MINUTES OF MEETING NO 151

held from 10.00am to 12.00 pm on Thursday 18 April 2019
at the Office for Natural Resources AMLR, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood

PRESENT:
Chair: Felicity-ann Lewis
Members: Alison Cusack
David Greenhough
Jeffrey Newchurch

APOLOGIES: Alexandra Kentish, Rachael Siddall, Brenton Grear

IN ATTENDANCE:
Lisien Loan, A/Regional Director
Joyce Osborne, Executive Officer
Katharine Ward, Manager Water Projects
Kim Krebs, Manager Community Engagement
Marguerite Swart, Manager Business Support
Michaela Heinson, Manager Land Marine and Biodiversity Services

18042019-151-1.0 MEETING PROCEDURE

18042019-151-1.1 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.

The Chair also welcomed new board members, David Greenhough and Jeffrey Newchurch.

18042019-151-1.2 Apologies

Apologies have been received from Alexi Kentish, Rachael Siddall and Brenton Grear

18042019-151-1.3 Declarations of Interest

It was noted that David Greenhough is the Chair of the Glenthorne Partnership and that Felicity-ann Lewis is no longer the Chair of the Dog and Cat Management Board.
18042019-151-1.4 Consent Schedule

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

CARRIED

18042019-151-1.5 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 150 held on 28 March 2019 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

18042019-151-1.6 Matters Arising from Previous Meetings

The Board **noted** the matters arising.

CARRIED

18042019-151-1.7 Resolution Register

The Board **noted** the resolution register.

CARRIED

18042019-151-2.0 BOARD MATTERS

18042019-151-2.1 School Environment Grants 2018-19

A total of $90k is allocated to schools under the AMLR Grants Program.

The Grant round opened in November 2018 and closed in March 2019 with a total of 63 applications received. 58 applications were eligible and the amount requested totalled just over $95k.

The grant review panel sought permission to over-commit the allocated funding by $5k which will be accommodated in budget savings.

*The Board:*

2.1.1 **endorsed** the recommended list of successful projects submitted for the Schools Environments Grants round for 2018-2019;

CARRIED

18042019-151-2.2 Improving Flood Management: Dams and Levee Banks

The discussion paper is unclear on ownership and this is also not captured in the table in the response letter. Response to be updated to provide clarity around ownership and encourage collaboration.
**The Board:**

2.2.1 **approved** the draft Board response on the improved flood management discussion papers with the amendments discussed.

**CARRIED**

**18042019-151-2.3** AMLR WAP Advisory Committee Update

The Board discussed the resignations from the Barossa WAPAC and noted they were related to ill health and work commitments.

Alison Cusack has agreed to be the board representative to attend future meetings of the Northern Adelaide Plains WAPAC and the AMLR Water Planning Steering Committee.

The Board requested that a thank you letter be written to Russell Johnstone for his commitment to water planning during his term on the Board.

**The Board:**

2.3.1 **noted** the resignation of Mr Matthew Alexander and Mr Henry Mizow from the Barossa Water Allocation Plan Advisory Committee;

2.3.2 **approved** letters of acknowledgement to be sent to Mr Alexander and Mr Mizow;

2.3.3 **noted** the election of Mr Leon Deans as the Chair of the Barossa WAPAC;

2.3.4 **approved** advertising to fill two vacancies on the Barossa WAPAC;

2.3.5 **nominated** a new Board representative to attend future Northern Adelaide Plains WAPAC meetings; and

2.3.6 **nominated** a Board representative to attend future Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges Water Planning Steering Committee meetings.

**CARRIED**

**18042019-151-2.4** Local Level Planning Review

The Board discussed the key learnings and challenges from the review and it was decided that:

- SAMDB should be contacted to find out about their learnings and how they plan to share them with their future board
- A series of case studies was a good way to describe the process and outcomes in simple terms
- Contact Paul Ryan, Stockholm Resilience Institute regarding whether it was worthwhile writing up a research paper on the process.
- Advice to be brought back to the Board on how learnings can be packaged for the new GA and Hills and Fleurieu Boards.

The Board:

2.4.1 noted the key findings of the local level planning review undertaken by UPRS and the approach proposed by the Regional Management Team

CARRIED

18042019-151-2.5 Status of Water Allocation Planning in AMLR

The Board:

2.5.1 noted the update on water allocation planning in the region.

CARRIED

18042019-151-2.6 Confidential – Sale of Water

The Board in accordance with Schedule 1, section 3(5) of the Natural Resources Management Act 2004 excluded members of the public from attendance at the meeting during consideration of this item to enable the Board to consider in confidence the information contained within the report

18042019-151-2.7 Compliance Report

The Board:

2.7.1 noted the March 2019 Compliance and Enforcement Activity Report

CARRIED

18042019-151-2.8 Feral Deer and Feral Pig Policy

The Board:

2.8.1 noted the revised feral deer policy and the new feral pig policy;

2.8.2 noted the revised deer determination;

2.8.3 noted the broad communications strategy to support landholders to meet their control and management requirements for feral and domestic deer and pigs; and

2.8.4 noted the transitional arrangements proposed for new mandatory ear tagging of domestic deer.

CARRIED
RLP Program Projects Update

The Board:

2.9.1 **noted** the projects the Australian Government will be funding through the National Landcare Program (Regional Land Partnerships) from 2018-20 to 2022-23.

CARRIED

Board Strategic Priorities Progress Report

After discussion of the Board’s strategic priorities, it was agreed that this item be brought back to the Board in July together with feedback from the Strategic Planning Day.

The Board:

2.10.1 **noted** the progress towards the AMLR NRM Board’s Strategic Priorities as at February 2019 as per the progress report; and

2.10.2 **noted** that due to the Landscapes reform, some of the Board’s strategic priorities will be considered through that process and may become future priorities of the new boards.

CARRIED

Business and Operational Plan Quarterly Progress Report

In discussing the report the board acknowledged how much great work is being done by staff and asked that their thanks be passed on.

The Board:

2.11.1 **endorsed** the March 2019 quarterly project report on the Board’s Business and Operational Plan.

CARRIED

A/Regional Directors Report

The Board:

2.12.1 **noted** the A/Regional Director’s report.

CARRIED

Authorisation of Regional Authorised Officer

The Board:

2.13.1 **approved** the appointment of Andrew Duncan Kirkley;

2.13.2 **authorised** the Presiding Member and A/Regional Director to sign the appropriate instrument of appointment; and

2.13.3 **authorised** the use of the Board’s common seal by the Presiding Member and A/Regional Director so that it may be affixed to the associated instrument of appointment.
The Board:

3.1.1 accepted the financial reports for the financial period ending 31 March 2019

CARRIED

PAPERS TO NOTE

Register of Interests

Common Seal Usage

Letter to Minister Speirs dated 3 April regarding the March board meeting

Letter from Minister Speirs dated 2 April regarding October 2018 meeting

Letter to Ombudsman re T Linke

Letter from Minister Speirs dated 27 March regarding AMLR NRM Business Plan

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

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business noted.

MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 12:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board will be held on Thursday 23 May 2019 at Office for Natural Resources AMLR, 205 Greenhill Road, Eastwood.

Felicity-ann Lewis
Presiding Member

Date: 23/05/2019