



## Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

### Meeting No. 62

#### MINUTES OF MEETING

3-5 December 2018

Venue: The Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, 125 North 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 and attending from other areas of South Australia and Australia present here today.*

In Attendance:	
<b>AW NRM Board Members</b> (and/or proxies)	<b>Parry Agius</b> (Presiding Member), <b>Debbie Hansen</b> , <b>Kristy Richards</b> , <b>Mima Smart</b> , <b>Julie O'Toole</b> , <b>Mick Haynes</b>
<b>NR AW Staff (DEW)</b>	<b>Mary-Anne Healy</b> (Regional Director), <b>Bruce Macpherson</b> (Community Engagement), <b>Leah Feuerherdt</b> (Planning and Sustainable Landscapes), <b>Thuy Phan</b> (Business Support), <b>Sue Agars</b> (Executive Officer)

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

#### **Meeting opened at 11.30pm**

The Chair welcomed AW NRM Board members, guests and NR AW staff to Meeting 62 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), Sally Scales (APY). Discussion around number of absentee's. In particular APY is not appropriately represented.

**Action:** Presiding Member to review member attendance and send letter to remind members of responsibilities especially when Minister is looking at rolling over memberships.

Parry Agius advised he would leave the meeting at 1.30pm, returning 3.30pm due to previous commitments.

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

An overview of the Agenda and activities for Meeting 62 was provided by the Presiding Member. The Agenda for AW NRM Board Meeting 62 was adopted, with late item added by Parry Agius: Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, for discussion on Day 3. There were no declared conflicts of interest.

*Moved: Kristy Richards, Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

### 3. Adelaide Meets the Bush Strategy – Update and Next Steps

*Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement (refer to presentation)*

Bruce provide an outline and update on Stage 2 of the AMTB concept. Bruce advised that a Survey Monkey had been distributed to AMLR Board and staff for AMTB activities conducted in 2018. Outcomes to be provided and discussed at next meeting. Information will go to new Adelaide Landscapes Boards to show the impacts of the relationship. Video shown with commentary from AMLR Board re: Oak Valley trip.

**Action:** Manager Community Engagement to advise results of Survey Monkey (AMLR feedback AMTB 2018 activities) at next meeting

Bruce advised that collaboration with Botanic Gardens and Herbarium started – a meeting has been held, and ideas that link to other priorities of the Board are being discussed including seed banks and bush foods, Aboriginal Plants and Medicinal Knowledge, issues of Intellectual Property and rare and endangered species. Further details to be finalised.

Presiding Member, Regional Director, and Manager Community Engagement to attend meeting with SA Museum on 12/12/18 to pursue concept of possible future exhibition.

**Action:** Regional Director and Manager Community Engagement to develop Agenda for meeting with SA Museum re: possible future exhibition

Further satellite exhibitions to be arranged for Port Adelaide and Cleland Conservation Park (during busy tourist periods). Talk sessions with Mima and Debbie to be arranged. Board members encouraged to participate and talk at exhibitions. Date for opening of exhibitions to be finalised and advised.

### **Local Media Strategy for Events**

Bruce advised that early development of event communication strategies (with partners) will include Community, Boards, DEW, and state and nation-wide advertising. Resources are available and will be required. Timing and delivery milestones will be required.

Mick Haynes raised advertising should be considered for the exhibitions in the Saturday (Weekend) Advertiser Magazine and Sunday Mail 'What's On' segment, prior to exhibition launch. Greater planning required than last exhibition. Event/Project Manager to run event to be further discussed.

**Recommendation:** the AW NRM Board note and discuss the report of the Manager, Community Engagement on the activities proposed for Adelaide Meets the Bush (Stage 2).

**Motion:** the AW NRM Board note the report of the Manager, Community Engagement on the activities proposed for Adelaide Meets the Bush (Stage 2).

*Moved: Michael Haynes, Seconded: Kristy Richards*

Discussion around forming links and partnerships. Suggestion for SA Museum to visit on-country (FWC). Mick raised discussion around caring for and returning artefacts and pieces to country. Lutheran archives currently hold a lot of material and cultural protocols are to be observed in future.

## **4. Adelaide Botanic Garden and Seed Banks – Partnership with the Adelaide Botanic Gardens**

**Guest Speakers:** *Lucy Sutherland (Director) and Michelle Waycott (Chief Botanist), Adelaide Botanic Gardens (refer to presentation)*

Parry Agius introduced the item and welcomed guest speakers. Parry advised this item was around the development of partnerships, and Indigenous seed banks for the AW Region.

Round-table introductions were provided. Lucy Sutherland provided some insight into her professional background ie. National Botanic Garden in Canberra. Michelle is the Chief Botanist at Adelaide Botanic Gardens, and has worked in Qld and WA.

Lucy thanked the Board for their invitation, and the opportunity to talk about seed banking. Lucy advised that a seed bank had been established since 2004 as a collection of SA flora to be preserved for the future. Over the past 14 years threatened species have been collected. A small portion of seeds are used for research ie. how to germinate and grow the plant and place back into the natural habitat, and around ¾ of species are currently stored. Storage can keep seeds in ideal conditions for up to 100 years. The work involves Natural Resources groups who work with communities across the state. Collections are available to reintroduce back into the environment. What has not been addressed is consideration for an Indigenous seed bank. Project needs to be strongly driven through Community, however there are some important considerations to be discussed before anything can start.

