



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 59

MINUTES OF MEETING

6-8 March 2018

Venue: The Sage Hotel, 208 South Terrace, Adelaide

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 (and/or proxies)	Parry Agius (Presiding Member), Debbie Hansen , Peter Miller , Michael Haynes , Kristie Richards , Mima Smart , Sally Scales , Anton Baker
DEWNR NR AW Staff	Mary-Anne Healy (Regional Director), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement) (part day 1), Leah Feuerherdt (Planning and Sustainable Landscapes), Thuy Phan (Business Support), Pia Richter (Parks and Co-management) (part day 3), Sue Agars (Executive Officer)
Guests	Julie O'Toole , Wanda Miller (Nullarbor Advisory Committee)
Apologies:	Nyukana Norris (Member)

DAY 1

TUESDAY 6 March 2018

1. Welcome and Apologies
<p>Meeting opened at 1.45pm</p> <p>Presiding Member Mr Parry Agius welcomed AW NRM Board members, guests and NR AW staff to Meeting 59 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board).</p> <p>Mr Agius declared the meeting open and acknowledged the area's traditional Aboriginal custodians, past and present, elders and leaders, and their strong connection to country.</p> <p>Mr Agius thanked the Board for participating fully in the Governance Training session which had been conducted prior to the Board Meeting (see separate Training session notes). It was agreed that the Governance Training was engaging and beneficial, with the facilitator, Kate Costello (Governance Matters) extending herself considerably to provide for the Boards individual requirements. The Board agreed that Ms Costello would be invited back to provide further on-going training sessions.</p> <p>Action: Executive Officer to write to Kate Costello (Governance Matters), expressing thanks for her the Governance Training provided and inviting her to provide further on-going training to the Board.</p>
2. 'The Money Stuff'
<p><i>Paul Wurdemann, Manager Accounting and Procurement DEWNR</i></p> <p>Paul provided an introduction to the item and advised that DEWNR has a number of Boards who are clients of DEWNR and must be able to deliver within the rules. Paul advised that the Board was established under NRM Act, and Public Service Act and serves the public of South Australia in the realm of NRM. Therefore, accountability is required, and there is a responsibility to deliver and stay transparent in all things done and who we do it with. Although main revenue is from State Govt, the Commonwealth also provides funding and accountability is paramount.</p>

Paul advised his role as Manager Accounting and Procurement is to monitor all Board finance and the tools used to spend money with transparency. Discussion around the 'pub and Advertiser' tests. Paul encouraged the individual Board members to ask questions if things don't feel right or look right.

Discussion around partnership roles with Managers ie. NR AW Regional Director and Manager Business Support who are there to instruct and advise. Discussion around Aboriginal procurement in DEWNR. DPC have registers to be combined and utilised. Future directions to encourage people to review register and seek out new suppliers.

3. AW NRM Board Policy Review

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW

Mary-Anne provided background to presentation. At Meeting 57 (held at Scotdesco in October 2018) it was agreed by the Board that Board Policies were to be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The Regional Management Team were to provide recommendations around any amendments and present to the Board for endorsement. Also applies to DEWNR Policies. Refresher provided around content and framework of the Board Policies. The Board is responsible for deciding which policies are needed, then create and approve the vision, purpose and principles of the policy. The Regional director will approve new or amended application sections for each policy, and minor amendments to the vision, purpose and principles (which do not change the intent of existing policy).

Hard copy of Board Policies provided.

Recommendation: the following policies can be approved without amendment for another 2 years.

Policy 1.1 Governance

Paul Wurdemann indicated the policy is good and strong, supporting the principles as outlined in the NRM Act. Michael Garrod suggested that wording in Principles could be more simplified ie. Reference to the State NRM Plan.

Board approved.

