



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 52

MINUTES OF MEETING

30-31 May & 1 June 2016

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:	
AW NRM Board Members	Parry Agius (Presiding Member), Mima Smart, Mick Haynes, Debbie Hansen, Kristy Richards, Michael Garrod (Day 1 only)
NR AW Staff	Fiona Gill (Regional Director), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement), Thuy Phan (Business & Partnerships), Timothy Moore (Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability), Casey Reynolds (Trainee), SA (Executive Officer)
Guests	John Mungee, Mamungari Conservation Park Co-management Board
Apologies:	Ian Crombie, Peter Miller, Gary Lewis

1. Welcome and Apologies

Meeting opened at 9.30am

Apologies: Ian Crombie, Peter Miller, Gary Lewis

Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius welcomed AW NRM Board members, guests and NR AW Staff to Meeting 52 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board).

Nil quorum at present (awaiting Michael Haynes and Gary Lewis).

New Board appointments: Mr Agius advised there were two new Board Appointments including Kristy Richards (Aboriginal Lands Trust), and Peter Miller (FWCAC). Mr Agius welcomed the new members and roundtable introductions by the Board and Natural Resources AW staff were provided. Mr Agius requested that staff provide some background information to their presentations for the benefit of new Board members.

Mr Agius advised AW NRM Board now have representation of all land holding authorities in the Region. Important to recognise these connections, with a view to developing MoU's with land holding authorities in future.

Mr Agius declared the meeting open and acknowledged the area's traditional Aboriginal custodians, past and present. An overview of the Agenda for Meeting 52 was provided, and the Board were asked for any additional items for discussion.

Michael Haynes joined the meeting (10.00am). Quorum achieved.

2. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Agenda for AW NRM Board Meeting 52 was adopted and there were no declared conflicts of interest.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Summary of Minutes & Actions of **Meeting 50** (held in Adelaide 14-15 December 2015) and **Meeting 51** (held in Coober Pedy 7-8 March 2016) were reviewed and discussed. The Minutes & Summary of Minutes of Meeting 50 & 51 were adopted without amendment.

Moved by: Mima Smart
Seconded by: Debbie Hansen

4. Action Items & Business Arising

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

The AW NRM Board Action Register was viewed and discussed.

Discussion around *Palya Newsletter* – new ‘tagline’ wording in language requested by Mima Smart to effect ‘working together to keep country strong’. Request by Presiding Member for Mima, Kristy and Debbie to come up with a set of words to bring before the Board.

Action: Mima Smart, Kristy Richards, and Debbie Hansen to develop a set of words in language to bring before the Board for consideration around *Palya Newsletter* and ‘working together to keep country strong’

Mick Haynes advised the Board that a Regional Indigenous Tourism Plan was being developed by the Regional Development Authority – part of State wide Indigenous Tourism Plan. Regional being developed first. Parry Agius advised that the Co-management MoU/Palya Kalkuni was to be finalised prior to further development as this will open new opportunities for Aboriginal people across Region for promoting tourism and tapping in to the tourism market. Invitation to RDA to attend AW NRM Board Meeting in future for discussion. Opportunity to provide leadership with key stakeholders and create Tourism Strategy. MoU will assist Regional Strategy. Discussion around lack of Indigenous Tourism Plan.

Action: A/Regional Director to invite Regional Development Authority to attend AW NRM Board meeting for discussion and prioritise action for Regional Tourism Plan. NR AW staff to prioritise

Action: Presiding Member to extend invitation to Chairs of Co-management Boards to meet with AW NRM Board and finalise MoU agreement

5. Manager Report – Manager Regional & Business Partnerships

Thuy Phan, Manager Regional and Business Partnerships

5.1 Board current Financial Report as at 30 April 2016

Discussion around underspend of Board Commitment \$5-\$10k due to AW NRM Board Audit & Risk Meeting not being held (members unable to attend). To be carried over as retained earnings.

Estimate that People Budget will result in underspend approx. \$100k to be carried as retained earnings. Result of reduction in staff. Estimate that Country budget commitment will result in underspend. Will be carried over for payment of contracts.

\$305k to be spent by 30 June on commitments. Discussion around approx. \$100k non-committed funds to be carried over. Board will seek approval from Treasury to carry-over unspent funds. All effort being made to commit funds so not carried over.