Michelle advised the seed banking was a part of the Millenium Seed Bank initiative. Lots of reason to conserve seeds including rare, or value for different uses, and traditional use.

Lucy advised that botanic gardens/herbarium staff are being trained in cultural awareness – to ask the right questions and cover a number of complexities. Aspiring to develop good working relationships.

Mick raised issue of Intellectual Property. Michelle has been involved in a number of Aboriginal projects and awareness around how information is collected and handled is addressed. Very difficult to recall information once it has been made public. Important to place the right protocols around projects.

Mima advised that in the past people had come on country and taken liberties – taking plants and seeds when they were asked not to. Important to observe cultural safety as knowledge has already been lost. Suggestions for Rangers to work with Communities. Debbie advised this is happening in her country. Ladies and Rangers working together.

Discussion around climate change and how to obtain seeds from northern and western South Australia before larger impacts occur.

Discussion around Seed bank concept to be incorporated in Healthy Country Plans.

Michelle encouraged staff and Board to contact Herbarium staff for assistance and advice if required.

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board will progress partnership with the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and seed bank collection for the AW region

*Moved: Mima Smart, Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

**Action:** Manager Community Engagement and Regional Director to work with Adelaide Botanic Gardens and Herbarium to develop and progress partnership, including seed bank/collection.

## 5. SA Wild Dog Advisory Group

*Leah Feuerherdt, Manager Planning and Sustainable Landscapes*

**Guest Speakers:** Brad Page and Marty Bower (PIRSA)  
(refer to presentation)

Parry Agius introduced the item and welcomed guest speakers. Parry advised the item was in relation to strategic discussion held by the Board at Meeting 61 in relation to management of the Dog Fence, and possible Ranger Roles.

### 5.1 Dog Fence Management and Strategic Plan

Brad Page opened the item and handed over to Marty Bower to conduct the presentation. Marty advised the Dog Fence was mainly focussed on wild dogs, but also has a role to play controlling rabbit and deer. Background of wild dog issues throughout the state provided. *Wild Dog Strategic Plan* released 2016, with 3 management zones identified. The Plan was developed by the South Australia Wild Dog Advisory Group (SAWDAG) with 4 key goals – to detect and eradicate dogs inside the dog fence, prevent incursions by wild dogs through the dog fence, protect the sheep industry and human safety whilst maintaining the ecological and cultural roles of wild dogs outside the dog fence.

Marty advised the SAWDAG Terms of Reference include: to provide advice to the Govt. on the control of wild dogs in SA, propose sustainable funding models for long-term wild dog management, monitor implementation of the National Wild Dog Action Plan in SA, and implement the Strategic Plan.

Discussion around distinction between Dingo and Wild Dog. SA has good genetic specimen of Dingo outside of dog fence.

2150km dog fence in SA taking \$1m in Commonwealth funds to maintain over past 4 years. Management also occurs for 35km buffer north of the fence. Discussion around danger to tourists if Wild Dog numbers are high. Aboriginal belief that Dingo's won't harm human beings, that it is the wild dogs who can cause harm.

Legislation – inside the fence the wild dog is a declared pest, with all landholders required to destroy wild dogs. There is an aim for eradication, and keeping or moving dingos and their hybrids without a permit is illegal. Impacts reviewed, including pets, people, and livestock.

Marty provided an overview of the Wild Dog Trapper Program which has been working from July 2018. Opportunity for Aboriginal people to be employed in the program. Currently there are two Aboriginal trappers, and 5 non-Aboriginal trappers. None of the trappers work full-time. Trappers can sub-contract young people from Communities. Actively aiming for people to work on the program. Potential for management of the Dog Fence including fence inspections, upgrades, and trapping. There are four Dog Fence Boards which contract workers to inspect fence. Typical vacancies advertised at 1 per year.

Marty advised that two thirds of the fence is due to be replaced over a 3 year period. Funding is still pending but a lot of contractor work will be available.

Mima raised issue of electrification of fences near Yalata but there had been no notification – children and others being shocked. Brad advised that the electrification had been installed to control Wombats, however was being removed.

No further discussion.

## 5.2 SA Wild Dog Advisory Group (SAWDAG) Nomination

Brad Page referred to previous correspondence to the Board, being an invitation for a member of the AW NRM Board to sit on SAWDAG. Currently SAAL, EP, N&Y and SAMDB are represented on the SAWDAG, Livestock SA, DEW (Aboriginal Engagement), PIRSA, and conservation sector are currently sitting on the Group. The Group currently sit four times yearly by phone. Currently remunerated by the organisation they are representing. Further consideration to be given to the provision of support of Aboriginal members should they wish to proceed with a nomination.

**Recommendation:** The AW NRM Board note Wild Dog Management in SA and the SA Wild Dog Strategic Plan; discuss opportunities for the AW region to be involved in managing wild dogs; and discuss the nomination for a representative and deputy to sit on the SA Wild Dog Advisory Group.

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board note Wild Dog Management in SA and the SA Wild Dog Strategic Plan. The Board also note the opportunities for the AW region to be involved in managing wild dogs, and will consider nominating a representative and deputy to sit on SAWDAG, following consideration for greater support for Aboriginal members.

Motion to be considered further by the Board and staff. For decision Day 3 of Meeting 62.