Policy 1.2 Authorised Attendees and Guests

Discussion around Schedule 3 of the NRM Act – question around if current method of meeting is the best way of involving the Board members. Any alternatives? Board can be creative in the way they conduct meetings. Sally raised possibility of visiting sites ie. Seeing first-hand the impacts of Sandalwood, or going out to the Warru site to see where the money is being spent and hear from guest speakers and rangers.

Board approved.

Policy 1.3 Language and Interpreters

Discussion around members being from different backgrounds and country, and English is a second language so there is a genuine need for interpreters during meetings. Consideration to having a backup plan if Sally and Mima are not present to provide interpretation.

Board approved.

Policy 1.4 Government Relations

Discussion around the importance of maintaining good relations with the Government.

Board approved.

Policy 1.5 Community Partnerships

Discussion around the importance of recognising the importance of working with others.

Board approved.

Policy 1.7 Board Funding

Discussion around how best to get other resources into the AW region (in the absence of levies). Explore possible partnerships?

Board approved in principle – subject to all other applicable legislation being added.

Action: All other applicable legislation to be added to Board Funding policy.

Moved: Sally Scales
Seconded: Michael Haynes

4. AW NRM Board Policy Review Workshop

Policy 1.6 - Return on Investment

Leah Feuerherdt, Manager Planning and Sustainable Landscapes

Leah provided an overview to the item – to review the Boards policy statement on Social Return on Investment. Discussion around what Social Return on Investment is – investment providing environmental outcomes (grass and trees grow back better), Economic outcomes (better money for the cattle), Social/Cultural outcomes (health and safety of community members ie. removing feral animals from the roads). Leah queried the Board on how best to word and then apply the policy.

Policy purpose overviewed. Vision overviewed – Parry queried what the vision means for community. Access to water? Ability to grow business from the land? Have an income? Should the vision be one of the purposes? Vision: to be more about aboriginal people, communities, and country (use 3rd dot point in purpose and country/sea). Wellbeing – social, economic, health. To increase confidence of our investors – now a principle – add to another principle? Principles reviewed: add health to first dot point. How do we show that we are helping others (organisation) achieve their goals/objectives? Application: suggestion to add that the Board will create opportunities for investment. Open the door for private and corporates, and companies to become involved in AW. Agencies, Businesses and Industries.

Action: Leah Feuerherdt to review wording to Social Return on Investment Policy around discussion Meeting 59 (as above). Present to Board at next meeting for approval.

DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 7 March 2018

Meeting Opened at 9.00am

Presiding Member Parry Agius welcomed all members, guests, and staff to Day 2 of AW NRM Board Meeting 59.

5. Adoption of Agenda and Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

An overview of the Agenda for Meeting 59 was provided by the Presiding Member. The Agenda for AW NRM Board Meeting 59 was adopted, and there were no declared conflicts of interest.

6. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes (for approval)

The Minutes, and Summary of Minutes & Actions for Meeting 58 held in Adelaide 12-13 December 2017 were reviewed and discussed, and an overview of key outcomes was provided by Parry Agius and Mary-Anne Healy. The Minutes, and Summary of Minutes of AW NRM Board Meeting 58 were adopted without further amendment.

Moved by: Kristy Richards
Seconded by: Peter Miller

7. AW NRM Board Action Register (for noting)

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director

(refer to Action Register) Mary-Anne provided an update on current Board Actions, with discussion around the following items:

- AMLR NRM Board on-country trip - update provided. Options for itinerary depend on how much time can be allocated and what will work. Discussion around Co-management Boards meeting with AMLR NRM Board and AW NRM Board when on-country. Next AW NRM Board will be held in Ceduna or Scotdesco. Possible MoU signing with MT. Create time for men and women group times. To be further discussed.
- Quality of water in APY. Sally advised problem had now been rectified to the satisfaction of APY Executive.

8. AW NRM Board Presiding Member Report and NRM Regions Australia (for noting)

Parry Agius, Presiding Member

An overview of the Presiding Members role was provided. Meetings and activities attended by the Presiding Member were itemised and overviewed. No further discussion.

