MINUTES OF MEETING NO 152

held from 10.00am to 12.00 pm
on Thursday 23 May 2019
at the Office for Natural Resources AMLR,
205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood

PRESENT:
Chair: Felicity-ann Lewis
Members: Alison Cusack
          David Greenhough
          Alexandra Kentish

APOLOGIES: Jeffrey Newchurch, Rachael Siddall,

IN ATTENDANCE: Brenton Grear, Regional Director
                Joyce Osborne, Executive Officer
                Lisen Loan, Manager, Parks and Sustainable Landscapes
                Katharine Ward, Manager Water Projects
                Marguerite Swart, Manager Business Support
                Louisa Halliday, Manager Planning and Evaluation
                Roisin McAlary, Manager Financial Services

23052019-152-1.0 MEETING PROCEDURE
23052019-152-1.1 Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting, acknowledging that the land is the
traditional lands for the Kaurna people and the Board respects their
spiritual relationship with their Country. The Board also
acknowledged the Kaurna people as the traditional custodians of the
Adelaide region and that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still as
important to the living Kaurna people today. She welcomed all
attendees to the meeting.

23052019-152-1.2 Apologies

Apologies have been received from Rachael Siddall and Jeffrey
Newchurch

23052019-152-1.3 Declarations of Interest

Brenton Grear has been appointed as the Chair of Nature Play SA
Board and will step out when this item is discussed.
Consent Schedule

The Board confirmed the items within the consent schedule be adopted.

CARRIED

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board confirmed the minutes of meeting number 151 held on 18 April 2019 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Board noted the matters arising.

CARRIED

Resolution Register

The Board noted the resolution register.

CARRIED

BOARD MATTERS

Brenton Grear left the room for this item.

Nature Play SA

The Board discussed the request for funding from Nature Play and expressed some concerns about committing to providing funding, given the impending changes. Questions were raised regarding the synergies with the Strategic Plan and what would be expected in 2020/21.

The Board deferred its recommendation until the presentation by Nature Play SA later in the afternoon.

The Board:

2.1.1 noted the achievements of Nature Play SA and its pursuit for financial independence.

2.1.2 noted the meeting paper in concert with a presentation by Nature Play SA at the 23 May 2019 meeting in its decision to provide $100,000 in 2019/20

2.1.3 did not recommend funding of $100,000 to Nature Play SA, however;

2.1.3 endorsed AMLR staff working with Nature Play SA to develop options for an event(s) that could be funded by the Board with
a maximum limit of $50,000. Alternatively, seek options for educational and/or promotional resource(s) that could be sponsored by the Board.

CARRIED

Brenton Grear returned to the room.

23052019-152.2 Community Natural Resource Centres Funding

Eight of the nine NRCs in AMLR have funding agreements that expire on 30 June 2019 and the other on 30 June 2020. Due to Landscape Reform funding confirmation is required for 2019-20 and 2020-21.

The Board agreed that the NRCs provide good value for money and will be an asset for the new Landscape Boards going forward.

The Board:

2.2.1 endorsed funding the nine community NRCs for 2019-20

2.2.2 endorsed a two-year funding commitment to the Willunga Environment Centre to ensure they can sign a lease for premises beyond 30 June 2019

2.2.3 endorsed confirmation of funding for 2020-21 for the other eight NRCs

2.2.4 noted the future budgetry impacts of NRCs on the incoming Landscape SA Boards

CARRIED

23052019-152-2.3 Financial Management Compliance Program

The Board discussed the issue of the Board Audit Committee having greater visibility over the DEW internal audit program and internal control testing. This remains an issue and has been raised with the Chief Financial Officer of DEW

The Presiding Member represented the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee at a meeting hosted by the Auditor General for Audit Committee Chairs. Copies of the slide presentation were distributed to Board members.

The Board:

2.3.1 approved the Financial Management Compliance Program relating to the 2018-19 financial year.

2.3.2 noted that a request will be made to the DEW Chief Finance Officer to provide a written assurance each financial year over the internal control environment in place on behalf of the Board prior to the final sign off of the financial statements.

2.3.3 noted that a letter will be written to the Chair of the DEW Risk Audit Committee to re-iterate the problem regarding visibility, mentioning this has been raised with the Auditor General. A separate letter to be written to the Auditor General advising
that a letter has also been written to Chair of the Risk Audit Committee.

CARRIED

23052019-152-2.4 Blue Carbon Strategy

Blue Carbon Strategy expected to be released in June/July.
Tony Flaherty will be invited to give a presentation on Blue Carbon
as the Board is interested to know more.

The Board:

2.4.1 noted the development of a Blue Carbon Strategy for South
Australia

2.4.2 noted that Tony Flaherty will be invited to give a presentation
on Blue Carbon at a future meeting.

CARRIED

23052019-152-2.5 Implementation Plan 2019-20

The final version of the Plan will have graphics.

