### MINUTES

**Government of South Australia**

**Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board**

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<td>C Schoefer (Presiding Member), P Stockings, R Whittle, L Thomas, K Matthias, K Murdock (Community Board Members)</td>
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<td>Staff:</td>
<td>T Fox (Regional NRM Manager), C Martin (Acting Manager Business, Engagement and Support), A Sharp (Manager Programs and Planning), R McDowell (Regional Executive Support Officer)</td>
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<td>Visitors/Guests:</td>
<td>Dr M Ward (DEW - Director, Conservation, NRM &amp; Protected Area Policy) C Nixon (Manager Parks and Wildlife Service) A Ruddenklau (PIRSA)</td>
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The Vision for the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:
"Working together for a healthy and productive environment"
Acknowledgement of Country

We the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians and First Peoples whose ancestral lands and waters we share. We recognise their knowledge and acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal people to country.

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<td>Dr Matt Ward, Director Conservation, NRM &amp; Protected Areas</td>
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<td>An update of the Landscape directions and the Landscape SA Bill 2019 was presented:</td>
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<td>• Future risks were identified and intrinsic value of Natural Resources</td>
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<td>• Amendments to the Landscape Bill have been filed</td>
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<td>• Potential board members – skills and expertise as per the NRM Act</td>
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<td>• Board meeting details has been reinserted</td>
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<td>• Establishment of new boards and the current board will assist in setting up the Landscape Board</td>
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<td>• Transfer of assets and liabilities to the landscape board will be straight forward</td>
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<td>Craig Nixon, Manager National Parks and Wildlife</td>
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<td>An overview of the changes to the region with new National Parks and Wildlife:</td>
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<td>• The vision of the Minister is for more emphasis on national parks and park presentation is paramount</td>
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<td>• There will be strong collaboration with the Boards</td>
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<td>• Abundant species work and more rangers will be more prominent</td>
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2.3 Angela Ruddenklau, PIRSA – 5 minutes

An overview of issues in the region that the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Board and PIRSA share:

- Cattle and sheep industry funds will now transition to Livestock SA with three sub committees
- Calicivirus release
- Aboriginal fisheries training program has been successful and suggestion that there will be further intakes
- Feasibility report for water for the Clare and Barossa Valleys will be released shortly
- Drought team update

3.0 Previous minutes

3.1 Confirmation of the previous minutes

Minutes of meeting number 143 held on 24 June 2019, be accepted as a true and correct record

CARRIED

3.2 Actions arising

Reviewed and completed

4.0 Calendar of events / board member attendance

The calendar of events was reviewed and attendance of board members at events:

- **30 August or 2 September 2019** – Mesonet weather stations, L Thomas to attend either location
- **10 September 2019** - Yackmourandie landcare group presentation at Spalding Town Hall
- **17 September 2019** – Harl Field Day - L Thomas and K Murdock
- **24 - 26 September 2019** - Yorke Peninsula Field Days, Paskeville roster to be confirmed
- **26 September 2019** - AMLR board meeting – Regional NRM Manager and Presiding Member
- **2 October 2019** – Presiding Member Forum, K Matthias to attend as Proxy
- **11 –October 2019** - International Soil Conference, O’Leary Walker Winery, Leasingham:
  - C Schaefer
  - K Matthias
  - L Thomas
  - K Murdock, tentative and to be confirmed

There may be an opportunity for one or more board members to join the group on the bus trip in Burra. More information to be advised when it comes to hand.

- **15 October 2019** – Harl Spring Twilight Walk, L Thomas
28 - 30 October 2019 – Landcare conference – N Sommerville
17 – 20 November 2019 - NRM Knowledge Conference at Wodonga, Regional NRM Manager and Presiding Member

5.0 Matters for decision

5.1 Review of the list of declared animals and new and emerging introduced animal Policy

Motion (s)

*That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:*
  * endorse the revised List of declared animals and the new and emerging introduced animal policy ahead of finalisation by the Minister for Environment and Water.*
  * note that the PIRSA Feral Deer Policy will be updated to reflect the changes to deer declarations.*

as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019  

CARRIED

5.2 Correspondence Requiring Response - pigeon control program

A letter was received from Northern Areas Council raising concerns on pigeon damage. It was suggested that as the focus is on back to basics, pigeon control should be considered and there is not a current policy on this issue.

- Have contacted DEW for methods to reduce pigeon numbers in built up areas
- Pigeons are an introduced species but are not a declared pest
- Staff have advised council of a range of control options available
- Pt Pirie council have an effective programs and this is to be advised in our letter

*That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:*
  * note the correspondence received from the Northern Areas Council*
  * approve a letter of response from the Presiding Member or delegated staff member*

as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019  

CARRIED

5.3 Committee Recommendations Summary

A discussion arose on the possibility of sending a further member of the Aboriginal Engagement Committee to attend the Landcare Conference.

Aboriginal representation on the Aboriginal Engagement Committee was further discussed.
It was noted that through the employment of the Aboriginal Partnership Officer and the Healthy Country Planning, successful communication has commenced.

