be accepted and forwarded to Yalata Council subject recommended changes:

moved by: **Mick Haynes** Seconded by: **Mima Smart** All in favour

New Actions:

- Mr Ward to edit in accordance with Presiding Members and Mick Haynes recommendations
- Document to go to FWC and ALT AS precursors to future discussions with them

6. Regional Manager's Report

6.1 Mr Ward explained the **Performance Schedule 5** to the Board

6.2 Key issues

Mr Ward discussed plans for an MoU with APY and asked Mr Lewis to reinforce to the APY Committee at their meeting (scheduled for the following week) that the AW NRM Board would like an opportunity to meet with them to discuss an Agreement as soon as possible.

He explained the rationale behind the changes to the workforce strategy and the current positions that have been filled as well as those in progress.

He asked that the Board note that the Natural Resources Committee has now released their parliamentary report related to their fact finding tour in the APY Lands/Breakaways. Mr Ward ran through the recommendations that were put forward as part of the report including: Buffel grass management, camel management, water permitting

He showed and discussed a spread sheet that has been developed clearly showing the priority actions of the Board

Mr Ward told the Board about DEWNR's Strategic Business Review and his role in communicating AW's position. He also explained that DEWNR has a target of a 3% increase in Aboriginal employment by 2015

New Action: a copy of the Report from the next Presiding Members meeting related to DEWNR's efforts and plans to engage Aboriginal communities to be presented at the Dec meeting

Parry asked what contingency plans AW has for managing possible DEWNR funding cuts. Mr Ward said that the priorities would have to meet the requirements of the Act and would seek other opportunities (alternate means) to continue work. Important that the Board be seen as central to the NRM work in region. Mr Agius asked that Mr Ward consider, as we move forward, ways that established targets are need to be maintained to continue significant community relationships and partnerships.

Mr Ward asked the Board to note the information on the NRM and Agriculture Sector Action Plan which reflects stronger bonds between NRM and the agricultural sector.

Move to accept both PM and RM's report:

moved by: Sydney Chamberlain **Seconded by:** Gary Lewis All in favour

7. Financial Report

Matt Ward on behalf of Thuy Phan discussed:

Mr Ward pointed out that the work Thuy work has been strongly focussed on the Financial Audit and Financial Report and the draft of the Board Payments Policy

New Action: Mr Collins to provide Mr Agius with a copy of the CfoC Final Reports

Mr Collins told the Board that Tim Goode is looking into the management of Board bank accounts. Under consideration is also having AW NR financial systems being set up together with project management systems

Mr Ward ran through the Summary of the Financial Report (provided as a paper) as at Sept 2013

He explained the expenditure to date and committed funds under the Board, People, Water, Country all represented as pie graphs as well as incoming funds. (40% from Caring for Country)

He also explained and expanded the *Monthly Report of the Board State NRM Fund* and the *Summary Report of the Board's Income and Expenditure*

It was noted that Salaries appeared to be slightly under what was budgeted however these costs were expected to be on budget by end of 2013. Mr Agius asked that any savings be channelled to achieving other specific outcomes eg the Board's influence in the region

He also asked that it be noted how much easier the current format was for the Board to understand at the financial details but perhaps consider putting an section related to Risk

Move to accept both Finance Report:

Motion moved by Sydney Chamberlain **seconded by:** Brain Queama All in favour.

New Actions

- Matt Ward to development a draft Board (Responsibilities) Agreement to be presented for consideration by the Board (travel, accommodation, commitment to time frames etc) Neil explained the way it works when doing Board business of as a contract. Needs to be clarified in the Agreement
- Create a new calendar of dates that show meeting times and payment times and indicate what the payments are for and when they can be expected (Communications Coordinator)
- 2014 Board meeting Program needs to take into consideration DEWNR's payment cycle
- Make clear in invitation letters about when Board members are expected to chair sessions
- Contact Chair of the Buffel grass task force regarding payment for meeting in Port August

Lunch

8. Sustainable Landscapes, Planning and Evaluation's Report

Sustainable Landscapes, Planning and Reporting incorporated into following report.