Decision:

The AW NRM Board note the report of the Presiding Member.

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart

9. AW NRM Board - Member Activity Report (for noting)

Kristy Richards (AW NRM Board), Wanda Miller (Yumbarra Co-management Board)

Kristy advised she had represented the board at the Australian Native Foods and Botanicals conference in Alice Springs 28 February 2018. Wanda Miller represented Yumbarra Co-management Board, and Bonnie Scott attended from Scotdesco.

Kristy advised there were attendees from all over Australia and the focus of the conference was around the harvesting of bush foods and bush medicine. There were guest speakers from Brazil and there was discussion was around the theft of seeds from Australian Natives, with no boundaries to protect against individuals overseas selling back to Australia.

Kristy advised traditional Land Management techniques were being explored, with a working group consisting of two panels being formed to advocate the value of plants and traditional labour. There is also a push to get information into schools and community programs to build upon education and business. Concerns around Intellectual Property being addressed by the working group.

Recommendations:

- Programs for Rangers be implemented around Bush Foods, Plants and Animals, and medicines to get the community involved.
- Communication with Communities and regions about Bush Foods, Plants and Animals, and medicines, to raise awareness around intellectual property.
- Find out more information about restaurateur who got money for bush foods
- Lobby Govt/Federal
- Write to ANFAB (Amanda Gun) asking how AW can work with them, particularly in relation to clarifying Intellectual Property

Discussion around working with the 'health types' of bush foods with regard to location and cropping potential for commercial opportunities. AW could be the driver with Far West Coast and National Parks/Tourism. Need for protection of Bush Foods from being used and abused. For further discussion with Native Vegetation Council.

Action: Regional Director to develop strategy around exploring options for the Board to become an advocate for the concept of bush foods, plants and animals.

Action: Regional Director to review Board Policy for: Intellectual Property, Puni and Mai, and Economic Development.

10. NR AW Regional Director Report (for noting)

*Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director
(refer to presentation)*

Mary-Anne provided an overview of the role of the Regional Director, and activities conducted since Board Meeting 58, including:

Governance and Planning:

- Board membership process finalised and new Board members notified, Governance training prepared and implemented
- Liaising with DEWNR on key issues – include mining and exploration, incoming government briefings
- Healthy Country Planning – discussions with staff in APY, meeting with FWC with GED P&R

Relationships and Relevance:

- NLP2 – finalised and submitted
- Ten Deserts Project – launch in Canberra late March (Parry, Kristy & Mary-Anne attending). Recruitment under way for Project Manager, Communications Officer, M&E officer
- Rangelands Alliance – working to influence Aust Govt regarding M&E for Rangelands in NLP2. Also active in Outback Alliance – broader group including RFDS, PEW, RDA etc.

Mou's/Palya Kalkuni:

- APY Executive (draft), early stages of development for AMYAC, ALT, and MT

Strategic Issues:

- Board membership, stable now but planning for Presiding Member succession
- NLP2 – negotiation on core services and projects expected to take time

- Retained earnings – Paul Dalby leading workshop/think tank
- Cross regional relationships – AMLR on-country meeting, planning to meet with EP and SAAL in 2018

Things NR AW staff have been up to:

- Planning and preparation of NLP2 for submission
- Co-management meetings and actions including agreement with MT to progress with Ranger Program.
- Adelaide Meets the Bush – planning and coordinating exhibition, launch and satellite exhibitions;
- Preparing incoming government briefings and information;
- Training – HCP, Facilitation, Aust Inst Company Directors, ARTC Track Safety Awareness
- NRM Outcomes 2015-2018 reviewed.

Suggestion for Ten Deserts to be discussed at next meeting to provide the Board with an update of activities.