## 6. Intellectual Property

*Tamahina Cox, Ranger, NR Eyre Peninsula (refer to presentation)*

Tammy Cox introduced the item and provided an overview of her attendance at the Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Workshop, held by Terri Janke and Company (14-15 August 2018). Tammy provided some insight into what intellectual property is - the property of your mind/knowledge. Copyright protects all types of works and subjects. The Copyright remains with the creator but expires after 70 years. Trademarks and patents also discussed.

Discussion around lack of protection of Indigenous knowledge. Contracts etc. are required to be in place to protect the knowledge. Traditional knowledge notices, and indigenous knowledge rights v intellectual property. 'True Tracks' reviewed. Successful ICIP frameworks incorporate the laws and protocols. Discussion around the conflicts and limits of IP and sharing of benefits for both individuals and groups.

**Recommendation:** The AW NRM Board ensure Board protocols are up to date and protect the IP of the Custodians of the AW Region, and that there are written and signed agreements with visitors/contractors/anyone working in the AW Region

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board agree to ensure Board protocols are up to date to protect the Intellectual Property of the Custodians of the AW Region, and that there are written and signed agreements with visitors/contractors/anyone working in the AW Region

*Moved: Mima Smart, Seconded: Debbie Hansen*

## 7. AW NRM Board Advocacy for Bush Foods, Plants and Animals

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

Mary-Anne advised the item is the result of an action to explore the Board becoming an advocate for Bush Foods, Plants and Animals.

Discussion around what is already happening in the region, including: Yalata Youth (bush medicines), CAC (trials/nursery), Scotdesco (Saltbush), Alice Springs (bush tomatoes). Other projects include: Wombat monitoring, seasonal wheel project, and Kuka Kanyani – Wataru.

Current threats and risks reviewed including: Buffel grass, infrastructure, unfenced pastoralism, camel, goats and other feral herbivores, intellectual property/traditional knowledge being undermined.

Discussion around who to advocate to, i.e. State and Australian Government, other NRM Boards, Environmental groups researchers, tourists and visitors to the region, health organisations.

Tangible opportunities may exist around: Retained Earnings proposal (business development including markets, suppliers); working with Australian Native Food and Botanicals (ANFAB, SANFAB); redefining the description of farming and agriculture to make it relevant to AW region; and developing an understanding of intellectual property as it relates to traditional knowledge.

Discussion around the term 'advocacy' – consider changing to 'facilitating'.

**Recommendation:** the AW NRM Board discusses bushfoods (plants and animals) and suggestions for future activities, and agrees on key actions to be taken

**Motion:** the AW NRM Board agrees to further discuss bushfoods (plants and animals), and consider suggestions for future activities

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

**Actions:** Regional Director to invite guest speaker from ANFAB/SANFAB to talk with Board; take paper to the Australian Rangelands Conference in 2019 re: redefining farming/agriculture

## 8. Board Expenses – review of Meeting 61

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

An overview of Meeting 61 expenses was reviewed by the Board. The Board were invited to query and discuss any of the costs associated with holding the meeting. No further discussion.

## 9. Board Evaluation Survey Results

*Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW*

**Guest Speaker:** *Kate Costello, Governance Matters (refer to presentation)*

Kate advised that the Board and staff had completed an evaluation at last Meeting (Meeting 61), and the results were now available to review.

Kate provided hard copy of the Evaluation Survey Results to members and talked the members through the categories of; Structure and Skills, NRM Groups and Committees, Strategic Direction and Planning, Policy, Monitoring and Supervision, Accountability, Teamwork and Behaviour, and Agenda/Papers/Board Meetings and Minutes.

Generally, the Board fall in the average to good category of results, and Kate congratulated the Board on this result.

### Top 3 Governance Strengths:

1. Consensus approach to issues and discussions
2. Diversity on the Board,
3. Community Involvement.

### Top 5 Recommendations to Improve the Board's effectiveness:

1. Provide ongoing training and development for the Board – schedule on-going expert development sessions on governance topics for the Board at least twice a year
2. Review and understand policies and procedures processes
3. Align business plan and operational plans
4. Longer time allowed for checking and understanding
5. Less paperwork

### Top 5 Recommendations:

1. Schedule on-going expert development sessions on governance topics for the Board at least twice a year
2. Develop a Matters Reserved for the Board Policy which unambiguously lists the matters which the Board must decide as opposed to those matters left to management
3. Agree the organisational policies which the Board must approve and review compared with those which Management attends to
4. Create/review the Board Charter, kept current, covering every aspect of how the Board functions itself ie. committee chargers, code of conduct; Board Role and Function Statements
5. Create a Board Manual, kept current, which incorporates all the policies from 2, 3 and 4 above and other important documents which a Board member may need to reference from time to time ie. plans

### Next 5 Recommendations:

6. Circulate Board papers and minutes from Board Meetings within an agreed time prior to and following Board meetings
7. Ensure the Board schedules strategic discussions on agreed topics at the commencement of each Board meeting
8. As part of the Board's meeting calendar, schedule a few times without management present to discuss any sensitive issues and immediately advise management of any conclusions from these discussions
9. Develop a Position Description for Board Members
10. Evaluate individual directors, the Chair and committees of the Board next time the Board undertakes a formal Board Performance Evaluation.

Kate advised that the recommendations are for further discussion and implementation by Board and staff as agreed upon. No further discussion.