Neil discussed the Wild Dog Policy development driven by the APY who are looking an expanded pastoral projects

Dog control is considered necessary with particular focus on the areas where cattle programs are in place. Specifically timed baiting programs are being considered for development. Not looking at a broad dingo management program at this point

Neil recommended that the Board consider and approve the proposed Wild Dog and Dingo Control in the APY Policy

Gary Lewis noted that people around Kulka, Pipalatjara and New Well previously required permits to shoot dingos and that Anangu were not consulted in the right way. Matt explained that select baiting has been done in the past

Actions Mr Ward said he will follow up on Mr Lewis report that dingos are still being shot in that region.

Mr Agius asked the Board to consider the importance of dingo and how we can operate with them.

Mr Ward recommended that the Board consider putting words around culture as part of this policy.

Actions The Board develop a Wild Dog Baiting Policy

Due to time constraints it was decided to cover remainder of the Sustainable Landscapes, Planning and Evaluation's Report on day 2

Note: Rose Lester (through Parry) requested that the AW have further conversation with the APY Executive around water as the information is not getting out to the community

9. Climate Change and Indigenous Carbon Fund

9.1 Mr Agius and introduced Nathaneal Wiseman and Cathy Robinson

Mr Wiseman explained the progress of his work since he last spoke with them and that now they are in phase of consultation and feedback with the communities at this point in particularly with Yalata.

Mr Agius suggested that, as community members travel across the lands, perhaps they could be more active in helping note indicators of climate change if they were provided with the right tools. Mr Wiseman said he would be happy to consider this and would appreciate any suggests from the Board or community regarding tools.

Cathy Robinson from CSIRO Brisbane spoke to the Board about her research in other communities and asked that they consider supporting her to continue her work in the AW region.

She explained the Indigenous Co-Carbon Benefit Project and how it has a strong cultural element combined with animal management

Motion to move motion:

That the AW NRM Board support in principle the CSIRO Indigenous Co-Carbon Benefit Project proceed in the AW region, provided:

- a) The Yalata Council supports the project at a local level

- b) The project adds value to existing NRM activities
- c) The project is used to raise the profile with the Community, Industry and Government
- d) The establishment of a working plan for the next 12 months
- e) The Yalata Council and AW NRM Board to be included on the Projects Advisory Group
- f) An AW NRM management team member be co-opted to the advisory board

Motion moved by Sydney Chamberlain **seconded by:** Mima Smart All in favour

10.

10. 1 Ollanta Lipcer talked to the group about her reflections of AW over the last couple of years. She mentioned 3 areas where she has seen significant improvements. These revolve around bringing people back into the centre of our work

1. Googs Lake restoration work: damage being done in the absence of an effective management plan Important to reinforce that the community are actually the owners of this park. Through Community consultation reinforce that they own this park, volunteers involved in planting seedlings (they became the caretakers of the land)
2. Working with Yalata: in the past engagement not very successful, so looked at offering contracts that facilitate community needs and around their time and availability which works better eg community working together with AW to do restoration work of Koonalda Hut
3. Women's Program: Getting Women back to cultural sites started with a planning meeting to give clarity about what they wanted and how they might go about it. 4 trips have since been undertaken to clean rock holes etc. The whole process is evolving into a broad women's cultural business venture across the state

Challenges (room for improvement):

1. to work more effectively with Far West Coast Native Title
2. more engagement with Youth
3. learn to be better facilitators
4. recognised the great support of the Ceduna and Adelaide team and of the Board with particular note of Mima Smart's input

Ian Hopton noted that the regional football teams play annually and that it might be a good opportunity to engage Youth and get them thinking about NRM

10. 2 Harald Ehmman started by saying what an honour and privilege is has been to work with AW and the many Anangu involved in the course of his work.

He mentioned the projects he had worked on and the significance of that work in particularly on the work done with the long tail parrot and marble gums in the Maralinga Tjaratja

He mentioned that he is a strong advocate of cultural diversity and has always applied this to the knowledge from Anangu and "whitefella" science. He wanted us to consider the impact of our imposed ideas and changes on the country and on the Anangu

He discussed the importance of recognising eco diversity and how it is linked to the existence of our and all the planets. One of these is the management of Fire because traditional burning is no longer practiced where lots of small fires supported healthy biodiversity.