Action: Regional Director to provide the Board with an update of Ten Deserts activities at next meeting

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the report of the NR AW Regional Director

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Mima Smart

11. Audit and Risk Committee Recommendations

Thuy Phan, Manager Business Support

Thuy provided an overview of items and recommendations from the AW NRM Board Audit and Risk Management Committee Meeting, held on Monday 5 March.

a) Procurement issue - a number of staff who have procured goods and services on behalf of the Board using their purchase card without authority from the Board.

Recommendations from the A&R Committee:

- Purchase card procurement authorisation for cardholders that spent AW NRM Board funds for Boards Business from July 2017 – Feb 2018
- Purchase card procurement authorisation for cardholders from Eyre Peninsula region who provided services to the AW Board with a maximum limit of \$1k per month from March to June 2018.

Decision: The AW NRM Board accept the recommendations of the A& R Committee, in relation to Purchase Card procurement authorisation

Moved: Peter Miller
Seconded: Kristy Richards

b) AW NRM Board Financial Report and Financial situation post June 2018

Recommendation:

- The AW NRM Board commit \$207k from 2018/19 budget to continue the employment of existing NLP staff to complete Cwlth obligations until 30 Sept 2018 ie. reports / projects on the proviso that non further Cwlth Govt funding is received.

Moved: Peter Miller
Seconded: Mima Smart

Recommendation:

- The AW NRM Board commit a further \$208k from the 2018/19 budget to continue employment of NLP staff to 31 December 2018 to allow transition to new programs and arrangements. During this time, there will be preparation of reports for handover and history / information gathering.

Moved: Peter Miller
Seconded: Anton Baker

Decision: The AW NRM Board accept the recommendations of the A& R Committee, in relation to funding and staff contracts

Moved: Peter Miller
Seconded: Kristy Richards

12. DEWNR OILED WILDLIFE RESPONSE PLAN (for noting)

Deb Kelly, Manager Animal Welfare, DEWNR

Parry introduced Deb Kelly, Manager Animal Welfare DEWNR, and provided the Board with background to the item. Deb Kelly provided an overview of her role and how the draft *Response Plan for Oiled Wildlife* came about. First draft mid 1990's and revamped in 2004. Consultation with many stakeholders including DPTI, AMSA, CFS, MRS, SANTOS, EPA, Flinders Port Holdings, BP, SAPOL etc. Response Plan is underpinned by Regional Plan and all regions are to complete plan for their region in the near future.

Deb advised chances of a spill are incredibly remote, with plugs used if there is an incident. Consideration must also be given to shipping accidents with a huge number of shipping going on through the channels. Plan divides coast into sectors based on geography and topography. Identifies conservation priorities, is independently developed, and helps to provide consistency. Discussion around Aboriginal sites of significance including plants (and risk rating for contamination), metro coastline, etc.

The Board were invited to participate in putting together the response for AW region. To be completed and signed off by the end of 2018. Wildlife plan and Regional plans must mesh before Statoil begin drilling.

Discussion around CE DEWNR approval and incorporating into NRM Plan for added strength.

Action: The Board to participate in the writing of the AW Region DEWNR Oiled Wildlife Response Plan by end 2018.

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the report and information as provided by Deb Kelly, Manager Animal Welfare, DEWNR

13. DPTI EMERGENCY RESPONSE (for noting)

Guest Speaker: David Rogers, State Controller, DPTI

Marine Pollution Response in SA – A whole of Government approach

David provided an overview of DPTI responsibilities in the event of an oil spill. Effectively DPTI are there to protect the environment as best they can and minimise or reduce the impact if any oil does spill. DPTI response mechanisms include booms to catch the oil before reaching beaches, and clean up from the beach. DPTI relies on DEWNR to advise which are the sites of significance for priority protection. Requires an Environment Advisor, and Cultural Advisor in an incident control room.

David advised there were two types of oil spill – one from shipping ie. bulk tankers and the second from drilling for oil where a blow out from the well has occurred creating significant damage. ANSAR and NOPSEMA are the responsible agencies for dealing with the emergency. DPTI review the various emergency response plans.