Recommendations: The Board note and approve the Board’s 2015-16 Financial Report as at 30 April 2016

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorsed the recommendations to note and approve the Board’s 2015-16 Financial Report as at 30 April 2016

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Michael Haynes

Action: Business Manager to present Treasury Guidelines to the Board at next meeting. Paper to be developed for Audit & Risk Committee re: accessing retained earnings for future planning

5.2 Proposed Board Budget 2016-17 (included in previous presentation)

Presiding Member provided an overview of current and previous funding received/expected for the benefit of new Board member/s. AW Funding 2009-2018 reviewed. Patterns of funding and grants overviewed.

Presiding Member advised the Board that the NR AW method of reporting was important and reflects the reasonably consistent funding. Proposed Projected Expenses for 2016-17 reviewed. 11.96FTE.

Recommendations: The Board review and approve the proposed budget for 2016-17

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorse the recommendation to approve the proposed Budget for 2016-17 as provided by the Manager of Regional & Business Partnerships

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart

5.3 Board Instrument of Delegation 2016-17

Background and purpose of financial delegations provided. Minor restructure in AW last year resulted in some old positions being abolished and new positions being created. Instrument of Delegations have been updated for the Board to include:

1. Authorisation to undertake the procurement of goods and services
2. Delegation to make payments
3. Authorisation to approve that a contract including for the purchase of goods and services, be executed
4. Delegation to execute contracts, including for the purchase of goods and services, on behalf of the Board
5. Authority to affix the common seal of AW NRM Board

NR AW positions which have financial delegations are: Regional Director (formerly Regional Manager), Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability, Manager, Community Engagement, Manager, Co-Management and Public Lands, and Manager, Regional & Business Partnerships.

Delegations are now sought for additional AW regional staff (listed in the Instrument of Authorisation) to undertake the procurement of goods and services using DEWNR Purchase Card.

Review Board Financial Policy

Review of Board Policies. The Board note the updated Policies and legislation register as presented.

Instrument of Temporary Appointment – AW Authorised Officer

Previous Authorised Officer (Paul Gregory) is no longer working with AW leaving no capacity for Authorised Officer. Andrew Sleep (EP Operations Officer) nominated to be appointed temporarily until AW Authorised Officer appointed. Position appointed.

Recommendation: The Board approve the updated Instrument of Delegations 2016-17, and the Board approve Andrew Sleep to be AW Authorised Officer

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorsed the recommendations to approve the updated Instrument of Delegations 2016-17 (Andrew Sleep (NR EP) be to appointed as Authorised Officer for AW), and updated Board Policies as reviewed

Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

5.4 Board Financial Management Compliance Program

Background and overview of FMCP provided. Focus for improvement: Risk Management, Financial Management, Income Management, Assets, Governance Matters (Audit & Risk Management Committee, and Legislative Compliance), and Management of Reporting Arrangements.

Recommendation: The Board notes the proposed implementation for 2015/16 in FMCP, and approve the 2015/2016 FMCP

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorsed the recommendations to note the proposed implementation for 2015-16 in FMCP, and approved the 2015-16 FMCP

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Michael Haynes

5.5 Board Risk Register and Work Health & Safety Management

Background and purpose provided. Discussion around staff, contractor and volunteer safety, and management of WHS principles. Michael Haynes requested further detail around wording which captures definitive standard around minimum requirements/certification to ensure safety. DEWNR does not have a definitive standard or

process around what constitutes sufficient safety procedures for workers. AW Board have Policy which sets a definition of Cert 2 and 3 for workers. Suggestion for all workers including co-management workers to obtain sufficient certification or Recognition of Prior Learning to acknowledge training achieved. DEWNR safety procedure to be clearer around relationship and responsibility which applies to all contracted workers.

Discussion around distinction between labour hire and volunteers. Relationship between DEWNR and contractors to be further examined. Risk of losing qualified contractors and not being able to employ the services of local people to conduct works on-ground. Discussion around minimum DEWNR requirements. Question around risk and legal liability under the WHS Act for DEWNR and Board members.

Discussion around requests from Far West Coast Aboriginal Corporation (FWCAC) members to work on country, which conflicts with minimum training standards set by DEWNR (NR AW) when contracting through Ceduna Aboriginal Corporation (CAC). For discussion at next Co-management Meeting.

