

Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

14 June 2018

Meeting No. 77

Members:

C Woolford (Chair)

J Booth, M Fennell, J Fort, M Marsland, C Michelmore, T Roach



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Meeting held at the Outback Communities Authority office, 12 Tassie Street, Port Augusta
14 June 2018 at 10.50am

Present:

C Woolford (Chair), M Fennell, C Michelmore, M Marsland and T Roach (OCA Members),
M Sutton (Director, OCA), B Gougn and B Honan (OCA staff).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed everyone to meeting 77 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA).

The Chair confirmed that an apology has been received from Members Booth and Fort and Ms A Hart, Manager, Office of Local Government.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Chair acknowledged the following presentations:

- Ms Jodie Gregg-Smith, Manager, Partnership and Community Engagement, Department of Environment and Water regarding Flinders Ranges World Heritage Listing.
- Mr David Lake, Principal Planner, Development Division, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure, regarding planning reform; both provided on Wednesday 13 June.
- Flinders Local Action Group regarding the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility proposed for Wallerberdina Station, provided earlier in the day.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2018 and the minutes from the electronic meeting held during May 2018 were circulated.

Moved by Member Michelmore
Seconded by Member Roach

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 19 April 2018, meeting number 75 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.



4.2 The minutes of the electronic meeting held during May 2018 were circulated.

The Chair thanked Member Michelmores for conducting this meeting and taking on the role of spokesperson, during her recent absence.

Member Michelmores clarified that although Member Fennell was able to participate in the motion regarding the nomination of the Presiding Member, he was not able to participate in the complete May electronic meeting due to communication connectivity matters.

**Moved by Member Marsland
Seconded by Member Roach**

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) electronic meeting held during the period 25 May 2018 up to and including 28 May 2018, meeting number 76 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

4.3 Business arising from minutes.

4.2.1 Outback Memorial Park (Ref. agenda item 6.4, Meeting No. 65, agenda item 6.4, Meeting No. 71, agenda item 6.4)

The Chair confirmed that this project is ongoing.

4.2.2 Asset Sustainability Levy (Ref. agenda item 10, Meeting No. 73)

The Chair referred to the Director who confirmed that correspondence has been forwarded to the Hon. Stephan Knoll MP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government introducing the OCA and discussing the OCA's strategic direction. The Director confirmed that responses have been received from the Minister. The matter is ongoing.

4.2.3 OCA Code of Business Procedural Guidelines (Ref. agenda item 13, Meeting No.74)

The Chair referred to the Director who advised that this matter is ongoing and deferred until further notice.

4.2.4 Multi Species Livestock Transshipping Hub Report (Ref. agenda item 4.2.7, Meeting No. 75)

The Chair referred to the Director who confirmed that the report has been finalised and distributed to key stakeholders, therefore this matter can be removed from the Action List.

4.2.5 Budget Forward Estimates (Ref. agenda item 6.1, Meeting No. 75)

The Chair referred to the Director who advised that he will attempt to have the budget forward estimates reflective of actual Board expenses in the mid-year budget review; this matter is ongoing.

4.2.6 Dunjiba Governance Assistance (Ref. agenda item 6.3, Meeting No. 75)

The Chair referred to the Director who advised that discussions have been held with the Manager, Office of Local Government who agrees with the reallocation of the budget to assist with Dunjiba governance. The Director confirmed that the formality of reallocating the budget will be followed up.



4.2.7 2018-19 Business Plan and Budget (Ref. May 2018 electronic meeting, Meeting No. 76)

The Chair referred to the Director who advised that approval has been sought from the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government, but a response has not been received. This matter to be removed from the Action List.

4.2.8 2018-19 Dog Registration Fees (Ref. May 2018 electronic meeting, Meeting No. 76)

The Chair referred to the Director who advised that the Dog and Cat Management Board have been notified of the dog registration fees set by the Board for 2018-19, therefore this matter can be removed from the Action List.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 National Radioactive Waste Management Facility proposal at Wallerberdina Station (Ref. N18-01/06)

The Chair referred discussion to the Director who tabled a large amount of background information, including but not limited to correspondence from the Hon. Josh Frydenberg MP, Senator the Hon Matthew Canavan, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia and the OCA's subsequent response regarding a proposed process for a community vote for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility at Wallerberdina Station.