DPTI looking for key point of contact so we can consult regarding access to significant sites. DEWNR want trust/access to resources/people/land, and support, patience and understanding. Liaison officers from each group. Discussion around the disconnect between DEWNR and DPTI and how to create to support an ongoing involvement between groups / communities and DEWNR.

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the report as provided by David Rogers, State Controller (DPTI)

14. STATOIL – NEXT STEPS

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director

Mary-Anne advised that at the last meeting (held at Scotdesco), the Board decided to hold a meeting on-country, as an opportunity for the traditional land owners (Port Lincoln to across the WA border), to meet with Statoil. There is however a need to know who can speak for which country, and talk about significant Aboriginal sites for protection in the event of an oil spill. Query around AW's relationship and responsibility with key groups.

Discussion around presentation by David Rogers. Query around if communities are at loggerheads, who might be best placed to break the deadlock. Last thing needed is DPTI to have to step in and make the decision for community. Discussion around possible invitation for member from State Pollution Committee to present to the Board. Interest in finding local response personnel. No further discussion.

15. GFLOWS3 PROJECT UPDATE (for noting)

Adrian Corstar, DEWNR

Adrian provided an overview of the GFlows3 Project, including that past presentation had been made to the Board, and an update of the project was now to be presented. Adrian advised that the project was to verify paleo-valleys and identify water resources in APY lands.

Adrian advised that 40 wells had been surveyed over 5 days in October 2017 in restricted areas. A cross-section of ground water systems and existing wells were reviewed from Amata to Mimili. Drilling Program scheduled for May/June 2018 with primary site near Fregon Kaltjiti. Aim is to collect groundwater data and flow systems/local supplies from shallow sites across area. Project benefits include: reliable and resilient water supplies that meet future needs, understanding of resource for effective water management, help with decision making that enhances community wellbeing. Consultation has occurred with APY Executive, Anthropologists, and local community. The presentation concluded and Adrian was thanked for attending and providing the Board with an update on the project.

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the report on the GFLOWS 3 Project as provided by Adrian Corstar, DEWNR

16. ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AND PROCUREMENT

Sue Panagaris, Office for the Industry Advocate

Sue provided an overview of her role, and advised the Industry Advocate creates opportunities, builds awareness, and fosters collaboration. Core objectives for the Office include: building capacity of business in the State to tender for Govt. contracts, recommending change to policy and practices that remove impediments to industry participation, and initiate procurement reforms that provide greater economic benefit to the State and local businesses.

Sue advised her focus was to grow the number and diversity of Aboriginal businesses. Her aim is to build capacity and capability of Aboriginal businesses, by promoting and assisting Aboriginal Business and Agencies to utilise the Govt. owned online business register – Aboriginal Business Connect (booklet/handout tabled).

Discussion around a potential workshop to be held in Ceduna and/or other locations in the region, for local businesses and community, to help understand the requirements of getting businesses on to the register. Potential partners include: DSD, IBA, Supply Nation, DPMC and Many Rivers Mico-finance. Opportunity to learn the tendering process, create networks, complete registrations etc, and accessibility to a large range of agencies. Discussion around current levels of engagement with Aboriginal business at each Agency, and potential partners who would be required. All plans can be tailored. Sue advised there would be a Women in Business Conference, to be held in May 2018.

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the report on Aboriginal Business and Procurement by Sue Panagaris, Office for the Industry Advocate

17. PREPARATION SESSION – RDA FWC INDIGENOUS TOURISM STRATEGY

Parry Agius, Presiding Member

Parry provided a review of the *Far West Coast Indigenous Tourism Strategy*, and advised the next part of the process is to have someone implement the strategy. Current considerations include if further funding might be requested from the Board.