Action: A/Regional Director to discuss issues around contracting members of FWCAC (where minimum training standards are not met) at next Co-management Board meetings (Yumbarra and Nullarbor)

Recommendations:

That NRM Boards adopt a single unified policy to manage the safety of their members including any person directly engaged by a Board to join a NRM Group or Committee and include the following:

1. The AW NRM Board adopts a local policy of specifying minimum qualification(s) for all on-ground work contractors ie. Cert II for workers and Cert III for supervisors in Conservation and Land Management, or equivalent (implemented by 2018)
2. All DEWNR employees continue to be managed under DEWNR's Safety Management System (SMS) and the Department's policy and procedures
3. DEWNR and NRM Boards acknowledge that volunteers will be engaged by DEWNR staff and their safety managed via the DEWNR Volunteer Management Framework
4. DEWNR and NRM Boards acknowledge that Contractors are engaged and their safety managed via the DEWNR Contractor Safety Procedure.

Discussion around further recommendation which indicates on any on-ground contractors that are engaged to undertake any work on parks. Further discussion with FWC to occur around level of certification required.

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorse recommendations 1-4 as provided by the Manager, Regional & Business Partnerships

Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Mima Smart

Action: Manager Community Engagement to present paper at next AW NRM Board meeting (August 2016) to work through minimum standards in WHS and certification which the Board may find acceptable

AW NRM Board Risk Register

Overview of updated AW NRM Board Risk Register & Policy Register including updates provided. Request that the responsibility for each registered risk lies with the Regional Director. Action appropriated to Managers.

Motion: The AW NRM Board adopted in principle the revised Risk Register and Board Policy Register Amendments to be reviewed in detail by Audit and Risk Committee at next meeting

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards

5.6 MoU/Palya Kalkuni between AW NRM Board and NR AW Staff

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Background and overview of *Palya Kalkuni* between AW NRM Board and NR AW staff provided. Summary of Remuneration and Reimbursement for NRM Board Members reviewed. Amendments made to remove items which were no longer relevant and update in accordance with DPC requirements - to be added to *Palya Kalkuni* as an appendix.

Motion: The AW NRM Board accept the changes as reviewed in the *Palya Kalkuni* between AW NRM Board and NR AW Staff

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards

6. AW NRM Board Audit & Risk Committee – Requirement for new membership

Thuy Phan, Manager Regional & Business Partnerships

Overview of Terms of Reference and membership for AW NRM Board Audit & Risk Committee. Discussion around membership and functions of the Committee.

Recommendations:

- The Board review and update the AW NRM Board Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference
- The Board consider nominating members to replace Mr Sydney Chamberlain and Ms Rose Lester
- The Board endorse the replacement of Dr Matthew Ward with Ms Fiona Gill (Acting AW Regional Director)
- The Board consider including the Regional Director or A/Regional Director as Audit & Risk Committee standing member for decision making purposes

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorse the recommendations for two new Board members be appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee (Kristy Richards and Debbie Hansen), and the Regional Director to be appointed as a member to provide advice to the members of the AW NRM Board Audit & Risk Committee

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Mick Haynes

7. NR AW Organisation Re-structure

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Overview and background to re-structure provided. Changes due to cost pressures and work load ie. Co-management which needs to be resourced appropriately. 3 main functions the roles are grouped under: NRM Board and Business Support, Planning Reporting and Advice, and Operations and Engagement. Revised Organisation Chart reviewed. Discussion around Co-management position and Manager Parks and Co-management. Discussion around concerns that Co-management work requirements may lessen capacity for NRM work and strategic direction in the region.

Motion: The AW NRM Board note the changes to the NR AW organisational structure and will monitor the ongoing activities of the NRM Officers in relation to capacity to conduct work in conjunction with Co-management activities and priorities

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards

LATE ITEM: AW NRM Board Tablets

Thuy Phan, Manager Regional & Business Partnerships

Update provided by Thuy Phan. Proposal to purchase 2 tablets and trial during next two meetings. Presiding Member requested priority be given to implementing Interactive Map which will be installed on Board Laptop and presented at meetings. Thuy to provide presentation at Audit & Risk Meeting.

Action: Business Manager to provide presentation on what possibilities are available around AW Interactive Map

8. Funding Submissions - progress and view to future

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Discussion around past and future funding with impacting staff changes. Rigour around Projects for next year; stricter financial management. Delivering on Business Plan to end 2017 and Regional NRM Plan. New 1 year Business Plan to be developed and Adopted by June 2017. Australian Government funding not yet decided beyond 2018.