**Action:** Executive Officer and Regional Director review recommendations in relation to Board Governance and determine if/where further action is required.

## 10. Ranger Role Descriptions

*Parry Agius, Presiding Member*

*Bruce Macpherson, Manager Community Engagement*

Parry Agius introduced the item and provided an overview of the topic. The item is in-line with previous Board discussions around the roles of Rangers, and how to 'open up' the scope and skills of a Ranger, making it more accessible to Aboriginal workers. Parry advised the general concept is that Ranger Programs could be pathways to support Aboriginal people to learn skills and move into future work.

Bruce queried the Board asking 'what is it that a Ranger does, and how would we know when we are doing it?' Numerous roles examined for the skills required. Environmental Health, Weed spraying, training others and teaching, equipment maintenance, animal rescue, surveying, heavy vehicles, landscaping, administration, plumbing and drainage, fencing, communication, irrigation, animal husbandry, promotion, threatened species, feral animals photography, data management, chemistry, research, biology etc. Title of Rangers could be: Sea Rangers, Land-care Rangers, Junior Rangers, Maintenance Rangers.

Bruce explained that the AW NRM Board receives funding from a variety of sources to support work with Land Holding Authorities (LHA's) across the region. DEW employs a number of Project Officers or Rangers to work on Public Lands and also with LHA's. Most LHA's across the AW region also employ Rangers, or want to in the future. Some possibilities include: a ranger crew that also carries out environmental health work – this could combine funding through Dept. for Environment, SA Housing and AW; road maintenance contracts; holiday programs with young people during holidays.

**Action:** Manager Community Engagement to work with the Presiding Member to align training proposal and ranger roles to be reviewed at next meeting

## 11. Landscapes update

*Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW*

Mary-Anne provided the Board with an update on developments towards the new Landscapes Bill, and Board appointments. Mary-Anne advised the draft Bill will be released in December for limited consultation with key stakeholders, however there was a short consultation time. The Minister has stated that AW will be able to keep running as it is although most likely to be only 7 members. Mary-Anne advised that the Green Adelaide levy will go into a state-wide fund for distribution to the regions. To be tabled in Parliament in March 2019. No further discussion.

## Late Item: Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation

*Parry Agius, Presiding Member*

Parry Agius advised he had been a member of the Board for the Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation since February 2018. Parry provided the Board with an overview of the Foundation's website, and background to the scope and principles of the Foundation. Parry advised the Foundation was established in 2016 with a trust. Other Board members are locally based, and it is 50% Aboriginal owned, controlled, and 50% minimum Aboriginal employment.

Parry advised the Foundation provides impacts upon Education, Development, Employment and Enterprise. Discussion around if there is any value in inviting the Foundation to visit AW NRM Board, or have some members visit them in WA. MoU or Service Delivery Agreement to assist AW to survive reduction in funding. Discussion around researching their ideas, and sharing / working together. Offer for AW to visit with them, with return invitation.

**Motion:** the AW NRM Board and key RMT will visit the Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation in WA late January 2019, and then invite them to meet with the AW NRM Board in February 2019 to discuss further.

*Moved: Mick Haynes, Seconded: Mima Smart*

**Action:** Regional Director and Management team to investigate making arrangements to travel to WA with the Board members to visit the Aboriginal Biodiversity Conservation Foundation. Invitation to be extended to the Foundation Board to travel to SA to visit with the Board at Meeting 63.

## End Day 1 (5.00pm)

## Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 62

Day 2 – Tuesday 4 December 2018

Valente Room, Cleland Wildlife Park, 365 Mount Lofty Summit Road, Crafers

### Indigenous Tourism Opportunities in the AW Region Workshop

**Meeting Opened:** 9.30am **Apologies:** Julie O'Toole

Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW opened the day and welcomed members and staff, and provided an overview of the days planned activities.

#### 12. Indigenous Tourism Conference (Lorne VIC)

*Tamahina Cox, Ranger Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula (refer to presentation)*

Tammy provided a background to the presentation, including that she had attended the World Indigenous Tourism Conference held in New Zealand earlier in the year.

Tammy (representing the AW NRM Board) and Wanda Miller (representing FWC Co-management Board) attended the Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference (AITC) in Lorne 30 October to 1 November 2018. An overview of keynote speakers was provided and Tammy advised the highlights included Camping with Custodians – seeing the country through Aboriginal Eyes, Mungalla Aboriginal Tours (tourism and Land Management).

The history of AITC and aims of the conference include that it is an opportunity for industry experts and leaders to share knowledge, provides practical hands-on advice, and showcases the diversity of Aboriginal culture.

Tammy advised the Board of the upcoming World Indigenous Tourism Summit, to be held in Perth April 5-9 2020. The Summit is an important opportunity for all stakeholders in Indigenous tourism and will include; Industry Conference, Research Symposium, Youth Forum, and Government Policy Forum.

**Recommendations:** The AW NRM Board discuss sending a representative for the AW region to the WITS in Perth in 2020; discuss becoming an advocate for a Cultural Centre in Ceduna for the Far West and AW Region; and discuss creating a Far West Tourism Opportunities Conference

Tammy provided some topics for further discussion, including: Aboriginal Tourism in WA, Accessible Tourism, Aboriginal Tourism in National Parks, Developing Aboriginal Tourism in National Parks, Women in Tourism, Tourism and Social Media, and Cultural Intellectual property and the road to certification.