18. RDA FWC INDIGENOUS TOURISM STRATEGY

Howard Coote, and Jade Ballantine, Regional Development Association, FWC

Hard copy of the *Far West Coast Indigenous Tourism Strategy* provided to Board and staff for review. Howard provided introductions and background to the presentation. Howard advised the Strategy development had taken 2 years to develop, and included a series of workshops in Ceduna. The role of partners overviewed. Current query around how to improve capacity and employment opportunities of tourism operators with consideration to what products and potential activities were available on the FWC. Those which have been selected for inclusion in the strategy are to be reviewed in 12 months.

Howard advised that a \$50k grant has been received from DSD with the goal to achieve additional 20 Aboriginal employment positions. Howard advised they had obtained in-principle support from FWC ARA. Vision “to promote the Far West Coast of SA as a unique and culturally diverse destination to experience”.

Steve Fuller and Joanne Sumner from DPMC joined the meeting as observers.

Howard advised the Regional Development Authority had reviewed current Business Plans in the region to see if they were sufficient. Consideration to the development of Yalata Roadhouse site to Caravan Park with fuel provider onsite.

Jade Ballantine presented a video and PDF Presentation. Jade advised that based on personal experience, she recommended a review of current signage and tourism opportunities for FWC. Question around the quality and availability of good signage pointing out various attractions. Mima raised discussion around the need for opportunities for cultural awareness training/information ie. avoiding sacred sites/danger.

Parry raised discussion around SA Tourism directions. Possibility of inviting SA Tourism to next Board meeting. Discussion around Bush Foods as tourism destination. Query around how Aboriginal Men, Women, and people the opportunity of getting involved through their own business.

Action: invite SA Tourism to future meeting to connect with FWC Indigenous Tourism Strategy and other opportunities

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the update on the FWC Indigenous Tourism Strategy by Howard Coote and Jade Ballantine (Regional Development Association)

Day 3

THURSDAY 8 March 2018

Meeting Opened at 9.00am

Presiding Member Parry Agius welcomed all members, guests, and staff to Day 3 of AW NRM Board Meeting 59.

19. SOILS FOR LIFE

Parry Agius, Presiding Member

Parry provided an overview of Soils for Life, which was founded and is chaired by Australia's former Governor General, Major General Michael Jeffery. The focus of Soils for Life includes the importance of looking after and preserving soils. Discussion around a possible MoU to be developed. The National Landcare Network has community based activities for people who believe in making their environment as best as possible. Discussion around invitation to Mr Jeffrey to present to the Board for exchange of information and future advocating for the AW region. Discussion around the AW NRM Board's relationship with AMLR and EP NRM Boards.

Action: Invitation to be extended to Michael Jeffrey from Soils for Life to present to the AW NRM Board. Chairs of EP and AMLR NRM Boards to be invited to session.

20. NLP2 UPDATE

Leah Feuerherdt, Manager Planning and Sustainable Landscapes

Leah provided an update to the Board on the tender for National Landcare Program Phase Two (NLP2). Leah advised NLP2 is a 5 year program for \$450mil (20% less than first phase of NLP) with a large focus on Threatened Species and Agriculture. Leah advised there was a need to be creative and innovative around application for funding. A strong focus of NLP2 is on partnerships, with NRM regions working with LHA's/not for profits etc.

Leah advised that the objectives of NLP2 include: by 2023 the trajectory of Threatened Species strategy 'Priority Species' is improved, and there is an increase in the awareness and adoption of land management practices that improve and protect the condition of soil, and biodiversity and vegetation. Discussion around the narrowing field of funding and what this means for AW. There will be a need to reach out and exploring other funding options ie. Soils for Life, bush foods, philanthropists etc. Large focus will be on SROI in the future.