Review of grants and funding. Community funding and Co-management funding to be further discussed. Presiding Member requested that all grants and funding are to be tabled with the Board for review. Discussion around not wanting to keep doing the same grants/funding with same results yearly. Question around what are we doing to be creative in requesting/receiving grants?

Motion: All future funding/grants commencing 2016-17 financial year to be tabled with Audit & Risk Committee for review and approval, or Presiding Member (if urgent Board approval required)

**Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart**

Policy and Strategic Direction in line with the Business Plan. Principle to have a much more informed involvement at a grant level and therefore outcomes. Need to examine what grants we are getting, and where they are being used. Need to introduce mechanism of control – reduce community and Board dependency on grants, and make more sustainable. Board to encourage and support principle for communities to develop non-dependency.

A/Regional Director advised recent NR AW Staff Planning Day to deliver on commitments of Business Plan: Grouped into 5 areas - Fire, Ferals, Rock Holes, Visitor Management, and Weeds. Delivered through engagement with community. Analysis of priorities for the coming year. Projects mapped against Business Plan and Board Policy. Draft list to be presented to the Board for discussion at next meeting.

Action: Manager Strategy, Knowledge & Sustainability to present draft list of projects mapped against Business Plan and Board Policy at next Board meeting

Manager Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability advised no new grants have been applied for as there are no new funding opportunities at present. Discussion around Board having opportunities to create tourism and other activities in communities. Retain land management, sustainable development ie. Agriculture at Scotdesco. Opportunity to provide training and gain income. Discussion around need for Engagement. Discussion around Indigenous Regional Tourism Plan which will include the 5 communities west of Ceduna. Discussion around creating a 'Regional Voice' to create economic opportunity for communities. Land holders, authorities and others.

9. Natural Resources Committee of Parliament trip to AW Region

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Overview of Natural Resources Committee members, and itinerary of visit to AW Region (places & people) provided. Visit to Maralinga and Oak Valley on Day 1, reviewing opportunities for tourism and invasive species (weeds). Day 2, Co-management and FWC members met with the committee before heading to Googs Lake, to discuss visitor access, Co-management, and Healthy Country Planning. Joined by Rangers from EP and members of Yumbarra Co-management Board, Nullarbor Advisory Committee, and West Mallee Protection Group. Met with CEO Yalata and community members, where issues of housing, education, and transport were discussed. Planning meeting to be held with Yalata in coming months re: projects. Visited Head of Bight and spoke with Far West Coast Marine Parks Officer Dirk Holman and Aboriginal Lands Trust. Visited Twin Rocks and spoke with Yalata community members. Yasmin Wolf conducted Coastal Projects discussion. Visited Nullarbor Caves and talked with Clem Lawrie and NR AW staff about tourism opportunities. Visited Ceduna Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre, discussed Marine Debris Art Project, and spoke with NR AW Trainee Latisha Richards. Followed by debrief with AW NRM Board and NR AW staff. Report containing NRCP recommendations to be tabled in Parliament in July. The Minister may respond to the report/ recommendations and Presiding Member & A/Regional Director may meet with NRCP later in the year to discuss outcomes and progress.

Meeting Close Day 1

Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 52

Day 2 – Tuesday 31 May, 2016

Meeting Opened at 9.00am

Apologies: Kristy Richards, Gary Lewis, Peter Miller, Michael Garrod

10. Board Report – Presiding Member

Presiding Member, Parry Agius

Overview of Presiding Members role and activities since the last meeting was provided (*refer to presentation*).

Additional information:

- NRM Boards thinking `state-wide` rather than regional based
- Parry Agius has been appointed to the SA Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Consultation and Response Agency (CARA) Advisory Board for a period of 2 years. The Board is advising government on response to Royal Commission findings. The AW NRM Board will have access to `live` information around developments in future.

11. RMT Report – Regional Director

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Overview of role and activities conducted since last meeting provided (*refer to presentation*). Schedule 5 reviewed. Activity in areas of Governance, Relevance & Relationships, Partnerships with Stakeholders (status of MoU's), Emerging Strategic Issues, DEWNR more broadly (Co-management of Parks, and meeting attendance). NR AW branch activities. Discussion around HR recruiting and induction of new staff. No Aboriginal people have been successful in recent recruiting. Discussion around what this might look like in 3 years' time in relation to Aboriginal people in higher level positions.