Mick Haynes urged the Board to support the recommendations as provided and that they be included in the Indigenous Tourism Strategy.

No motion made.

#### 13. Tourism in the AW Region updates

**Guest Speaker: Hayden Zammit, Business Manager Product Development, Destination Development, South Australia Tourism Commission (SATC) (refer to presentation)**

Hayden introduced himself and gave an overview of his role with SATC. He advised SATC have a strong objective to increase expenditure target by 2020 to \$8B and 10,000 additional jobs.

Hayden referred to a tourism conference held in Ceduna several weeks ago and said it was a good opportunity for local and intrastate operators and key stakeholders. Reference was made to current statistics with key data sources including International Visitor Survey, National Visitor Survey, Tourism Satellite Account, SATC Consumer Research, and Event Evaluations. Visitors are always looking for indigenous experience. Increased product and offering available expected demand to increase. SA visitor economy overview provided. Good potential to reach 2020 targets.

Hayden advised opportunity exists with inter and intrastate markets for indigenous experiences. Consumers actively seeking aboriginal and cultural experiences. Product Development Pillars include Nature and Wildlife, Coastal and Aquatic, Soft Adventure and the Outback. Nature based Tourism is expected to bring 1000 new jobs.

Top Three Aboriginal experiences undertaken by visitors include: viewing Aboriginal art craft or cultural display, visiting aboriginal galleries, and visiting an aboriginal cultural centre.

SATC support: Increased awareness, improving the quality of existing tourism products/experiences, improving distribution of export-ready Aboriginal products, and fostering new and emerging Aboriginal tourism enterprises.

Hayden offered that SATC was happy to provide further advice and support and provided his contact details.

**Guest Speakers: Brad Riddle and Howard Coote, Regional Development Australia (Eyre Peninsula) (refer to presentation)**

Brad provided introductions and an overview of their roles – Howard leading the Aboriginal Tourism Strategy. Advised they will overview some regional initiatives that are on the ground and happening now.

Howard advised the first Aboriginal Strategy for the Far West has now been developed and implemented. Developments and product improvement now happening at Yalata (old roadhouse site), and funding acquired to increase digital capacity ie. Online booking and websites. Offer for AW NRM to be connected on the website. Also aim to build capacity of people working in the region through training ie. Shops, staffing and management of Scotdesco, social media, and customer relations.

Howard advised they were seeking partners for review of launch of strategy. Invitation forthcoming for Parry and Board members to attend. Discussion around Ambassador for town/region. SATC should be encouraged to support training and education for local people to get them on board. TAFESA runs training for Aboriginal people. Parry proposed a shorter course for people to get a feel for roles.

*Eyes on Eyre* (partnership between NRM, RDA and local government) – consumer expectation for level of service. Nullarbor and SA currently lack services. Audit of *Eyes on Eyre* revealed a cohesive platform required for speaking for 50k people across the state. Interim report and draft concepts released. Major investment required (ie. Around \$20m to start with). Some state funding opportunities, and Minister Ridgeway and Minister Speirs keen to be involved. RDA keen to have support from AW NRM Board to implement Visitor Information Bays (\$20k).

Integration of the Nullarbor Visitor Strategy is key. 50,000 of the Nullarbor Maps are utilised every year. Potential for Visitor Pods. Pilbara examples overviewed. Keen to work with technology partners for activated sites ie. Bluetooth devices to connect to phones. Consumer apps overviewed. Good for measuring / tracking interest.

**Guest Speaker: Peter See, General Manager, 10 Deserts Project (refer to presentation)**

Overview of project strategy provided. Aim to increase capacity for indigenous people and organisations, managing key threats to natural and cultural assets, creating new markets for sustainable jobs and income. Building the voice of Indigenous Desert Alliance very important.

Peter advised aim to develop an indigenous Tourism Strategy by August 2019. Designing a desert portal for visitors to find out information about tourism across the desert. Also develop toolbox for user groups.

Opportunities: Build on Friends of the GVD trips that focus on biodiversity, support MT to assess different options for Maralinga tour, develop permit systems more (harvest data), develop model and capacity for high-end cultural experiences.

Potential role for the AW NRM Board: using tourism to promote indigenous and biodiversity values of the region, development of communications products to encourage interest in the region, utilise NRM networks to test new models or products, encourage participation in the 10 Deserts Project.

**Guest Speaker: Matt Johnson, Group Executive Director, Economic and Sustainable Development, DEW**

Matt advised key initiatives – new business opportunities, Cleland Wildlife Park redevelopment, Kangaroo Island Lodge Walk. In September 2018 13 businesses invited to participate in opportunities.

Far West Aboriginal Tourism Strategic Plan and possibilities reviewed. Marketing and signage required – better branding, way finding and signage. Access to land and facilities: Murrawijinie Caves, Koonalda Homestead/caves, Diamond Bore, Camp Groups, wi-fi. Capacity – SATC mentoring for operators. New Partnerships – shared objective and coordinating the many groups and individuals with a legitimate interest. Discussion around the opportunities for the Nullarbor ie. Head of Bight – oysters and Sav Blanc.

**Action:** letter of thanks to be written to Hayden Zammit (SATC), Peter See (10DP), Brad Riddle and Howard Coote (RDA EP), and Matt Johnson (DEW) for presenting at the AW NRM Board Tourism Workshop.