Current version includes Nature Play SA but will need adjusting
pending final decision.

Slight error in version sent with meeting papers and updated version
distributed at meeting.

Greener Neighbourhoods Grant Program – money from DPTI –
$500k comes into region not necessarily the Board. Administration
needs additional cost – coming out of salaries. Won't be badged
AMLR but in future will badged Green Adelaide.

It was requested that a footnote be placed in the final document to
explain the $0 on the operational budgets on two lines.

The Board:

2.5.1 endorsed the projects and associated budgets that will be
listed within the Implementation Plan 2019-20.

2.5.2 requested that a footnote be placed in the final document to
explain the $0 on the operational budgets on two lines.

2.5.2 noted that an additional paper will be presented to the Board
seeking the Board’s approval to publish the Implementation
Plan, once the design has been finalised.

CARRIED
23052019-152-2.6 RLP Community Participation Plan and Indigenous Engagement Plan

The Board:

2.6.1 **endorsed** the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges NRM Board’s Community Participation Plan and the Indigenous Participation Plan for the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program 2019-23.

CARRIED

23052019-152-2.7 Penguin Conservation Report

The Board:

2.7.1 **noted** the tabling of the report

2.7.2 **endorsed** release of the report via the Board’s website

CARRIED

23052019-152-2.8 Koala Fertility Control

The Board:

2.8.1 **noted** the start of koala fertility control at high density locations in the Adelaide and Mt Lofty Ranges region.

CARRIED

23052019-152-2.9 Proposed Declaration of Chinnerinchee

The Board:

2.9.1 **noted** the results of the regional weed risk assessment for chinnerinchee (Ornithogalum thyrsoide) with a recommended management action of ‘contain spread’ in pasture and ‘protect sites and manage weeds’ in native vegetation.

2.9.2 **endorsed** regional staff to initiate the process to seek declarations under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 / proposed Landscape SA Act, for chinnerinchee.

2.9.3 **endorsed** a letter being distributed to all NRM boards seeking feedback on the nomination of chinnerinchee for declaration.

CARRIED
23052019-152-2.10 Status of Water Allocation Planning in the AMLR Region

The Board:

2.10.1 noted the update on water allocation planning in the region. CARRIED

23052019-152-2.11 Strategic Risk Register

Board members expressed concern regarding the process and clarity on what needs to be done and when in relation to the Landscape Reform, to discharge things that need to be done under obligation before the Board is dissolved.

ACTION – Green Adelaide transition team to report on progress to the Board in July

The Board:

2.11.1 noted the progress of the Board’s Strategic Risk Register. CARRIED

23052019-152-2.12 Regional Directors Report

The Board:

2.12.1 noted the Regional Director’s report. CARRIED

23052019-152-2.13 Audit Finance and Risk Committee Membership

With uncertainty as to how long the Audit, Finance and Risk Committee will continue for, the Presiding Member volunteered to take on the role of Chair. Board members agreed that a second board member is needed on the committee and agreed to appoint the Presiding Member as a member and suggested that the independent role of the Audit Committee would function more effectively with an independent Chair. It was agreed that committee member Tanya Johnston be approached to consider taking on the role.

The Board:

2.13.1 noted the resignation of the Chair of the Audit Finance and Risk Committee, Kathy Jarrett and thanked her for her contribution to the Board and Committee.

2.13.2 appointed the Board’s Presiding Member, Felicity-ann Lewis as a Board representative on the Audit Finance and Risk Committee.

2.13.3 endorsed the Presiding Member to contact Tanya Johnston regarding taking on the role of Chair of the Committee
23052019-152-3.0 FINANCE

23052019-152-3.1 Finance Report

The Board:

3.1.1 accepted the financial reports and statistics for the financial period ending 30 April 2019

3.1.2 noted the interest accrued for the late payment of the quarterly NRM levy invoices by local councils.

3.1.3 endorsed that invoices for late payments be raised as per normal.

CARRIED

23052019-152-4.0 PAPERS TO NOTE

23052019-152-4.1 Register of Interests

23052019-152-4.2 Common Seal Usage

23052019-152-4.3 Letter to Presiding Member dated 9 May 2019 re Infrastructure SA

23052019-152-4.4 Letter to Minister Speirs dated 6 May regarding April meeting

23052019-152-4.5 Letter from A/Chair Barossa WAPAC dated 25 April 2019 re Landscape SA Bill

23052019-152-4.6 Confirmed Minutes of Audit, Finance and Risk Committee 31 January 2019

The Board noted information papers 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 and 4.6

CARRIED

23052019-152-5.0 OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business noted.

23052019-152-6.0 MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.00 pm

The next meeting of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board will be held on Thursday 27 June 2019 at Office for Natural Resources AMLR, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood.

Rachael Siddall
A/Presiding Member

Date: 27/6/2019