



Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board
Meeting No. 61

MINUTES OF MEETING

4-5 October 2018

Venue: The Adelaide Inn, 160 O’Connell Street, North 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 , Kristy Richards , Mima Smart , Julie O’Toole , Michael Haynes , Sally Scales
DEWNR NR AW Staff	Mary-Anne Healy (Regional Director), Bruce Macpherson (Community Engagement), Leah Feuerherdt (Planning and Sustainable Landscapes), Thuy Phan (Business Support), Pia Richter (Parks and Co-management), Sue Agars (Executive Officer)
Guests / Speakers	Deb Kelly (DEW), Warren Peterson (DPTI), Andrew Patten & Amy Riebe (SA CFS), Quentin Kessner & Peter Ikonomopoulos (SA CFS via phone), Ian Tanner (DEW)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Meeting opened at 11.30pm

The Chair welcomed AW NRM Board members, guests and NR AW staff to Meeting 61 of the Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board (the Board).

The meeting was declared open and acknowledgment was provided to the area’s traditional Aboriginal custodians, past and present, elders and leaders, and their strong connection to country.

Apologies: Anton Baker (APY), Peter Miller (FWCAC)

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW

NR AW Regional Director, Mary-Anne Healy provide an overview of Meeting 60, held in Ceduna 29-31 May 2018. Mary-Anne Healy provided an overview of Meeting 60 key outcomes and activities. The Minutes and Summary of Minutes of Meeting 60 were endorsed without amendment.

*Moved: Sally Scales
Seconded: Julie O’Toole*

3. Action Register

*Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW
(refer to Action Register)*

Mary-Anne Healy provided the Board with an update on Board Actions, with discussion around the following items:

Action 237 – action has been ongoing since November 2016.

Action arising: Debbie and Pia to discuss before end of Meeting 61 and provide resolution/way forward.

Action 238 – OOS meeting to be held with APY. Remove WAA’s and focus on relationship/MoU development.

Action Arising: Leah to schedule OOS meeting with APY to develop MoU/relationship.

Action 273 – No longer Statoil (now Equinor). New CEO of FWCAC.

Action arising: to be raised with new CEO FWCAC via letter advising meeting with coordinator. Suggestion FWC and Yalata hold discussions with Equinor.

Action 290 – for discussion at Meeting 62.

Action 291 – amendment – change spelling to PUNU (not Puni).

Action 294 – further action required to contact former Governor General Jeffery.

Action Arising: Parry Agius to contact former Governor General directly (through alternative means).

Action 297 – Bruce advised Howard and Ron from RDA will attend next meeting (Bruce to invite). Suggestion to invite Brad Riddle (higher level and has attended co-management meetings). Invite CEO SA Tourism, and Matt Johnson to discuss at Tourism Workshop.

Action Arising: Bruce to invite Howard, Ron and Brad Riddle from RDA (EP), CEO SATC, and Matt Johnson to Tourism Workshop.

Motion: The AW NRM Board notes the AW NRM Board Action Items as discussed.

Moved: Debbie Hansen

Seconded: Mima Smart

4. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

Parry Agius, Presiding Member

(refer to presentation)

Parry provided the Board with an overview of his activities since the last meeting.

Discussion around the following items:

- Possible upcoming strategic involvement with Cleland Wildlife re: Wombats and traditional cultural awareness. Parry advised this may provide the Board with the opportunity to have a voice and brand. For further discussion.
- Possible amalgamation between Landcare (Aust.) and the National Landcare Network (pending).

5. REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW

(refer to presentation)

Mary-Anne provided the Board with an overview of her activities since the last meeting. Discussion around the following items:

- Landscapes SA, NRM Reform – consultation and preparing advice for CE/Minister
- NLP2 update – waiting to hear about 2019-2023 project funding
- MoU's – Yalata Palya Kalkuni now due for review. Mima Smart is back on the Yalata Community Council and may assist with getting MoU reviewed. Priority of Yalata review to be raised, priority of MoU with ALT to be lowered.