## 14. WORKSHOP

*Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director NR AW*

Mary-Anne provided an overview of the activity/workshop, and the Board and attendees were asked to workshop 'What can AW NRM Board do to influence or support tourism in the region?'. Ideas from the group were recorded (as follows), and the top four were selected by the group to further explore:

- Help to lobby SATC /govt about tourism opportunities in the region
- ID what AW does that can link into tourism strategy – clarify between AW and DEW
- Help provide content for signage
- Work with RDA to facilitate conversations with communities and co-management boards
- Support work to streamline permits system
- Use political influence to resolve land tenure disputes
- Form partnerships ie. AW and RDA
- Develop close partnership with FWCAC and Ceduna Council to promote tourism
- Develop Introductory Tourism training package
- Influence government to improve or provide infrastructure
- Integrate Nullarbor Visitor Strategy into regional approach
- Scoping Koonalda for business development Engage individuals in tourism opportunities
- Other ideas for business development
- Low hanging fruit

The attendees split into groups to further explore how to facilitate top 4 ideas:

- 1. Low Hanging Fruit – what does AW do that can be turned into Tourism opportunities**
- 2. Content for Signage in the region**
- 3. Streamline Permits process**
- 4. How do the AW NRM Board engage individuals and Communities in tourism opportunities**

**Action:** Regional Director to compile notes from the workshop and develop action plan for future activities and areas of focus.

## 15. AW NRM Board & Cleland Wildlife Park - Development of MoU & Relationship Building

*Parry Agius, Presiding Member*

**Guest Speaker: Chris Daniels, Director Cleland Conservation Park, and Cleland Wildlife Park**

Parry opened the session by advising there is a link between AW and Cleland Wildlife Park through animals and species native to the AW region. Further consideration could be given to art, and music – whatever people consider is most important.

Chris explained there are currently approx. 130k visitors to Cleland Wildlife Park (with approx. 75% Chinese), and this could increase to 200-300k over the coming few years. Opportunity for trainees, volunteer guides etc however there is a lack of Aboriginal Rangers. Greater connection to Indigenous people is required. Cleland could be considered as a training centre for Rangers/Fire/Tourism workers. There is currently no formal University training available, however Cleland could offer a component of a degree.

Cleland could also be a hub for Aboriginal Engagement, holding exhibitions and shows. Discussion around possible events for Spring 2019 – 1-3 months of exhibition, talks, demonstrations, paintings, and story-telling. This would be an opportunity to bring together traditional owners and tourists. Invitation to be extended to Oak Valley Community as part of the MoU which was developed in 2018.

Mid-year – relationship with new Landscape Board. Winter 2019 possibilities include wildlife showcase and focus on spiky reptiles at Cleland and their link to the AW region

**Action:** Parry Agius to speak with A/GED P&R and GED Economic Development around the concept of Cleland becoming a cultural training and engagement centre

**Action:** Brenton Gear to speak with University of Adelaide around Cleland offering 2 x week training component of Degree

**Action:** Regional Director and Manager Community Engagement to draft strategy for concept of Cleland becoming a cultural training and engagement centre, and present to GED Economic Development

**Action:** Regional Director to write letter to Cleland summarising the exchange of ideas, and the role of Natural Resources Education and link to Cleland through development of MoU

The meeting closed at 4.30pm, and the members participated in the Board Xmas Dinner with invited guests from Cleland Wildlife Park, and AMLR NRM Board and staff.

## End Day 2 (4.30pm)

### Alinytjara Wilurara Natural Resources Management Board

Meeting No. 62

**Day 3 – Wednesday 5 December 2018**

Pioneer Meeting Room, Level 1, Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, 125 North Terrace, Adelaide

**Meeting start: 9.00am**

Debbie Hansen late arrival (11.00am)

## 17. AW NRM Board Presiding Member Report

*Parry Agius, Presiding Member*

Parry provided an overview and discussion around a meeting held with Equinor (formerly Statoil). Parry met with the new Country Manager and discussed the change of company from Statoil to Equinor.

**Action** – invite Equinor to meeting in February to meet with the Board.

Overview of Presiding Member activities conducted since last meeting (Meeting 61) was provided. Discussion around meeting with Andrew Curtis (Livestock SA re: Wild Dogs).

Parry advised he had facilitated a workshop in Brisbane for Australian Land Conservation Alliance, around developing a small working group to plan for a larger meeting in Adelaide in October next year. Attendees from NSW, WA and NT all keen to be involved.

Update provided on 10 Deserts Program Steering Committee and Indigenous Desert Alliance Forum in Perth during November.

Parry advised his current focus (and that of Council of Presiding Members) is on the changes to NRM Act and Boards.

## 18. NR AW Regional Director Report

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

Mary-Anne tabled hard copies of Key Achievements for the AW NRM Board 2017-18. Key Achievements will be sent to key stakeholders including the Minister, CE DEW, and LHA's.

An update of Mary-Anne's activities conducted since last meeting (61) were provided as follows:

**Governance and Planning:** Board Membership, Liaising with DEW on key issues (particularly Landscapes SA reforms), Adelaide Meets the Bush (setting up for phase 2), Annual Report 2017-18 completed and submitted to the Minister, and Achievements Report 2017-18 completed and sent out.