He promoted traditional cultural learning (one-on-one) learning for good skills transfer: a tapered mentoring system involving one-on-one training in the initial part of a project that would gradually see the mentors involvement decrease and eventually mentees carry on independently.

He informed the Board that although he is moving on from AW he will be happily focussing on his children and family, ecological work and his commitment to aboriginal sovereignty

Action Letter of appreciation to both from Parry Agius (copy to Chief Executive and Regional Manager)

Meeting Day 1 Closed at 5:00 pm

Meeting Day 2 – 30 October 2013

Meeting Day 2: Opened 9:30am (some members late)

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

Mr Collins finished his planned session from day 1: **Sustainability, Planning and Reporting**

Discussion opened on the Wild Dog and Dingo Control in the Pastoral Area Policy: changes made to the vision related to it being a 2 way process; and consideration of the cultural connection to dingo (*papa*)

Recommendations review: Mr Agius pointed out that at this stage this policy only relates to the pastoral areas of the APY Lands

Action: MW raised that a committee is being established that focusses on feral animal management particularly in the APY. Mr Agius requested that consideration of the cultural connection to dingo (*papa*) be presented as to the committee.

Recommendation: write to Bio security and APY Executive recommended that aboriginal representation on the Dingo management committee should come within the pastoral zone and in the future we will look at establishing an all aboriginal committee

Move a motion to accept the recommendations of the Manager, Sustainability, Planning and Reporting subject to further amendments

Motion moved by Sydney Chamberlain **seconded by:** Brain Queama All in favour.

Neil Collins then went on to explain to the Board about how the Water Plan is being communicated to the communities. Rose Lester raised earlier that she was concerned that the APY Exec we're getting the information through to the community members. Looking at better ways to ensure that community members are informed about the Water Plan.

He also discussed the need to get the Regional Plan (which includes the water Plan) into the Minister before the end of January before the government goes into caretaker mode.

Working on developing cross-border water management as part of the Water Plan.

Move a motion to accept the recommendation that the Board strives to submit the 2014-17 Business Plan draft by the December meeting. Final changes may be done and forwarded to the Minister by January.

Motion moved by Gary Lewis **seconded by:** Mima Smart All in favour.

Caring for our Country Overview

Paul Francis introduced himself and explained his role and relationship with *Caring for Our Country*. Department of the Environment (DotE). All aboriginal business has been moved into Prime Minister and Cabinet. All Aboriginal business now being moved to central body (Warren Mundene) but 5 year program funding remains with DotE (funding commitments will stay as agreed)

Green Army program focussed on young people and will have extensive programs across Australia.

Noted that AW is doing an exceptional job of delivering applications in extremely short time frames (Aude Loisier and Yasmin Wolf credited)

Matt Ward asked the Board that since he and Parry were going to Canberra if they had messages that they wanted related to the Commonwealth. Mima Smart asked that they meet separately with Parry to get messages written down. She asked that the trips for Ladies on county be raised to ensure the value of them and the funding for them be discussed

CfoC recognises the difference for AW in terms of area specific issues eg transport, accommodation etc.

Suggested that we extend an invitation to particular Commonwealth reps to visit county and gain a clear understanding of the regions particular successes and issues. Target the right people eg those who are developing new programs

Mr Agius asked who we could invite from Canberra. He suggested that it is important that and have legitimate reasons for bringing them over eg remote area/aboriginal specific. Mr Agius asked the Board if

they agreed that we should invite Canberra reps to the region. All agreed it would be a good idea, for at least a couple of days.

Action: The Board extend an invitation to significant Commonwealth reps to visit county

A new group established in Canberra's at government agencies - we need to look at all government agencies operating in our space.

(Michael Haynes joined the meeting).

Parry suggested that AW goes to the Commonwealth with a draft Anangu Army (Green Army) strategy that makes recommendations and is supported with links into the various Acts and commitments eg aboriginal employment and sustainability. Paul suggested that AW needs to understand the parameters and conditions and understand what room there is to move them.

Mr Ward made special thanks to Paul for his support of AW.