Leah outlined future AW project funding application: Malleefowl: the centre of activities –\$6mil requested over 5 years, and includes camel and Buffel control (vegetation), fire management activities, and monitoring. Funding will go to LHA's to do the work as part of the project. Focus on the community doing the work. Hooded Plover: (Yalata coast) 1 year project \$150k with genetic surveys to understand species better, employment of people in Yalata, and monitoring. Discussion around additional resources coming from State Govt. and Oil companies re: spills. Involve EP NRM Board in the process. EP putting up Hooded Plover/Shorebird projects so we will be working together for a larger impact. Risk Assessment to be suggested to EP for oil spill.

Sustainable agriculture and awareness of land management – 1 year project \$440k, includes weed control, Anangu jobs, Feral animal control and vegetation monitoring. Discussion around cattle business in APY – potential increase in cattle and jobs.

Map reviewed of where projects will be located.

Action: Copies of map showing NLP2 project funding and locations to be provided to the Board

Leah advised core services were to undertake strategic NRM planning, support the NRM community, monitor, evaluate, and report on NRM projects, and Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator. Discussion around NRM Planning and change in Govt's and the risk to future funding. Discussion around 7 other proposals that may be funded including: Warru, Bilby, Night parrots, Hooded Plover, Plains wanderer, Seasonal Wheels (adapting to climate change – recording traditional knowledge and how climate change impacts on traditional practices), and Pastoral.

Discussion around the Board working with 'Adelaide Meets the Bush' thinking to have people adopt creatures to raise awareness, ultimately putting pressure on the people who provide funding.

Summary of total funding reviewed. \$15,584,954 total funding requested. Plus \$10mil for project proposals. Mima advised Seasonal activities already being conducted in FWC. Possible Women's Camp in 2018 to further develop the concept. Discussion around including in an Education role/project.

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the update on the tender for National Landcare Program Phase Two (NLP2)

21. APY WATER AFFECTING ACTIVITIES AND MAIN ACCESS ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Vanessa DeChellis and Warren Peterson, DPTI

Warren provided introduction and overview of the APY Main Access Road Project including Employment/Training, Water Affecting Activities, Taking of Groundwater, and reporting of Water Take.

Warren advised Cwlth Govt. \$85mil and SA \$21.25mil funding to upgrade roads. 30% minimum on-ground employment and training commitment. Project is to upgrade 210kms of road in total and upgrade 21kms of community roads, focusing on road stabilisation at flood-ways and major water crossings. Project status reviewed (refer to slides). Discussion around the opportunity for training/upskilling for future employment. Aboriginal business have tendered for different aspects of the work ie. building turkey nests. Issue with Aboriginal Business in the region not having the capacity. 11 Aboriginal Employees now employed by Toll (first stage of project). Need for water permits. Infrastructure such as turkey mounds will be left with the community/cattle holders to maintain once project is complete and handed over.

Sally advised process around having TO's check and approve of the works through Cultural Heritage Clearances before works start. Thorough checking occurs before APY Executive Board provide approvals. Water take from April to December 2017, and 2018 to date reviewed: Ininti Bore, Pukatja Bore, and Double Tank Bore. Parry queried contractor activity around adhering to water take and testing for water quality. Advised information and data has been sent to DEWNR to be passed on to the Board. Vanessa advised salinity tests had been conducted and that no further water take approvals will be needed, however Water Affecting Permits are yet to be presented.

Action: Leah Feuerherdt to obtain report on water take and quality in APY Lands from Michael Gogel (DEWNR)

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the update APY Water Affecting Activities and Main Access Road Project in APY by Vanessa DeChellis and Warren Peterson (DPTI)

22. AUSTRALIAN ARMY – WATER TAKE ACTIVITY APPLICATION

David Gibbons & Bryan Griff, Australian Army

David and Bryan provided and overview of their application for Water Take at Yalata. Map of aid programs for Aboriginal communities viewed. Approval to take water from Yalata requested. AACAP involves a contingent of around 150 soldiers, 5 months in location for construction, training and health. Army benefits through preparation and training for overseas assistance, recruiting and supports the Army's Indigenous strategy.