**Relevance and Relationship:** National Landcare Program 2 (offered 205 year project funding), attended 10 Deserts Steering Committee and Indigenous Desert Alliance Forum, and attended Rangelands NRM Alliance launch in Canberra.

**Strong partnerships with stakeholders:** draft APY Mou, AMYAC, ALT (initial discussion held), draft MT (May 2018). FWCAC and AMRL NRM Board completed (signed), Yalata due for review. New partnerships developing with Cleland Wildlife Park, Botanic Gardens of Adelaide, and SA Museum.

**Emerging Strategic Issues:** Landscape SA – draft bill out for limited consultation, NLP2 – contracts finalised with Australian Govt - contract delivery organisations; Cross-regional relationships – meet EP/SAAL in early 2019; Working with LHA's – plan to meet with APY to progress MOU; Adelaide meets the Bush – progress activities with Cleland and Botanic Gardens.

**Things we have been up to:** All Staff muster, Landscapes SA reform process, DEW reform process, National Landcare Program, Capacity Building Program for LHA's, DEW head office visit to AW region with Matt Johnson.

**NLP2 Funding Update:** \$2.55m 5 years core services funding, Projects 2018-19 \$1.176m, Projects 2019-23 \$4.54m, total \$8.3m over 5 years. Previous 5 years \$5.4m.

**Instrument of Delegation:** Proposal that the AW NRM Board endorses the addition of new positions to the Instrument of Delegation: Sustainable Communities Coordinator (position came from the Land-care Facilitator positions); Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Officer, Business Support Officer. Mary-Anne advised the request was so that staff have permission to purchase on behalf of the Board.

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board endorses the addition of new positions of Sustainable Communities Coordinator, Monitoring Evaluation and Reporting Officer, and Business Support to the Instrument of Delegation

*Moved: Mick Haynes, Seconded: Kristy Richards*

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board notes the reports from the Regional Director NR AW, and the Presiding Member AW NRM Board

*Moved: Mick Haynes, Seconded: Kristy Richards*

## 19. 10 Deserts Program Update

*Guest Speaker: Peter See, General Manager*

Peter See provided an acknowledgement of traditional custodians past and present.

Introduction provided to Gareth Catt, Fire Management Officer who is conducting Fire Training with Board and staff following the meeting. Peter provided apologies from Andrew Minyardie (Chair) and Benji Kenny (Deputy Chair).

Overview of the 10 Deserts Project provided. 5 year project to 31 December 2022, led by Desert Support Services and its Indigenous partners. AW NRM Board is the only SA partner. The program is enabled by the BHP Foundation and builds on the work of indigenous rangers, IPA's and project partners. The Project will take Indigenous land management in the desert to a new level.

Overview of Project Strategy provided. Aim is to build capacity – to have more Rangers working on-country, and build capacity of organisations. Aim to manage key threats to natural and cultural assets, and create new markets for sustainable jobs and income.

Regional strategies for common threats include fire management, funds for more feral camel control work, funds for buffel grass management in GVD, and collaborating for increased funding via regional NRM groups.

Current position overviewed – it is now 8 months from launch in Canberra. Project establishment phase nearly completed. Engaging stakeholders and contractors, and shifting focus to implementation. Potential for Joint Bid by regional NRM groups/Rangelands Alliance and 10 Deserts Project to NLP2.

Gareth to arrange training for Fire Management in APY ie. Discussion around contractor engagement. Discussion around Buffel Grass and Rural Solutions role in pulling together the 10 Deserts regional buffel strategy. Discussion around foundation process, and the difference.

Early implementation deliverables: Developing the Indigenous Desert Alliance, Oak Valley Ranger team, Planning for regional fire management and feral camel control work in 2019, finalising Buffel free GVD plan, and engagement of consultant for regional Indigenous Tourism Strategy.

Mima suggested re-engagement with Yalata to incorporate desert to sea-scapes. Discussion around taking care with groups around Olympic Dam – can't be seen to be helping BHP. Suggestion from Parry that the Board write to leaders of Aboriginal organisations in the 10 Deserts region to introduce and encourage to be part of 10 Deserts process.

**Action:** Peter See to provide one-pager to the AW NRM Board around taking on role to ask other NRM Boards to think about opportunities

**Action:** Presiding Member to write to leaders of Aboriginal corporations to introduce the 10DP Project and encourage them to be part of the process.

**Action:** Presiding Member to write to other NRM Boards to introduce the 10DP Project and encourage them to partner with 10DP

**Action:** Regional Director, Manager Community Engagement to Bring 10DP into MOUs with MT & Yalata

## 20. AW NRM Board Retained Earnings

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

Mary-Anne provided an overview of Business Development proposal, to explore possible opportunities across the landscapes of AW region. Objective is to create products, experiences, jobs and improved economic outcomes to benefit the people of the region and beyond. Proposal includes: Business development, Tourism, Bushfoods, Traditional medicines, Carbon and biodiversity credits, and art.

Discussion around the case for a scoping and understanding what is already available and relevant to AW regarding business development, building links to other projects like 10 Deserts tourism project, grants for training and business development. All areas that AW staff do not have expertise and capacity to do.

Phase 1 would be exploration around what is wanted, and what is required to do it. Further analysis will determine the next steps. Current retained earnings is around \$3m – request would be for access for around \$1.8-\$2m.

Recommended next steps: the Board write to the Minister to request permission to apply to access retained earnings, and seek his support.