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board note and discuss the reports of the Presiding Member and Regional Director

**Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart**

Action: Executive Officer to follow up actioning MoU / Palya Kalkuni Agreements with Co-Management Boards and Advisory Committees

12. Regional Update – APY Lands

Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability, Dr Timothy Moore
(combined with Report item 13 – see below)

Further items of significance discussed:

- 5 Anangu now employed – will be 15 full time jobs in total
- Bullock wiya – cattle project to work out how best to care for country
- APY Executive – sad passing of the Chair, Mrs Milyika Paddy
- Important changes to APY Act: 14 members, be of good character, 50% kungas, cancel Watarru position
- Staffing changes at APY Land Management
- Lots of drilling across APY – Australian Army may come in and develop new production wells
- Manage ferals, cattle and mining re: water
- New house at Kanpi
- New wadi ranger starting in June
- Kungas learning welding skills, trips to clean out water holes

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board note and discuss the report detailing activities on APY lands

Motion: The AW NRM Board noted the report of Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability detailing activities on APY lands

**Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart**

13. RMT Report – Manager Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability

Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability, Dr Timothy Moore

Overview of role and outcomes provided (*refer to report*). Activities in areas of governance, Sustainable Development, Threatening Processes, and Water. Ecologist appointed (Brett Backhouse), Planning Coordinator position has been advertised.

Discussion around Healthy Country Planning to make next AW NRM Plan – makes local priorities the priorities NRAW will support.

Discussion around SROI and if the Board wants to sacrifice work programs to spend money on this direction. Mick Haynes suggested we start a proposal around Landcare and Ranger Programs. To be discussed further.

Presiding Member advised Manager of Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability he needs to ensure the language contained in his report is about making strong business decisions for the AW NRM Board.

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board note and discuss the report of Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability

Motion: The AW NRM Board note the Report of Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

Discussion around technical issues experienced with Board laptops at Meeting 52 (issues and delays in viewing presentations impacting timely review and discussion of items).

Motion: The AW NRM Board agree to purchase two new laptops and accessories for the Executive Officer to utilise for Board business

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

Action: Business Manager to purchase two new laptops and accessories for EO to utilise for Board Business

14. Regional Update – Far West Coast and Marine Parks

Bruce Macpherson on behalf Yasmin Wolf, Manager Co-management and Public Lands (absent)

Key issues/points of interest: (*refer to presentation*)

- Staff movements
- On-ground works in Southern Nullarbor Region, Yumberra Region, Mamungari/MT
- Co-management update
- Healthy Country Planning update

Discussion around damage to Parks over Easter long weekend (Snr Ranger Report). No penalty/infringement notice issued although offender is known.

The Presiding Member stressed the importance of using strong positive language in presentations ie. language is NOT lost, and that progress IS being made.

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board note and discuss the report of Manager, Co-Management & Public Lands

Motion: The AW NRM Board note the report of Manager, Co-Management & Public Lands

Moved: Debbie Hansen
Seconded: Mima Smart

15. Regional Update Maralinga Tjarutja, Oak Valley, and Yalata

Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement

Guest Chair: Mima Smart

Overview of role and background provided (*refer to presentation*):

- Employment and Social benefits – 23% increase in employment over past 2 years
- National and State Policies and Programs
- Procurement contracts

- Regional approach to training
- Yalata Land Management
- MT Land Management – Integrated to Co-Management
- Education Pathways and support

Booklet on Aboriginal Land Management Training tabled for Board review.

Action: Manager, Community Engagement to develop an evaluation report of Coastal Projects to review results and outcomes, and use as a promotional document. Present at next AW NRM Board meeting (if complete) and send to NRCP when complete.

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board note and discuss the Report of Manager, Community Engagement

Motion: The AW NRM Board note the report of Manager, Community Engagement

Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

16. Regional Update Yalata

Included in item 15 (see above).

17. Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Findings

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Background of NFCRC, AW NRM Board submissions, and Tentative Findings of the Royal Commission. Final report tabled 6 May 2016 which included: *could be safe and viable to pursue a used fuel waste storage facility, would have huge economic benefits for SA, but without broad social and specific community consent it would not be achievable.* Government now setting up two bodies to run a consultation process – Response Agency, and Response Advisory Board, the latter to which Parry Agius has been appointed.