The Director advised that the proposed process for the community ballot, if supported by the OCA, would see The Flinders Ranges Council (FRC) undertake the ballot with some support provided by the OCA. The Director confirmed that Minister Canavan proposed that the actual ballot would be conducted by the Australian Electoral Commission on behalf of the FRC and the OCA.

The Director tabled correspondence received from DIIS seeking agreement and support from The FRC and the OCA for specific actions in respect of the holding of a ballot as referred to in the correspondence from Minister Canavan.

The Members discussed this matter at length, agreeing that the OCA maintains its neutral stance on the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility proposed for Wallerberdina.

Moved by Member Michelmore
Seconded by Member Fennell

That the Outback Communities Authority:

- *Notes the letter from Senator the Hon Matthew Caravan, Minister for Resources and Northern Australia and the OCA's response to that letter;*



- Supports a ballot process to understand community support for the NRWMF in the community
- Supports the proposed ballot question 'Do you support the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility in your community?'
- Supports the Australian Electoral Commission issuing ballot papers on 20 August for a 5 week period
- Supports the Flinders Ranges Council contracting the Australian Electoral Commission to facilitate the vote
- Agrees that the Flinders Ranges Council will act on behalf of the OCA in facilitating the vote
- Supports the Flinders Ranges Council advertising and administering the Supplementary Roll and incorporating eligible OCA voters on the roll
- Agrees to an eligibility criteria/evidence to register to vote
- Agrees to the OCA sending a letter to OCA addresses in the boundary area to register for the ballot via the Supplementary Roll.

Carried.

6.2 Declaration of Community Contribution (Andamooka) for 2018-19 (Ref. N18-02/06)

The Chair referred discussion to the Governance Manager who advised that consultation on the Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) agreement including a community contribution for Andamooka closed 9 June 2018, confirming that only one submission has been received. The Governance Manager confirmed that the community contribution for 2018-19 is intended to be similar to the previous year's levy.

The Members noted that the submission received has not given rise to any change in the proposal.

The Governance Manager advised that the Andamooka community have been advised that the OCA will no longer deficit fund the community contribution scheme (CCS). The Governance Manager confirmed that the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association are pleased that an extra \$10,000 has been factored into the 2018-19 budget, noting that this is subject to that amount being collected through the CCS.

Moved by Member Fennell
Seconded by Member Marsland

That the OCA:

- Seeks the approval of the Minister to a fixed charge of \$400 per annum per property unit for community contributions in Andamooka.
- Subject to the Minister consenting to the fixed charge for Andamooka execute the 2018-19 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management agreement with the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association; and

Declares

A community contribution for the rateable land over:

- the township of Andamooka, and
- those sites immediately adjacent the town of Andamooka not within the Andamooka Precious Stones Field or excluded from the operation of the Opal

Mining Act 1995 held in Fee Simple, occupied under Crown Lease or Crown License, and

- *those portions of Section 1500 Out of Hundreds (Andamooka) occupied under Crown Licence (known as White Dam).*

Fixes a charge of \$400 pa per property unit on rateable land for the purposes of raising revenue for the provision of services and support to the community of Andamooka:

Pursuant to Section 181(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the community contribution be payable in four equal or approximately equal instalments as follows:

- *first instalment, payable in September 2018;*
- *second instalment, payable in December 2018;*
- *third instalment, payable in March 2019; and*
- *fourth instalment, payable in June 2019.*

Carried.

6.3 Declaration of Community Contribution (Iron Knob) for 2018-19 (Ref. N18-03/06)

The Chair referred discussion to the Governance Manager who advised that as of 9 June 2018 community consultation on the 2018-19 CARM agreement including a community contribution had closed. The Governance Manager confirmed that a community contribution has been in place in Iron Knob since 2014 at a fixed charge of \$240.00 per annum, per property.

The Governance Manager advised that a public meeting was held in Iron Knob, although it was not well attended. The Governance Manager indicated that during the public meeting it was suggested that there be a small increase with the community contribution in 2018-19, although it was noted that it is too late to implement an increase for the forthcoming year. The Governance Manager confirmed that if there is wide interest for an increase with the community contribution, the matter can be consulted on if the Iron Knob Progress Association indicate that the community contribution should continue in 2019-20.