Action: Mima Smart to assist arranging review of Palya Kalkuni between Yalata Community Council, and AW NRM Board

Action: Extend invitation to EP and SAAL NRM Boards to attend meeting early 2019 to develop cross-regional relationships

Motion: The AW NRM Board note the reports of the Presiding Member AW NRM Board, and Regional Director NR AW

Moved: Mima Smart

Seconded: Debbie Hansen

6. AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Thuy Phan, Manager Business Support

Thuy advised that AW NRM Board Audit and Risk Management Committee (the Committee) Meeting 10 had been held prior to Board meeting 61. Thuy outlined items discussed during the Committee meeting, and provided the recommendations of the Committee to the Board for their consideration (refer to presentation).

Interim Audit Findings

Thuy advised that the Auditor General's Office had raised 3 items for remedy:

1. The Board does not have a `Related Party Disclosure Policy`.

Audit and Risk Committee Recommendation: The Regional director and Manager Business Support will work with DEW to develop a related party disclosure policy.

2. Audit and Risk Committee not listed on BCIS.

Audit and Risk Committee Recommendation: List of members on A&Risk Committee provided to DPC. No further action required.

3. AW NRM Board 2017-18 Annual Report not presented to the Minister by due date.

Audit and Risk Committee Recommendation: The AW NRM Board review and endorse the letter of response to the Auditor General's Office.

Letter of response to the Auditor General in relation to the issue of late submission of the AW NRM Board Annual Report reviewed and amended (see revision).

Motion: the AW NRM Board endorse the recommendations of the Audit and Risk Management Committee in relation to the Interim Audit Findings

*Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Julie O'Toole*

Draft Financial Statement 2017-18

Motion: the AW NRM Board endorse the draft Financial Statement of 2017-18 as recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee

*Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Julie O'Toole*

2018-19 Budget Review

Motion: the AW NRM Board endorse the updated 2018-19 budget as reviewed and recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee

*Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

DEW Service Level Agreement

Motion: the AW NRM Board endorse the recommendation of the Committee to write to the DEW CE requesting review to future NRM Land Levy Administration Cost Recovery fee

*Moved: Sally Scales
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

Board Policy (Sponsorship) – deferred - to be reviewed and discussed at a future meeting.

7. AW NRM BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

Thuy Phan, Manager Business Support

Thuy advised seeking Board approval to provide the 2017-18 AW NRM Board Annual Report by 30/11/18. Proposed Timeline presented for endorsement.

Action: Executive Officer to send out the draft 2017-18 Annual Report to Board members, with feedback requested by 31/10/18

Motion: the AW NRM Board notes the 2017-18 AW NRM Board Annual Report, and approves the Presiding Member to sign off on the 2017-18 Annual Report following feedback from the members of the Board (deadline of 31/10/18)

*Moved: Sally Scales
Seconded: Michael Haynes*

8. 10 DESERTS PROJECT UPDATE

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW

(refer to presentation)

Mary-Anne provide background to presentation including review of information and map from previous presentations.

Appointments to the Project were advised: Peter See (General Manager), and Communications and MERI Officer.

Mary-Anne advised the AW contract was still being finalised, with Crown Solicitor Office advice being sought.

The next meeting of the 10DP Steering Committee will be held in Perth in November 2018. Request for nominee to represent AW on 10DP Steering Committee (vacancy as Kristy Richards stepped down).

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board notes the update on the Ten Deserts Project, and nominates new representative for the 10DP Steering Committee.

Discussion around nominee. Interest from members Sally Scales, Julie O'Toole, Debbie Hansen, Mima Smart, and Michael Haynes. For further consideration, with nominee to be confirmed prior to next Steering Committee Meeting.