Michael Haynes advised consultation process has commenced, and has provided advice re: which key stakeholders should be involved. Discussion around community views. Parry Agius advised that tomorrow (Thursday 2 June 2016) would be a meeting of the Advisory Board and he would state the community views as recommendations.

Parliamentary Committee also to be set up to provide bi-partisan approach to manage and monitor the process. Overview of stages of consultation provided. Concern about who will be involved in the consultation process, and key stakeholders/representation which may not.

Michael Haynes questioned the process around consultation when local people have repeatedly not wanted anything to do with Nuclear fuel or waste. Discussion around the need to be involved in the consultation to provide a voice around community concern.

Discussion around how the Board can participate in the consultation process and ensure appropriate numbers of Aboriginal representation is assured ie. Tjuntjuntjara (WA) to be involved as they have an interest in country in SA. Need for preparation to act with other NRM Boards ie. SAAL.

Mick Haynes requested the Board consider writing out a Position Statement of the Board or key statement of objectives that the Board can use to present and refer to as the Board view and position.

Recommendations: That the AW NRM Board notes the findings of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission, and note the next step to engage communities

Motion:

The AW NRM board notes the findings of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission, and the next step to engage communities

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

18. Board Correspondence

An overview of the Board Correspondence was provided, with the following items noted for discussion during Item 19 (Other Business):

- Request from FWCAC for AW NRM Board support for their submission to become an Aboriginal Regional Authority
- Request from Adelaide University

Discussion around the recent passing of the Chair of APY Executive.

Decision: AW NRM Board to send a letter of condolence to the family and APY Executive. Designated person to attend the funeral (if available).

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Mick Haynes

Action: A/Regional Director to provide letter of condolence to the family of the late APY Executive Chair, and APY Executive. Designate staff member to attend funeral.

19. Other Business

Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement

19.1 FWCAC submission to become Regional Aboriginal Authority

Overview of Aboriginal Regional Authorities – functions, roles, and representation. FWCAC has provided a submission to become a Regional Authority and approached AW NRM Board to provide a letter of support.

Michael Haynes expressed concern and dissatisfaction about the lack of due process and consultation. Functions, role and guidelines all need placing prior to appointment. Discussion.

Motion: AW NRM Board extend invitation to FWCAC to attend next Board meeting to share their vision as to why they wish to become a Regional Authority (also an opportunity to further development of MoU/Palya Kalkuni with FWCAC).

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Mick Haynes

Action: Presiding Member to extend invitation to FWCAC to attend next Board meeting to share their vision as to why they wish to become a Regional Authority (also opportunity to further development of MoU/Palya Kalkuni).

A/Regional Director to review and advise the Board if any other submissions were provided.

19.2 Sandalwood Study (Genetic & Ecological Health)

Manager, Strategy, Knowledge and Sustainability, Dr Timothy Moore

Refer to Board correspondence received from Adelaide University requesting support for research project being conducted into Sandalwood genetics in South Australia. Discussion around the principles of caring for country and how caring for Sandalwood contributes. NR AW staff to seek further information from Professor Lowe to provide further insight into their request.

Recommendations: (results pending) **The AW NRM Board note the Sandalwood research project by Adelaide University, and discuss further opportunities for AW NRM Board and NR AW staff to support researchers and businesses**

Motion: AW NRM Board note the Sandalwood research project by Adelaide University, and discuss further opportunities for AW NRM Board and NR AW staff to support researchers and businesses

Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Debbie Hansen

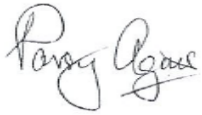
20. Next Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, AW NRM Board Chair Parry Agius provided thanks to members for their attendance and contribution, and NR AW Staff for supporting the Board with their meeting requirements. The meeting was then declared closed at **5.00pm** on Tuesday 31 May 2016. *Please refer to Workshop Meeting Notes for Day 3, Wednesday 1 June 2016 for activities related to these discussions.*

The next AW NRM Board meeting (Meeting 53) will be held: **22-24 August** 2016 in Port Lincoln. Meeting 53 will be for discussion of topical issues, and Regional Reports will be deferred to Meeting 54.