The Governance Manager confirmed that one submission has been received during the consultation, confirming that the submission did not give rise to any changes in the proposed 2018-19 community contribution.

Moved by Member Marsland

Seconded by Member Roach

The OCA:

- *Seeks the approval of the Minister to a fixed charge of \$240 per annum per property unit for community contributions in Iron Knob.*
- *Subject to the Minister consenting to the fixed charge for Iron Knob execute the 2018-19 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management agreement with the Iron Knob Progress Association; and*

Declares

A community contribution for the rateable land over:



- the township of Iron Knob, and

Fixes a charge of \$240 per annum per property unit on rateable land for the purposes of raising revenue for the provision of services and support to the community of Iron Knob:

Pursuant to Section 181(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the community contribution be payable in four equal or approximately equal instalments as follows:

- first instalment, payable in September 2018;
- second instalment, payable in December 2018;
- third instalment, payable in March 2019; and
- fourth instalment, payable in June 2019.

Carried.

6.4 Board Meeting Schedule 2018-19 (Ref. N18-04/06)

The Chair referred discussion to the Director who tabled a proposed meeting schedule for 2018-19, noting two regional meetings; September 2018 to visit the Innamincka community and April 2019 to visit the Marla community.

Moved by Member Marsland
Seconded by Member Michelmore

That the Outback Communities Authority resolves to meet on the following dates, at the recommended locations, noting that if the meeting schedule is to change, notification will appear on the OCA website immediately:

Thursday 19 July 2018 – Teleconference (to be confirmed)
Wednesday, Thursday 8, 9 August 2018 – Port Augusta
Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday, 18, 19, 20 September 2018 – Innamincka
Thursday 11 October 2018 – Teleconference (to be confirmed)
Wednesday, Thursday 14, 15 November 2018 – Adelaide/Port Augusta (to be confirmed)
Thursday 20 December 2018 – Teleconference (to be confirmed)
Wednesday, Thursday 16, 17 January 2019 – Port Augusta
Thursday 21 February 2019 – Teleconference (to be confirmed)
Wednesday, Thursday 20, 21 March 2019 – Port Augusta
Thursday, 18, April 2019 – Teleconference (to be confirmed)
Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday 21, 22, 23 May 2019 – Marla
Thursday 20 June 2019 – Teleconference (to be confirmed)

Carried.

The Members noted the Director's extended leave in December and January and requested that at the next OCA meeting he provide confirmation as to how his position will be managed during his absence.

6.5 2017-18 Budget Monitoring Report as at 31 May 2018 (Ref. N18-05/06)

The Chair referred discussion to the Director who tabled the Budget Monitoring Report as at 31 May 2018.



The Members noted the estimated over spend on public conveniences and also the proposed reduction in contracted cleaning costs which will assist with managing the budget in 2018-19.

The Director confirmed that the water stations located at Oodnadatta and Marla are operational but due to the delay in commissioning the stations, income expected in this financial year has not eventuated.

The Director was pleased to confirm that the extensive Outback Community Parks project has been finalised with positive outcomes for nine communities.

The Outback Communities Authority noted the May 2018 Budget Monitoring Report.

7. LEIGH CREEK UPDATE

Leigh Creek Transition Update

The Chair referred discussion to the Director who tabled an extensive list of activities that have occurred since the OCA's meeting in April, including but not limited to the:

- installation of the new electrical lighting cubicle for the TVASI, which has also been commissioned.
- painting of the airport training room building, noting that approval has been provided for the remaining operations building to also be painted.
- purchase of a new ride on mower which will greatly assist with town maintenance and the purchase of the new rubbish truck which was immediately put into operation.
- signage on the highway at the Leigh Creek entrance has been updated.
- transfer of the Leigh Creek Caravan Park to the new lessee has been finalised.

The Director confirmed that the OCA will continue to be involved in the Leigh Creek Futures and DPTI Transition Working groups and with the daily management of the Leigh Creek Aerodrome.

The Director advised that the allocated Leigh Creek budget will not be fully expended come 30 June. He confirmed that as time has progressed the real cost of supporting the Leigh Creek community, eg providing municipal services, swimming pool and airport operation is becoming clearer. The Director added that conversations with DPTI Corporate Finance have suggested that the OCA is unable to reallocate unspent funds from the Leigh Creek budget to general operating.