9. DEW OILED WILDLIFE RESPONSE PLAN

Deb Kelly, Manager Animal Welfare DEW

(refer to presentation)

Deb provided background to the presentation, and review of past activity/information. Hard copy of draft DEW Oiled Wildlife Response Plan tabled for Board review.

Deb advised the templates/plans for each region are now nearly complete, however they will never be totally finished as they continue to develop with environmental changes and challenges. Deb advised the regions were now requested to fill in the gaps in the draft Plan as much as possible. Regional Plans are to be approved by NRM Boards and DEW Chief Executive. The Plan then goes to State Oil Committee for inclusion in the State Plan.

Action: draft Oiled Wildlife Response Plan to be amended to include St Francis Island (near Ceduna)

Action: AW NRM Board members to review the draft AW Regional Oiled Wildlife Response Plan and provide approval or comments to the Executive Officer by 19/10/18

Discussion around traditional owner response to discussions. FWCAC wish to be advised.

Action: Draft letter to FWCAC cc Yalata Community Council, Tjuntjuntjara Council and CAC, identifying areas of responsibility and cultural liability

Motion: The AW NRM Board note and approve the DEW Oiled Wildlife Response Plan (subject to minor changes)

Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards

10. NRM BOARD PROCEDURE – INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW

Hard copy of draft *NRM Board Procedure – Inappropriate Conduct* tabled.

Mary-Anne provided background to the item and advised the procedure outlines dealing with bullying and harassment etc. Mary-Anne advised that All NRM Boards are currently reviewing for comment and adoption. Feedback requested from the AW NRM Board prior to next meeting.

Parry outlined examples of bullying and harassment, and the process for complaints. Tools for handling these situations are provided for in the procedure including appropriate persons to contact. Parry emphasised that it was important to feel safe coming to work and meetings.

Action: AW NRM Board to review NRM Board Procedure – Inappropriate Conduct, and provide feedback prior to next meeting

11. WATER AFFECTING ACTIVITIES: APY ROAD UPDATE AND PERMIT APPLICATION

Leah Feuerherdt, Manager Planning and Sustainable Landscapes

Guest Speaker: Warren Peterson (DPTI)

Warren provided update on Main Access Road Upgrade: 3 primary stages of road construction. Stage 1 is now 75% complete. Bores have been drilled for water to use (in accordance with AW procedure). Project had 30% target for local employment, currently 32%.

Warren described the methods of managing floodway areas with bitumen sections, and advised awaiting approval for water and floodway crossings in the Stage 3 section.

Leah explained activity table and approvals as given by the APY Executive (including conditions such as tree clearing) for the Board's understanding.

Recommendation: The AW NRM Board approve fourteen water affecting activities relating to crossings and floodways between Mimili and Indulkana (as listed below), and issue permit:

		Easting	Northing
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 4	53J	274792	7010755
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 5	53J	300247	7017960
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 6	53J	300647	7018078
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 7	53J	301741	7018334
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 8	53J	315456	7019888
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 9	53J	320338	7020126
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 10	53J	320964	7020184
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 11	53J	321369	7020156
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 12	53J	325020	7018632
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 13	53J	327011	7017701
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 18	53J	328019	7017542
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 14	53J	328414	7017532
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 15	53J	331294	7016964
STAGE 3-WATER CROSSING 16	53J	331914	7017164

The Board discussed evidence of decision made by APY Executive on the WAA's. Endorsement to be provided by the Board, subject to seeing the APY Executive minutes with the delegation for the GM of APY Land Management to approve WAA's. Minutes from APY Executive to be attached to future requests for the Board to review.

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorse the issue of a permit for Water Affecting Activities for locations as provided (above), subject to the sighting of APY Executive Meeting Minutes which provide delegation to the General Manager APY Land Management for approval of WAA's

*Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Julie O'Toole*

12. FIRE MANAGEMENT IN APY AND AW REGION

Leah Feuerherdt, Manager Planning and Sustainable Landscapes

Guest Speaker - Andrew Patten (SA CFS)

Andrew Patten introduced the item and provided presentation for Fire Management Plans for the AW Region. Andrew explained that there are now three tiers of fire management strategies. The "outback" plan is being developed in consultation with Land Management Agencies and other relevant organisations eg State Rail. Changed from looking at fuel loads to considering where people are living and economic impacts and cultural heritage sites and environmental assets.