Caring for our Country Overview

Bruce Macpherson described for the Board the work done on Koonalda Shearers quarter and described how successful the people involved worked together

He acknowledged the difficulties faced by Maralinga Tjarutja in not having a CE over the past few months. He spoke about previous work has been done such as the women's camps, Buffel Grass work. New manager starting next in early November. New Remote Jobs in Community program will be looking at how we can lock ourselves in with that program. Some caution advised.

He showed a PP presentation and described how we plan to build on the work done over the past few years. Acknowledging Mima Smart and Lorna Dodd for driving the Women's cultural work. Noted the work done on our reporting processes both to the communities and government bodies the expansion of our networks and linking in with various programs and agencies

He discussed our visions and goals of our region with the addition of a new vision under Employment "where that is capacity we employ, it where there is not we support development"

He discussed the objectives of Employment and Education and the targets set in achieving these.

Mr Agius requested that we use terminology so that skills and qualification can be utilised in a cross section of work and that names for work performed are more in tune with the work being done. eg *labourer* working in tree planning could be call a *conservationist*. Suggested that we look at how the mining industry describes skills

Parry asked that we use the Anangu name for "women" ie *minyma*

Gary Lewis asked about the women's trips and wanted to know how inclusive of our programs were of women from across the APY region (not just 3 communities: inclusiveness). Bruce pointed out that the Dreamweaver has been very successful however APY Land management now has the Dreamweaver budget but we will work with them to support continuity

Mr Agius suggested that we establish a contracting process that we want all contractors to go through eg there is process for becoming preferred provider/procurement process

Mr Macpherson closed with an overview of where to next and providing 2 way feedback mechanisms

He suggested we might have a rep from RJCP speak to the Board regarding programs Michael suggested that we wait until the new year when they have a clear picture of their plans.

Action: Mr Ward suggested that the Board needs further input into the Employment Policy through conversations with the Engagement Manager: **organise an out of session group** to discuss and follow up with a session at next Board meeting.

13. Yalata

Mima Smart chaired the Yalata session

Bruce Macpherson spoke about contract with Yalata all completed and reported on. NRM Community Grants was not acquitted.

Work currently being done to define and establish Work Practices Guidelines.

Considerably greater funding now available for coastal work which opens up more opportunities for contracts for Yalata.

AW will be there to offer support and training for the IPA. Yalata has 7 different work groups where as previously there were really one 2 groups including IPA.

Mima talked about the Adelaide Aboriginal Women's Office and her presentation and that she was chosen by the elders to be their spokesperson. She showed the women at the conference all story books and they were really happy and wanted to know how it all came about. It came through strongly that there was no others doing the same for their communities. She told them about the Women's camp planned for next year and that the community needed to organise the funding. Mima explained to them that it was really important that each community needed to have a strong minyma representative so that they could all get together and share their knowledge and find ways that they can help work together and share their issues.

She would like to put forward a recommendation to the Minister for the establishment of a Women's Council. The Minister said it is of high priority that they look for strong woman leaders for future generations.

Action: Mima Smart requested that a letter drafted and recommendations about the future

Mr Ward asked how the mulloway work was going or any other issues that Yalata wanted to put forward to the NR AW. Mima Smart noted that too many people are coming and over fishing the mulloway in the region. Situation is being looked at by Paul Dalby. New fire truck has been delivered.

Mima also raised that the Yalata Community vehicle was not safe and that perhaps AW could consider helping them to get a vehicle for use on the women's trip. Then she said that the old ladies are putting their money from their paintings together to buy a Toyota just for women's business

Action: Mr Agius requested a copy of the Plan be delivered to the Board prior to the December meeting. Yasmin Wolf to present at next meeting.

Government representative Ian Hopton told the Board that Permits for exploration licences have been submitted and approved.

Action: Write letters to the 3 exploration companies (similar to the introductory letter sent to BP)

High Priority: Send MoU to Greg Franks by the end of month.

Mick Hayes raised discussion on the importance of self-management, driven by aboriginal people saying that it is the only way for them to have control. "The Government needs to listen to what the aboriginal people want not the other way around and the government needs to stop micro managing aboriginal affairs".

Bruce Macpherson pointed out that until we get someone to replace Ollanta Lipcer (who previously was instrumental in the women's work and is going on maternity leave) to support the Women Program, AW is limited in the extent of support we can provide.

Gary Lewis talked about the need to connect the women from across the lands in paid work opportunities and maybe we could employ someone (a coordinator) to help in organising various agencies to work together with NR AW to keep Anangu in work. Bruce said that Walter Tjami is working in Umuwa in that capacity.

Actions Arising: Women's discussion for next Board meeting

13. Maralinga Tjarutja

Brian Queama chaired the Maralinga session

Bruce Macpherson explained that Nathan Williams has maintained communication with Yalata and MT has a great relationship with the young men. A film of the young men discussing Land Management is planned.

Work has not progressed much due to disruptions to Maralinga Tjarutja community governance: new General Manager Richard Preece will be starting at the end of this month.

Malleefowl and Buffel Grass work has continued.

Actions:

- Invite the GM's from MT (Richard Preece), APY (Shane McArthur) and Yalata (Greg Franks) and Far West (Basil Coleman)

12 APY Lands

Gary Lewis chaired the APY Lands session

Neil Collins gave an overview of the Consultation trip that he recently went on in the APY Lands; met the new General Manager. He referenced the AW's *Feral Animal Management on APY Report* and the *APY Consultation Feral Animal Management and Changes to Water Rules under the NRM Act 2013* document which described the issues of communities. This will be followed up with plans to address those issues and getting back to the communities for further consultation and feedback.

He spoke about Gary Lewis and Walter Tjami's role in supporting the consultation and showed the presentation. He mentioned that more monitoring systems proposed be put in place to monitor the health of the land/water/cultural sites etc. in the pastoral areas.

He showed the areas where camel mustering activities already in place. Gary Lewis explained that many of the local Anangu have the capability to muster etc but need support in business management

Mr Collins said that a book film has been put together of the Anangu talking about the camels that he will send out to the Board

Mr Ward talked about waru said work is presently on hold while staff replacements are enlisted

Bruce has been working in the region to help develops the works program and consulting to find out what work needs to be done and what the people want to work on.

Move that the Board supports and endorse the work being done by NR AW be continued

Motion moved by Sydney Chamberlain **seconded by:** Mima Smart All in favour.

Action: that it be the success of the delivery be Communicated widely

12. West Coast

Michael Haynes chaired the West Coast session

Matt Ward provided an update on behalf of Justine Graham, Manager Landscapes, Conservation and Public Lands. He explained that this role has been slightly modified to take in landscape and conversation aspects.

He spoke about development of the co-management agreements between the government and Yumburra and Nullarbor Park Boards. Co-Management Boards (which will include DEWNR representatives) will have more say in the management of public Lands than previously. Mick asked a question about why not use the AW Board as part of this process. Mr Ward explained that we do have a say in the wording of Co-management Agreements through our representation on the Co-management Boards.

He went on to describe the successful work undertaken on the Nullarbor lookout and Koonalda station buildings through the cooperative skill integration of workers from the Yalata community and AW and EP staff.

He informed the Board that the first meeting of Mamungari Board was held in Oak Valley in August and that the members will be undertaking governance training in Nov 12 and 13th 2013.

He briefly described the new positions coming in under the Manager Landscapes, Conservation and Public Lands and the progress made in recruiting.

14. Key Messages from Meeting

- Recognition of Far West Native Title determination FWCTLA: consideration of the 2 new Co-management Boards/Committees
- Invitation to the Community Chairs for introductions and discussion
- Strong endorsement of the Camel
- Invitation to the Commonwealth people (showing our Story)
- Tabling of the three new exploration companies and our invitation for a meet and greet
- Approval of AW NRM Board and Yalata MoU
- Board appreciative of the Financial report new format

- Satisfied with the partnership between the DEWNR management and their cooperation and engagement with the AW NRM Board
- The Board approved of Catherine Robinson's CSIRO project being progressed at a local level (Yalata)
- That the management of Board's finances is a shared responsibility
- The Board acknowledged the work of AW and EP staff as outstanding

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 11th – 12th of December, 2013 in Adelaide proceeded by an all-day training session on 10 Dec, 2013

Meeting Closed

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at: 4.30 pm on Wednesday 30 October, 2013

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date: 04/11/2013