This year at Yalata different construction activities include: staff house, upgrade to the caravan park, airfield road upgrade, and training and health packages. Water take is required to sustain the army camp site for 5 months. Proposed take over the period is 1500kl. The army is very mindful of the need to manage this vital resource. Waste water from purification process is used as construction water. Water point layout reviewed. Discussion around water quality and

processes to be used for camp and roadworks. AACAP is delivering valuable outcomes for the community through health, training and infrastructure. Water is critical to achieving the outcomes. Project starts May, end Sept.

Pia advised Yalata Community are fully supportive of the project. Discussion around sighting of evidence to be provided. Yalata Council have given in-principle support, and environmental checks have been completed, however process has not been communicated to the Board. Leah queried Environmental Assessment. ALT is the traditional land owner and Yalata Council are the leaseholder. Parry advised the applicant of the process for decision-making by the AW NRM Board.

Motion: Subject to the receipt of appropriate internal approvals from Yalata Council including Aboriginal Heritage, and Environmental Assessment, the AW NRM Board gives in-principle approval to the Australian Army for the Water Affecting Activity Permit as presented at AW NRM Board Meeting #59, held in Adelaide 5-8 March 2018. To give effect, the Presiding Member and relevant Board Member are to provide evidence of sighting the above documents.

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Peter Miller

Discussion around the AW NRM Board approval process – needs to be communicated to local level decision makers. RD to consider options for remedy.

23. PARKS, CO-MANAGEMENT AND NRM – OVERVIEW

Pia Richter, Manager Parks and Co-management

Pia provided an overview of Co-management and outlined how it links to the AW NRM Board – and exchange of friendship and understanding. Working together. Request for Bush Blitz video/presentation to be shown to the Board. Parry raised discussion around the possibility of joining up all the parks in the region, to form one park for the region. Question around when is it the right time to start that talking and thinking about that change.

Decision: The AW NRM Board note the report on Parks, Co-Management and the relationship to NRM as provided by Pia Richter, Manager Parks and Co-management

Action: Bush Blitz video/presentation to be shown to the Board.

24. OTHER BUSINESS

AW NRM Board Correspondence:

Correspondence Register reviewed (Incoming & Outgoing), with the following items reviewed and discussed:

- Roadside Weed manual
- SAWDAG Board nomination

No further discussion or actions arising.

25. COMMUNICATIONS – KEY MESSAGES FROM MEETING 59

Key messages from Meeting 59 of the AW NRM Board included:

- Governance Training completed
- AW NRM Board Policy's reviewed including amendments and approvals
- Discussion with a focus on SROI
- Update on APY Road project and Water Affecting Activities provided by DPTI
- Approval for Water Take Permit for the Australian Army's project at Yalata - Process for WAA consideration by the Board to be reviewed/improved
- Engagement potential through the DEWNR Oiled Wildlife Response Plan, and DPTI for emergency management of a spill
- Update on GFLWS3 Water project
- Update on NLP2 tender / Landcare Funding
- Discussion around FWC Indigenous Tourism Strategy and opportunities
- Update and preparation for Adelaide Meets the Bush activities
- Introduction to Soils for life

26. NEXT MEETING – CEDUNA (MAY)

Ideas from the Board for next meeting:

- Next Exhibition and satellites
- Soils for Life
- AMLR/AW on-country trip
- Update on Ten Deserts
- Development of Palya Kalkuni/MoU with MT
- Overview of Buffel Grass project/works
- Visitor Strategy including signage
- Statoil – work with TO's and LHA's to arrange meeting on-country
- Dinner with FWC Ladies/Art Centre to develop relationship and get feedback from Exhibition
- SA Wild Dog Advisory Group invitation
- Intellectual Property Rights – invite guest speaker?

27. NEXT MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, Presiding Member, 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.

- The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held in **Ceduna**, 28-29 May 2018.

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date: 17 May 2018