**Recommendations:** the AW NRM Board notes the approach to access retained earnings, and endorses the development of a business case and cabinet submission

**Additional recommendations:** the AW NRM Board endorse the Presiding Member to write to the Minister to request permission to apply to access retained earnings, and seek his support; and the Audit and Risk Committee review and approve the letter to the Minister, and update the Board with the progress of the retained earnings application process.

**Motion:** The AW NRM Board; notes the approach to access the Board's retained earnings; endorses the development of a business case and cabinet submission; endorses the Presiding Member to write to the Minister to request permission to apply to access retained earnings; and endorses the AW NRM Board Audit and Risk Management Committee to review letter to the Minister, and update the Board with the progress of the retained earnings application process.

*Moved: Mima Smart, Seconded: Mick Haynes*

**Action:** Presiding Member to write to the Minister to request permission to apply to access retained earnings, and seek support.

**Action:** Regional Director to table letter to Minister requesting permission to access retained earnings with AW NRM Board Audit and Risk Committee. The Committee will update the Board with the progress of the retained earnings application process.

## 21. AW NRM Board Action Register

*Mary-Anne Healy, Regional Director, NR AW*

Mary-Anne Healy provided the Board with an update on current and outstanding AW NRM Board Actions, with discussion around the following items;

### **21.1 AW NRM Board Policy, Mining and Petroleum (for approval)**

The revisions to the AW NRM board Policy – Mining and Petroleum were reviewed and discussed.

**Motion:** the AW NRM Board approve the revisions to AW NRM Board Policy – Mining and Petroleum as provided.

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

### 21.2 SA Buffel Grass Strategy (for noting)

Leah provided the Board with an update on the State Buffel Plan currently out for comment/consultation.

**Action:** Presiding Member to write a letter of support for the State Buffel Plan, with recognition of alignment between the State Buffel Plan and the AW Buffel Plan.

**21.3 From Item 5 Meeting 62 (Day 1) and Action 333:** AW NRM Board nomination to SA Wild Dog Advisory Group. Following discussion, Kristy Richards was nominated to represent AW NRM Board on SAWDAG.

*Moved: Mick Haynes, Seconded: Mima Smart*

**Action:** Executive Officer to advise SAWDAG of AW NRM Board member nomination to SAWDAG, Kristy Richards, and seek information on Terms of Reference, schedule of meetings etc.

## 22. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, Meeting 61 held in Adelaide 4-5 October 2018 were reviewed. No amendments were requested. The Minutes of Meeting 61 were endorsed without amendment.

*Moved: Mima Smart, Seconded: Mick Haynes*

Mick Haynes advised he preferred to be called Mick (not Michael). All Board papers will reflect this in future.

## 23. Other Business

Other Business Items:

**23.1 Board Correspondence:** Summary of correspondence reviewed – incoming correspondence not available, and to be tabled next meeting. No further discussion.

**23.2 AMYAC MoU Update:** Parry advised he was attending meeting with AMYAC 12/12. Bruce to accompany if available.

**Action:** Manager Community Engagement to prepare papers / MoU's for Presiding Member to take to AMYAC meeting on 12/12/18.

**23.3 Sponsorship request** – request not received.

### Late item: AW NRM Board Assets

Thuy Phan, Manager Business Support raised late item for discussion - Board asset - trailer in Yalata – query around gifting of trailer to Yalata/Oak Valley for Rangers to use in their work. The Presiding Member requested that Oak Valley send a formal letter to the Board requesting the transfer of the trailer.

**Action:** Oak Valley General Manager to send formal request to the AW NRM Board to request the donation/transfer of Board Asset (trailer) for approval.

## 22. Communications – Key Messages From Meeting 62

Key Messages from Meeting 62 include:

- The Board is building a relationship with Botanic Gardens of Adelaide
- The Board is building connections to PIRSA and Dog Fence program through representation on SAWDAG
- Intellectual Property discussed and reviewed – community and Board perspectives reviewed
- Board Evaluation Surveys (Governance Matters) results received – positive commentary from facilitator
- Ranger Role descriptions reviewed and discussed
- Met with NR AW staff members - their roles overviewed and open door policy for Board and Staff encouraged
- Tourism in the AW Region Workshop held with SATC, RDA, DEW, 10DP.- 10 Deserts Program update and participation in the Tourism Workshop – stronger relationships developing
- Cleland MoU and potential activities for the future
- Dinner with AMLR NRM Board (Adelaide Meets the Bush activity)
- Formal discussion with Equinor (formerly Statoil) pending

**Action:** Executive Officer to send outcomes of Meeting 62 to the Minister, with copy to Chief Executive, DEW

## 23. FORWARD AGENDA

Next meeting (Meeting 63):

- Half day for considering Meeting 62 outcomes – tourism, seed bank etc.
- Mima requested Sandro and CEO of Yalata be invited to discuss and review Palya Kalkuni/MoU
- Open invitation to chairs of co-management Boards (for EP session)
- Suggested meeting of all Rangers and the Board with support from 10 Deserts Project at Maralinga Village later in 2019.

## 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 **12.30pm** on Wednesday 5 December 2018.

The next AW NRM Board meeting will be held: **in Port Lincoln in February, 2019.**

**End Meeting 62**

**Draft Minutes reviewed by Presiding Member:**



**Date: 13 / 02 / 2019**