Parry Agius questioned how Indigenous Assets are managed and recorded. Andrew advised it is a relatively new space and that CFS is keen to find out more about, and asked for Board's support in doing so into the future. Validation of cultural assets and fire management plans already being undertaken.

Andrew advised the "Outback" is split up into 6 different areas and considered/mapped separately. APY Lands split into 2 sections east and west.

Andrew requested to work with the Board and staff to share information to assist CFS record AW and APY fire management strategies. CFS can provide feedback on those strategies.

Nomination sought before 19/10/18 to participate in the next outback bushfire management committee. Board and staff to discuss and provide a nomination before 19/10/18 if possible. All Fire Management Officers in DEW are on the committee. Brett Backhouse has provided ecological information to CFS in this space.

Discussion around Nomination for State Outback Bushfire Committee.

Motion: the AW NRM Board note the report of SA CFS on Fire Management Plans for the AW region, and nominate Sally Scales (absent), and proxy Julie O'Toole to represent the Board on the State Outback Bushfire Committee.

*Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

Action: Presiding Member and Regional Director to speak with member Sally Scales re: interest for nomination to State Outback Bushfire Committee. If agreeable, a formal letter from the Board to State Bushfire Committee to provide nomination by 19/10/18.

13. AW REGION BUFFEL GRASS STRATEGY

Leah Feuerherdt, Manager Planning and Sustainable Landscapes

(refer to presentation) Hard copy of AW Region Buffel Grass Strategy tabled for Board review.

Leah advised the key elements of the AW Region Buffel Grass Strategy, including that land holders were required to manage the weed on their land. The strategy will be fed into the State Strategy 2012-17 which is still being reviewed, but the new Strategy for 2018 onwards will be released soon. Also needs to feed into Victorian Buffel Grass Plan. There is also the AW Buffel Grass Best Practice Guide 2018.

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorse the publication and public release of the AW Buffel Grass Operational Strategy 2018-2023

Action: Foreword from the Presiding Member and Board (from People, Purpose and Board Policy Statement) to be included in the AW Region Buffel Grass Strategy

*Moved: Mick Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

END DAY 1 (5.00pm)

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Day 2

Start 9.00am

Discussion around lack of evidentiary papers required for WAA Permit Application (APY Road Update Item).

Action: Process for presentation and review of WAA Permit Applications to be reviewed by staff

14. ADELAIDE MEETS THE BUSH - Update

Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement

(refer to presentation)

Bruce introduced the item and provided background, including that feedback requested would be requested from the Board.

Bruce advised the last major AMTB activity was the trip to Oak Valley with AMLR NRM Board. Overview of the trip provided. Chris Daniels (former Presiding Member AMLR NRM Board) described the trip as the "best thing he had done" in his time as Presiding Member. The trip was still being talked about, and had resonated deeply throughout DEW. Bruce advised the *Pulkalpa Tjungu* (agreement to work together) between AW and AMLR NRM Boards was signed during the trip, and a copy was tabled for the Board to review.

Bruce also tabled a Poster designed by Michael Field from AMLR, which is a gift to be sent to OV Community. Poster designed by AW also tabled. Revisions required as both posters depict people who have passed.

Overview of satellite exhibitions held in Ceduna, Victor Harbour and Nuriootpa provided.

Action: Letter of thanks to be sent to the Satellite Exhibition centres to be sent (to maintain ongoing relationship)

Bruce advised that economic outcomes from the Exhibition at Tandanya are still ongoing. Tandanya now buying arts and artefacts directly from people in the Communities, and the activity has re-inspired further requests for punu from Yalata.