The OCA noted the continued work relating to the Leigh Creek transition and successes to date.

**Moved by Member Marsland
Seconded by Member Fennell**

That the Director seek for the reallocation of unspent Leigh Creek funds to the general OCA expenditure line.

Carried.



8. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

9. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Chair referred discussion to the Director who tabled the 2017-18 Business Plan Action Plan. The Director was pleased to confirm that most of the actions have been achieved, such as the oneOutback Prospectus which involved a broad range of key outcomes such as targeted engagement, ongoing community visits and also achieving strategic priorities. The Director advised that it is unfortunate that to date the actions relating to the State of the Outback Report have not fully been achieved.

The Members noted the Business Plan Action Plan.

10. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Chair thanked Member Michelmore for taking on the role as spokesperson and supporting the Director and OCA staff during her absence

The Chair referred to the recent Premier's Certificate of Recognition for outstanding volunteer service recently awarded to Mr Bryan Lock from the Iron Knob community. The Chair applauded the many volunteer hours that Mr Lock has freely given in supporting the Iron Knob community for many years and agreed that he is a very worthy recipient.

The Chair congratulated the Office for the OCA and in particular, the Community Development Officer for the many hours devoted to the Outback Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy which was acknowledged at the Parks and Leisure Australian conference, held in Adelaide in June. Mr Mark Shirley attended the conference on behalf of the OCA and was presented with the Strategic Planning Award. The Chair agreed that the award is extremely good recognition for the work done by the Office for the OCA.

The Chair advised the Director will accompany her to Canberra on Tuesday 19 June to meet with Minister Canavan regarding the community ballot process for the proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility at Wallerberdina Station along with legacy proposals should the Wallerberdina site be the preferred site.

The Chair thanked the Director who attended the Barndioota Consultative Committee meeting as a deputation on behalf of the OCA where he provided information relating to the ballot process and legacy proposals should the Wallerberdina site be the preferred site for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility.

The Chair advised that she has been invited to participate in the Ediacaran World Heritage Consultant Reference group. Clarification will be sought as to whether or not the invitation is as an individual or as a representative of the OCA. This advice will be provided to the OCA at its next meeting and managed in accordance with the OCA's Conduct of Business Policy and Procedures.

The Chair confirmed that she attended the South Australia Arid Lands Natural Resource Management (SAAL NRM) field day held in Marree where she participated on a panel which was advantageous. The day provided a very good opportunity for networking which

included discussions with the Member for Stuart regarding the sealing of the Strzelecki Track noting that there are more issues to be considered besides sealing the road (such as the need for public facilities, eg. public toilets).

11. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Fennell raised concerns in relation to the outback communications funding application, specifically the proposed infrastructure to be used, stating that the best outcome is that maximum coverage be achieved across the outback. Member Fennell also questioned whether leases at Mintabie will be renewed.

The Director confirmed that if the funding application is successful it will provide the opportunity to improve current telecommunications coverage. The Director confirmed that he will ensure the Members are kept informed of the progress on the funding application. The Director advised that he is not aware of any contrary announcement from the new government regarding leases at Mintabie.

12. SECTION 11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1 There are no Section 11 Committees operating, therefore no matters to consider. The Board agreed to remove this item from future agendas until a Section 11 Committee is operational.

13. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Chair referred discussion to the Director who tabled his report and advised that since the OCA's April meeting the following has occurred:

- 2018-19 Business Plan and Budget has been submitted to the Minister on 30 May.
- Correspondence has been forwarded to Minister Knoll, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Local Government and Minister for Planning to introduce the OCA and welcome an opportunity to meet with him.
- The launch of the Multispecies Livestock Transshipping Hub: Improving safety, efficiency and profitability in the Australian Livestock Industry report.

The Director tabled an extensive list of activities that Office for the OCA staff have been involved in, including, but not limited to:

- the drafting of a water plan for the Innamincka water supply
- supporting the Copley and District Progress Association through the process of having a new committee elected
- supporting various youth week events across the outback
- supporting outback communities with their 2018-19 community budgets.

The Director also confirmed his attendance at various meetings.

14. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Nil.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Members noted that the next scheduled meeting is a teleconference to be held on 19 July, if required, or a formal meeting scheduled for 8, 9 August to be held in Port Augusta.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm.