



## Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

### Meeting No. 47

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

23 February 2015

Venue: Ceduna Foreshore Hotel

#### 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:	
<b>AW NRM Board Members</b>	Parry Agius (Presiding Member), Mima Smart, Brian Queama, Sydney Chamberlain, Mick Haynes, Gary Lewis
<b>NR AW Staff</b>	Matthew Ward (Regional Manager), Tim Moore (Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability), Executive Officer
<b>Guests</b>	Keith Peters and Peter Clark (MT), John Mungee (Mamungari), Jen St Jack (Facilitator), Michael Garrod (DEWNR)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Janet Queama

#### 1. Welcome and Apologies

##### **Meeting opened at 9.30am**

Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius welcomed all to Meeting 46 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board). The meeting was declared open and area's traditional Aboriginal custodians were acknowledged.

Roundtable introductions were provided for the benefit of Board and guests, and it was advised that Mima Smart would be providing translation service during the meeting.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The Agenda for Meeting 47 was adopted without amendment. The Presiding Member advised this meeting would be strategic only, reviewing and developing AW NRM Board Policy statements, and discussing the development of an MoU or Palya Kalkuni with MT.

#### 3. MT & AW NRM Board Palya Kakuni

##### **Presiding Member, Parry Agius**

Mr Agius thanked the Chair and General Manager of MT Council for attending the meeting. He advised that this was an opportunity to discuss how the AW NRM Board and MT Council could work together, forming an agreement from a shared vision and dreams. This is to create a solid foundation for the future, and how we work with our partners, and for next regional NRM Plan.

Mr Agius provided the attendees with an overview of key stakeholders and their roles in the AW Region. APY Executive and Yalata Palya Kalkuni brochures/agreements were tabled as examples. He advised that the APY Palya Kalkuni was still in progress, and a review of Yalata agreement was forthcoming, but that all Agreements should be set in place by 2018.

Discussion on benefits and down sides to be explored. Timeline of April discussed/agreed upon (next MT Council meeting). Invitation for AW Board/Staff to attend next MT Council meeting to be forthcoming.

Regional Manager Matthew Ward provided an overview of the Palya Kalkuni development process. Dreams and visions of Boards involved. Some of the things we consider when we are developing PK are: Shared dreams, shared purpose, talking and thinking about what we have in common, and so how we can work together. What does success look like? One Story, One Plan. Public message (funding agencies view more favourably when working together). Unity and working as one brings in more resources.

Keith Peters – demonstrated MT viewpoint including Climate Change, managing own land, and unite as one, long term plan for the future.

John Mungee reiterated need to work together. Board members responsibility to report back to community about agreement. Agreement will make things stronger. Board members to report back at next meeting and represent community needs.

Matthew Ward advised critical policies which sit behind agreements, indicating that it is Board policy that all work is devolved by community first – training/work etc. Aboriginal Employment Policy.

Gary Lewis stressed need to manage own land, Anangu to manage natural resources. Important to work in partnership.

Parry Agius provided conclusion – all view points have been provided – and now to consider further for future discussions.

Peter Clark commented that this was complex and challenging: issues around different land holders, mining leases, diminishing funding etc. Advised definite advantages to having unified voice and the ability to provide positive outcomes.

Mima translated re: future actions. Next MT meeting in April, discussions to occur before-hand and then discuss during MT Council Meeting.

**Action: Chair AW NRM Board to write letter to MT Chair re: conditions around creating Palya Kalkuni. For discussion at MT Council Meeting in April 2015.**

#### 4. AW NRM Board Policy Statements

##### *Jen St Jack (Facilitator)*

Parry Agius provided introduction advising Jen St Jack had been employed to review and develop Board Policy statements with Board. Parry advised policies help design how things are run and how to think about all things concerned ie. dreams/visions/actions/outcomes. Advantages for new personnel and Govt. to see how we think. Today is about reviewing past policies and creating new policy for the future.

Matthew Ward reminded the Board of Governance Training received in Port Augusta and what is involved in being a well governed board. Trigger model demonstrated – AW Board talks every February meeting about Board Strategy / Monitoring / Reporting / Policy.

Foundations for Policy to be reviewed and discussed. What is important to us? And how do we achieve our goals?

**Our Vision** – working with communities to care for the cultural and physical landscape in the face of a changing conditions

*AW NRM Board Policies Reviewed:*

**Our Foundations** (new), **Managing Water, Land and Sea Country To Be Healthy, Strengthening Law and Culture** - amended to Strengthening Our Connection To Land, Sea And Culture Through NRM, **Empowering Community Driven NRM**, and **Supporting Aboriginal Economic Development**.

**NEW AW NRM POLICIES DEVELOPED:**

**1. Enterprise from puni and mai (Commercial Use of Native Vegetation)**

Discussion around Anangu needs and differing requests for seed types ie. ok to give to local areas but not international. Connect to Culture based Tourism Policy & Economic Development Policy. Bush medicine, bush foods, native seeds. Policies to link in with Business Plan/Trigger model. NRAW to support business ideas with scientific research & suggestion/recommendation. Create economic opportunities.

**2. Connection to Land, Sea & Culture**

Discussion around sharing land and sea, and what is determined as culture – dancing, story, people, Inma, land, spirit and knowledge. Emphasis around strengthening and sharing. Connection to the land. Cross cultural communication needed. Share with all visitors that visit region.

**3. Funding**

Funding necessary to achieve outcomes of dreams/visions ie. employment and NRM. Funding needed to run all the different programs. Stability of that funding is paramount. Knowing that funding will be provided will allow the Board to conduct Board business without having to spend time on ensuring adequate funding is available. Need for leadership training for younger generation. Connect to land sea and culture policy re: generate income. Need to provide legacy and reliability, stable, predictable, sufficient funding (petrol tank model) to support our communities. We provide leadership in capturing opportunities for attracting funding. We strengthen and build upon relationships with our partners.

**4. Tourism**

Anangu share their unique landscape and stories with the world. AW Region has to offer: Fishing, Marine Park, Whale Watching, sheep shearing, guardians, tourism plan, airstrip, culture and history, landscape, stories, bush tucker. Value add to projects in region ie. training, employment, Anangu trainers, economic independence and self-sustaining economy. Provides ownership. NR AW to bring to Govt and outside sources to obtain interest/action.

**5. Climate Change**

Matt provided overview of changes to Ministerial Portfolio's – Minister Hunt now Minister for Climate Change. Board discussion around what they need to consider for climate change. Need for resilience in face of change – bushfire, hotter/less water, looking after visitors. Opportunity to measure and provide data/feedback on climate change. Seasonal Calender's...could be useful to indicate change. Issues such as over-stocking in region to be examined. Link experts and communities to make sure country is strong in face of changing climate. Board to be informed and then provide advice to community and government. Gain understanding of climate change in our region. Be ready to adapt to how things might change with the land and sea. Making sure the community can make informed decisions about the future.

***Motion: The Board accept and endorse the 5 new policies as developed (above).***

***Moved: Sydney Chamberlain***

***Seconded: Mick Haynes***

**POLICY AMENDMENT:**

**1. Economic Development**

Changed to reflect new Aboriginal Education, Training, Procurement and Employment Strategy to shift away from the Board employing Aboriginal people directly, to supporting Aboriginal enterprises who employ. Enables the Board to significantly contribute to Aboriginal Employment Strategy. Consistent with Govt. priorities for Aboriginal Employment. More likely to attract funding.

**2. Co-management of Public Lands**

Discussion around the Board's role in NRM and supporting and working with Co-Management Boards ie: Mamungari, Nullarbor Advisory Committee, Tallaringa etc.

## 5. Meeting Close & Next Meeting

There being no further strategic business to discuss, AW NRM Chair Parry Agius provided thanks to NR AW Staff and guests for their contribution and attendance. The meeting was declared closed at 5.30pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2015.

**The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held:** during April, location to be advised.

**Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:**



**Date:**

**16 / 03 / 2014**