Day 2 Meeting Close

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patsy Gane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Date:

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Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Day 3 – Wednesday 1 June 2016

(Meeting No. 52 – Workshop Session)

BUSINESS PLAN DEVELOPMENT

A/Regional Director, Fiona Gill

Overview of AW NRM Board Business Plan 2014-17. Business Plan structured around People, Country, Water and Board; *Big Ideas for the Next 10 Years* to be discussed at next meeting.

Action: NR AW Staff to develop AW NRM Board *'Big Ideas for the Next 10 Years'* for presentation/discussion at next Board meeting

Current Business Plan requires review by June 2017. Amendments to be made to carry the Board through that time (to include 2017-18). AW Board expenditure in program areas for 2014-17 reviewed. More detailed project expenditure to be reviewed at next Board meeting. NR AW to propose amendments to Business Plan at next meeting, followed by Board endorsement at following meeting.

Ideas for projects/expenditure to be further discussed ie. need to explore that the projects the Board are conducting fit the expectations of the community and Board. Discussion around investing in working on country with Aboriginal Ranger groups.

BUSH HERITAGE AUSTRALIA

Presiding Member, Parry Agius

Resource tabled: Bush Heritage Australia Position Description – Field Officer Bon Bon Station Reserve

Review of document tabled and discussion around ideas for additional positions to help improve Board outcomes:

- NRM Project Officer/Field Officer position/s to be based in Ceduna.
- Tender Writer – to test the waters of government and external agencies

AW NRM BOARD LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Presiding Member, Parry Agius

NR AW staff to consider further Leadership Training for AW NRM Board. New Board members will also require governance and induction. Joint Leadership Training - possibly to involve community in one session per year for Community Leaders.

Need to start talks with Health, Education, Police to communicate benefits if the Board were to take on Rangers/Field Officers. Employment and engagement stops people getting sick and changes people's lives.

THINKING OUTSIDE THE SQUARE FOR 2016/17/18

Presiding Member, Parry Agius

'Bush Meets Adelaide'

Parry raised *'Bush Meets Adelaide'* strategy with NRCP during tour of AW Region, and they advised they were happy to help bring Adelaide people together to hear the AW story. GED John Schutz supportive of idea. RD to consider \$10k budget and provide scoped proposal to next Board meeting for consideration. Parry has spoken with AMLR NRM and they are keen to pursue.

Investment document ie. Palya to be developed? Illustrated map to take to the city?

Principle is to create friends and form a stronger voice by sharing our story and creating awareness. Aim to argue for more resources. Influence other people by selling story to people in Adelaide.

RETAINED EARNINGS *(continued from Item 5, Agenda Meeting 52)*

Presiding Member, Parry Agius

Discussion around the process of accessing and utilising \$100k retained earnings. 4 main things which the money should be used for to be considered by the Board and staff. *Action for this item already recorded.*

RECONCILIATION WEEK – Community Street BBQ Event

Arranged by Helen Donald with assistance from Ceduna staff: Amanda Richards, Latisha Richards, Brett Backhouse, and Codee Spitzkowsky. AW NRM Board Community BBQ went very well with good community member, school and local dignitary attendance. Recognition and thanks extended to the staff involved.

YALATA PALYA KALKUNI / MoU

Presiding Member, Parry Agius

Guests: Russell Bryant (Chair) and Desley Culpin (CEO) Yalata Community Council

Warm welcome to Yalata Community Council members extended and roundtable introductions of the Board and guests.

Parry Agius provided background/history of the Palya Kalkuni and 'One Story'. Draft MoU's are currently in place with FWCAC and APY. MoU's to be developed with OV, MT, ALT, and Co-management Boards/Advisory Committee's. Ideology behind the MoU is to work together and avoid working in conflict.

Mima Smart provided some further insight into the thoughts and principles around the MoU. Mima advised the concept has been working well over the past 12 months, with people sharing goals and visions in the community and throughout activities conducted (eg. women's trip to Serpentine Lakes).

Desley Culpin advised name of Council changing to 'Yalata Anangu Aboriginal Corporation'

Discussion around the benefits of the MoU, with positive comment toward progressing finalised version for joint signing.

Action: Mima Smart and Bruce Macpherson to visit with Yalata Community Council to provide further insight into the Palya Kalkuni revision *(Desley to advise Bruce the time of the meeting)*