The marine debris Killer Whale and Harlequin Fish projects had been managed in Yalata. Killer whale now displayed in the Ceduna Arts Culture Centre, sponsored by Yalata Community Council. Museum of SA has expressed interest in displaying the sculptures. There is the possibility of value adding to that proposal to promote the work of the AW NRM Board. Sale process being discussed. Some interest has already been expressed, and there is an ongoing commitment to hold sale funds for a future project. CAC managing financials.

Action: Presiding Member, Regional Director and Manager Community Engagement to meet with SA Museum (with Chris Daniels if necessary)

Discussion around an exhibition for 2019, possibly at the Museum for Economic Botany/Botanic Gardens and Herbarium, which would focus on medicinal plants, animals, and traditional knowledge of plants and animals. Attention be given to the type of audience ie. getting connections for maximum communication. Request for a further meeting to be held during October with report due back to the Board at next meeting. CAC also does seed collection, so there's an opportunity for further interaction.

Action: Regional Director and Manager Community Engagement to hold meeting with head of Botanic Gardens re: possible future Exhibition.

Discussion around documenting the trip of AW and AMLR NRM Boards for benefit of future boards. Reminder from the Presiding Member that two communities are bought together for financial benefit. Marry with existing govt. policy etc so these activities become a potential leader for strengthening Boards.

Action: Briefing Paper to the Minister outlining Adelaide Meets the Bush Strategy. Briefing to include feedback and comments from AMLR.

Discussion around Cleland National Park, who has new Chair (Chris Daniels, former AMLR NRM Board Presiding Member), and possibility for promotional activity involving Wadu (Wombat).

Parry raised discussion around Training and Employment through opportunities with seedbank. Tourism currently slow to get on-board.

Michael Garrod advised the Govt. announced \$60mil for Indigenous Art – possible to get these programs to create connection and gain interest from the Minister Speirs which will gain momentum with Minister Ridgeway (Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment).

Discussion around the role of AW NRM Board – to operate at a higher (influencing) level, as well as on-ground works. Question around financial enterprise and future directions.

Action: Bruce to take AMLR Poster and MT MoU back to writers for amendment (remove pictures of people who have passed, and language errors)

Request from PM for future Adelaide Meets Bush presentations to cover – Back to basics, Partnerships, and Decentralisation.

Action: Bruce to incorporate Minister Speirs concepts of: Back to Basics, Partnerships, and Decentralisation in future AMTB presentations

Motion: The AW NRM Board note the update report as provided by the Manager Community Engagement on the Adelaide Meets the Bush Strategy

*Moved: Mima Smart
Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

15. EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING STRATEGY – The Next 5 Years

Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement

(refer to presentation)

Bruce introduced the item and provided background. Overview of the Board's relationship with other identities provided ie. IPA's, HCP's, FWCAC, AMYAC, Yalata, etc. Bruce advised Healthy Country Plans now form the base of work programs, and positive relationships are being formed, but struggling with Aboriginal Engagement.

Update on status with each identity provided:

- AMYAC have interest in developing a MoU
- Yalata – a big interest in developing a Women's group of Rangers
- MT are committed to HCP and MoU with the Board. Looking at model which has specialised interest areas of the Rangers
- FWC Aboriginal Womens Council, to develop further

Parry Agius provided advice around gender based activities, that care is needed as this may contribute to possible political pressures.

Review of activities and outcomes between 2012-2018 provided:

- Procurement of Aboriginal Businesses increased significantly from about 4% to OVER 13% of AW's total budget. This represents approximately 30% of the Operational budget.
- Training – The Board had determined that Certificate 3 was the minimum level to work within NRAW. Education – trial of school based Traineeship successful, and work experience placements. Employment outcomes difficult to measure but has followed funding levels. Over the last year is some of the lowest employment outcomes to date. Increasing limitations on funding further restricting outcomes.
- Literacy and numeracy have increased, including technical ability and internet access, TAFE's ability to be a key provider has decreased due to cut backs. 10 Deserts has a focus on training related to Ranger groups. The Boards focus on Cert 3 has had an impact on expectations of work from training. AW NRM Board has had an impact on DEW's commitment to develop the Aboriginal workforce. All proposals to Commonwealth need to link with CDEP. APY has currently around 400 people on their books wanting to work. Increase in younger people wanting to engage with the world.