That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:
- note and approve the recommendations of the Governance & Finance and the Aboriginal Engagement Committee meeting minutes held on 22 July 2019

as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August

CARRIED

5.4 Future management of goats in South Australian pastoral areas
A presentation was completed at the board workshop prior to the meeting on the management of goats. The Board agreed to wait until the review of the Pastoral Act is completed before implementing further change

Motion(s)
The Northern and Yorke NRM Board:

1. advise PIRSA Biosecurity, by 20 September 2019, whether the Board would prefer to continue with the review of the feral goat policy, or to let the review of the Pastoral Act occur before the goat policy is reviewed and:

2. provide feedback to PIRSA Biosecurity on two proposed options to manage feral goats, if the policy review continues,

as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019.

CARRIED

5.5 - Review of the SA Wild Dog Policy
A discussion arose on the proposed aerial baiting inside the dog fence using 1080 baits. The Board expressed their concerns for this method of distribution and this is to be included in the feedback to PIRSA. The letter of response will also raise questions by the Board regarding domestic dogs and raptors outside pastoral areas and the cost of baiting programs.

Motions(s)
The Northern and Yorke NRM Board to provide:

1. feedback on the draft SA wild dog policy by Friday 20 September to

2. endorsement to undertake public consultation on the draft SA wild dog policy

as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019.

CARRIED
5.6 Revision of Financial Authorisations

The four delegations of power were approved and the authority to use the common seal.

Motion:

That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:
- approve the delegation of powers in the Northern and Yorke Region, pursuant to section 36 of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, to the person occupying the position as contained in the Schedule attached to the Instruments of Authorisation; and
- authorises the Presiding Member and Regional NRM Manager to sign, affix and witness the common seal to the Instruments of Authorisation as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019.

CARRIED

5.7 Draft Financial Statements 2018-19

No further discussion.

Motion:

That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:
- note and receive the draft 2018-19 financial statements submitted to the Auditor-General;
- approve that once the audited financial statements are received, authorises the Presiding Member and the Regional NRM Manager to sign the final audited N&Y NRM Board 2018-19 Financial Statements, provided no significant amendments are required as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019.

CARRIED

5.8 Correspondence Requiring a Response - 2018-19 interim audit outcome

Only one issue was identified by the Auditors following the recent audit.

Motion:

That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:
- receive the Auditor-General’s report and note the issue identified by audit;
- provide a response to the Auditor-General’s Department by 30 August 2019;
- be kept informed of progress on the issue raised to ensure that the recommended action/s is undertaken prior to the identified deadline as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019.

CARRIED
5.9 Correspondence Requiring Response - Gorse Infestations

It was noted there are five specific areas of gorse in the Northern and Yorke region and an annual inspection and control work is undertaken by the region's staff. The Waterloo area is the only area of concern.

Motion:
That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:

- note the correspondence received from PIRSA Biosecurity regarding gorse infestations
- note a brief progress report on gorse eradication will be drafted for submission by 1 October 2019

as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019

CARRIED

(K Murdock left the meeting at 3.01pm)

6.0 Matters for discussion

6.1 Financial reports
Reports to the end of July 2019 were presented, but at this time in the financial year, there is little to present.

6.1.1 Statement of Comprehensive Income YTD July 2019
6.1.2 Statement of Financial Position YTD July 2019
6.1.3 Income Analysis YTD July 2019
6.1.4 Non-Project Expenditure Analysis YTD July 2019
6.1.5 Project Expenditure Analysis July 2019
Change of name from corporate services to regional services

6.1.5 Project Expenditure Analysis July 2019
Funding for Mangroves project in Pt Pirie has not progressed as the proposed project has not yet been delivered.

Action
To follow up the Mangroves project to seek when this will progress and report back to the Board.

Motion:
That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:

- note and receive the financial reports for reporting period ending 31 July 2019

as presented to the NYNRM Board Meeting of 26 August 2019

CARRIED
### 6.2 Regional Management Team report

The well-being of staff is being monitored and an Organisational chart to include all staff in a position was completed.

For noting that all MPs in the region receive an invitation to attend board meetings in their district.

Healthy Country Planning for the Nukunu is the next body of work with Indigenous groups to be undertaken in the region.

The Native Veg council presented on a credit exchange at the recent Presiding Member forum on SEB (Sustainability Environments Benefits). Funds raised assist properties that have the capabilities to revegetate and to future proof properties and participating landholders receive annual funding.

The Manager for Programs and Planning presented on the Great Southern Ark project for the Southern Yorke Peninsula in Canberra recently. The Federal Environmental Minister will visit the project site in October 2019 and the Board will receive an invite in due course.

**Motion:**

That the Northern and Yorke NRM Board:
- approve the report of the Regional Management Team

### 7.0 Additional agenda items as per Item 1.5

### 8.0 Matters for noting

#### 8.1 Presiding Member Report

We are endeavoring to find a solution to the water issues facing the Clare Valley Racing Club on the overuse of their water allocation. The Minister for Environment and Water has also attended a meeting with the Racing Club along with Geoff Brock MP.

#### 8.2 Board Members' Reports – P Stockings, L Thomas and tabled N Sommerville

#### 8.3 Communication and Engagement Report

#### 8.4 Board Correspondence

#### 8.5 NY NRM Board Forward Planner

#### 8.6 District Reports

#### 8.7 NAIDOC 2019

A proposal to send a letter of response to thank the stall holders and schools for their participation in the highly successful NAIDOC 2019 event and to invite them to join the organizing committee for next year's event was discussed and supported.
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Signed

Caroline Schaefer
Presiding Member