Principles for the new strategy include: Individual development through work and certification, Organisational commitment to Cert 3 Standard, Gender equity, Expand work experience opportunities for Aboriginal students, Recruitment of Aboriginal people within NRAW (push for identified roles). Trial of SBT from remote community (Wiltja), Focus on developing higher level (Cert 4) and supervisor skills to increase capacity for independent contractors, agreed processes with each LHA through MOU discussions, and co-contribution for agreed outcomes.

Michael Garrod raised discussion around other possible scope/s of outcomes ie. NRM, perhaps expand on the 'ladder'.

Parry Agius requested actual stats/numbers to support potential for new thinking ie. if money was available. This might include school leavers, those who are ready for training, how many have Cert 3?

Parry suggested creating a larger scope around Ranger role descriptions – skills could be broader ranging ie. could include data management, teaching, seed collection, plant and animal control, signage, tourism, compliance etc. Aim to get people multi-purposed, and multi-skilled. Could also be junior ranger, senior ranger, trainee ranger etc.

Possible funding sources for new program: co-contribution for Fee for Service Training, on-ground training linked to project funds, CBIRS application for Cert 4, Leadership and Supervision, and Compliance.

Ideas to be considered and implemented in new strategy.

Motion: the AW NRM Board note the report of the Manager Community Engagement on The AW NRM Board Training and Employment Strategy – the next 5 years

*Moved: Debbie Hansen
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

16. VISITOR MANAGEMENT IN NR AW REGION

Pia Richter, A/Manager Parks and Co-management

(refer to presentation)

FWC Healthy Country Plan

Pia advised that David Shannon, Shannon Architects had been employed to develop Visitor Experience Strategies (Yellabinna and Wanna Munda Parks and Nullarbor National Park). Concepts include how to improve visitor experiences. Co-management Boards have met with Shannon Architects, and agreed that Googs Track, Googs Lake and visitor signage to be completed as a priority. Issue with Koonalda Homestead being 'loved to death' by caravans.

Action: Pia to provide a copy of Shannon's Architect report on Visitor Management to be provided to the Board for review

NLP1 Projects supporting HCP, and Visitor Management work being conducted – Nullarbor track mapping and track rationalisation, Eyre Highway lookouts, Koonalda Homestead traffic counter. Googs track mapping, lake campground works and toilet, Mount Finke campground works, googs track traffic counter. Fowlers Bay CP Campground works and Mexican hat toilet.

Next steps – Koonalda Homestead/cave visitor management works, interpretive signage, Ancient Land Tours (new tourism venture), Matt Johnson DEW GED visiting FW, partnership with RDA WEP wayfinding project (SAWA border signage). Tours experiencing issues and delays for various reasons.

Discussion around Matt Johnson (DEW) visit to Far West – well connected and good opportunity for help with tourism promotion. Discussion around Wifi and signage indicating indigenous lands etc.

FWCAC to review and update the FWC HCP, process needed for 2018-19. Budgets currently being finalised in Co-management to support the continuing visitor management strategy (Yasmin Wolf leading). Mamungari upcoming

meeting to discuss visitor management priorities.

Query from PM around liability in Parks. Discussion around popularity of Koonalda Caves.

Yumbarra Co-management Board recently visited Googs Lake – significant sites of interest and further discussion required around visitor management.

Motion: the AW NRM Board note the report on Visitor Management in the AW Region as provided by the A/Manager Parks and Co-management

*Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

17. UNESCO BIOSPHERE AND ALTERNATIVES

Pia Richter, A/Manager Parks and Co-management

(refer to presentation)

Background to presentation provided. Overview of UNESCO provided. Background to Man and the Biosphere provided.

Biosphere Reserves zoning explained: Core area: for conservation, monitoring, research; Buffer zones: for activities compatible with sound ecological practices; Transition area: for activities where stakeholders work together to sustainably manage the resources.

World Heritage Convention explained: must be of outstanding universal value in accordance with the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

The difference between MAB and World Heritage overviewed. Pro's and Con's of Biosphere Reserves and World Heritage reviewed.

Discussion around if APY, MT and the Yalata Lands could fit the criteria for Biosphere Reserves, or World Heritage listing. Mamungari Conservation Park is already listed as a Biosphere Reserve (since 1977). Pia advised that Mamungari Co-Management Board are yet to decide on the MAB proposal. Support from AW NRM Board with the MAB process, may assist their decision.

Pia advised that if MAB, or World Heritage, is to be pursued in the AW Region, then it will require a dedicated position, and budget, to coordinate consultation and implementation of the processes.

Recommendation: The Mamungari Board continue with their discussion around possible UNESCO listing, and AW NRM Board to assist if requested/required.

Motion: the AW NRM Board note the report on the UNESCO Biosphere and World Heritage listing options for the AW region as provided by the A/Manager Parks and Co-management

*Moved: Michael Haynes
Seconded: Kristy Richards*

18. PALYA KALKUNI / MoU WITH MARALINGA TJARUTJA

Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement

Bruce provided an update on the development of the *Tjungu Palya* (MoU between AW NRM Board and Maralinga Tjaruta/Oak Valley Community) which was formed with Oak Valley Community in May 2018. The *Tjungu Palya* was formed following a meeting with the Community on-country (with AMLR NRM Board observing). Overview on the context and content of the *Tjungu Palya* provided. Draft to be developed following Board input around preferred structure. Agreement with MT Council and OV Community desirable.

Discussion around AW NRM Board membership and MT representation. Regional Director to give consideration about how to include representation and membership from Maralinga Tjarutja on the AW NRM Board in the future.

Motion: the AW NRM Board note the update on the *Tjungu Palya* (MoU between AW NRM Board and Maralinga Tjaruta / Oak Valley Community) and that a draft will be developed for the Board to review

*Moved: Debbie Hansen
Seconded: Julie O'Toole*

19. AW NRM BOARD POLICY REVIEW – Mining and Petroleum

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW

Mary-Anne introduced the item and advised previously agreed process for review of Board Policy.

Vision – wording to the effect that entities treat the land with respect and treat people with respect. The science, community, knowledge and experience, assist systems. Science is important, community and AW Board is encouraging that to happen. AW Board implement the rules.

Current vision for Mining and Petroleum Policy to become a principle. AW Board must recognise LHA's role and vice versa.

Principles – Mary-Anne advised that any mining and petroleum activity considers the best science and technology in their application. Recommendation for Aboriginal science to be included also. The Board will use networks to ensure stakeholders are included in the process.

Changes to be implemented and reviewed by the Board at next meeting

Action: following review of the AW NRM Board Mining and Petroleum Policy, changes (as indicated above) are to be implemented for Board Review and endorsement at the next meeting

20. AW NRM BOARD POLICY REVIEW: Intellectual Property, Enterprise from Punu and Mai, Economic Development, and Tourism

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW

AW NRM Board Policy - Intellectual Property

Mary-Anne advised the original Policy for Intellectual Property had been reviewed and updated by RMT. Changes included updating DEWNR to DEW.

Suggestion from the Board included to remove wording 'in the region' to read 'all Aboriginal cultural heritage and cultural expression is respected'. Discussion around query raised for copyright around Intellectual Property.

Action: Pia and Mary-Anne to explore information from Intellectual Property meeting (to be held in Ceduna), then present to the Board at next meeting

AW NRM Board Policy - Enterprise from Punu and Mai

Mary-Anne advised the original Policy had been reviewed and updated by RMT. Suggestion from the Board to remove some wording from vision - 'sustainable enterprises may include bushfoods'

Principles – add traditional owners, and a word for 'community enterprise'

AW NRM Board Policy - Economic Development

Mary-Anne advised the original Policy had been reviewed and updated by RMT. Parry Agius requested what the contribution by AW NRM Board is to the vision ie. enjoy the relationship with AW. The Board agreed change wording from Anangu to Aboriginal.

AW NRM Board Policy - Tourism

Mary-Anne advised the original Policy had been reviewed and updated by RMT. Suggestion from the Board to include wording to Vision 'and creating an economic benefit from sharing stories and landscapes'. Principles – unchanged. Remove wording 'with no changes'.

Motion: The AW NRM Board endorse the Board Policy's Intellectual Property, Enterprise from Punu and Mai, Economic Development, and Tourism, subject to the changes as indicated above.

*Moved: Kristy Richards
Seconded: Mima Smart*

21. OTHER BUSINESS

21.1 Potential new Strategic Activities

MoU with Cleland Wildlife Park

Parry Agius raised possible development of MoU and working relationship with Cleland Wildlife Park as part of the AMTB concept. 160k visitors to Cleland every year, and this would be an opportunity to work with AMLR the public, and raise the profile of AW.

Action: Write to Cleland (Chris Daniels) expressing Board interest in developing MoU with Cleland Wildlife Park

Cleland to consider the Wadu (Wombat), in the same sense as the International Centre for Excellence for Koala. Parry advised he is an ambassador for the ICEK.

Concept could include involving people from Yorke Peninsula, the Coorong, Truro/Blanchetown. New creature could be added each year ie. mallee fowl.

Discussion around the International Bird Sanctuary – are AW Birds represented there? Plover, Night Parrot?

Action: Action Plan and strategy for developing relationship with Cleland Wildlife Park to be drafted

Indigenous Seed Bank

Parry introduced the concept for Rangers to become seed collectors for the future and other purposes.

Action: Invite Steve Hughes to next Board Meeting to discuss concept of Indigenous Seed Bank

Action: Start developing concepts through AMTB for implementation with 3 new Landscapes Boards (formerly AMLR)

Tourism

Half day workshop to be held during December meeting in Adelaide (Meeting 62).

Action: Issue invitations for Regional Development Authority (Eyre Peninsula) and other stakeholders to attend Tourism Workshop at next Board Meeting in Adelaide (Dec 2018)

Wild Dog Fence

Discussion around the Wild Dog Fence, and the current management of the structure. Concept for Traditional Rangers to be trained to maintain and patrol the fences. Presiding Member and Regional Director to talk with Andrew Curtis (Livestock SA), and chair of the Dog Fence Board (Carolyn Ireland).

Other items:

Action: Letter of thanks to be sent to the NRCP and ALPSC for meeting with the Board.

Action: Explore possible dates for NRCP to visit to AW region. Advise/invitation to the Minister.

Action: Letter of thanks to be sent to David Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water for meeting with the Board

21.2 Correspondence

Not reviewed. Deferred to next meeting.

22. COMMUNICATIONS – KEY MESSAGES FROM MEETING 61

The key messages from Meeting 61 were not discussed.

23. FORWARD AGENDA

Forward Agenda not reviewed, and no items raised for next meeting.

24. CLOSE AND NEXT MEETING

There being no further business to discuss, Presiding Member Parry Agius provided the members with thanks for their attendance and contribution, and NR AW Staff for supporting the Board with their meeting requirements. The meeting was then declared closed at **3.00pm** on Friday 5 October 2018.

The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held: **in Adelaide 3-4 December, 2018.**

End Meeting 61

Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:



Date: 3 / 12 / 2018