



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

19 January 2023

Meeting No. 120

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)

L Day, S Johnson OAM, N Sylvanius, A Vaughan ASM, T Wright

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Meeting held at the OCA Boardroom, Port Augusta
19 January 2023 at 11:08am

Present:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member), L Day, S Johnson OAM, N Sylvanius,
T Vaughan ASM and T Wright (OCA Members).
M Sutton (Director, OCA) and J Greatbatch (Executive Officer, OCA).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone to meeting 120 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA), the first face to face meeting with all Members of the new board.

No apologies have been received.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Standing OCA Declaration of Interest 2022-23	
Member	Declaration of Interest
Presiding Member	Director, Invasive Animals Ltd Chair/Director, Nature Foundation Ltd Director, Frankenia Pty Ltd Deputy Chair, Heritage Council SA Member of the Parachilna Progress Association Secretary of the Beltana Progress Association
Member Day	Chair, Andamooka Opal Fields Tourism Association Inc Chair, SA Arid Lands – Kingoonya Landscape Group Board Member, Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourism Member, Andamooka Progress and Opal MA
Member Johnson	CEO, District Council of Mount Remarkable
Member Sylvanius	President, Beltana Progress Association Member, North Flinders Landscape group Member, World Heritage Community Reference Group Treasurer, Flinders Ranges Tourism Operators Association Executive



Member Vaughan	CE, Royal Flying Doctor Service Central Operations
Member Wright	Director/Owner, Wrightsair Pty Ltd Director/Owner, LA & AM Matthews Pty Ltd Director/Owner, William Creek Hotel Member of the William Creek Progress Association Board Member, Regional Development Australia Far North

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2022, Meeting No. 118 were circulated.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 14 December 2022, meeting 118 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

- 4.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2022, Meeting No. 119 were circulated.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Sylvanius

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 16 December 2022, meeting 119 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

- 4.3 Business arising from minutes.

- 4.3.1 Business Plan Progress Report (Ref. agenda item 4.3.6, Meeting No.95)

The Director confirmed a workshop will be held once the Outback Futures Project outcomes are known to consider a flexible planning process relating to the OCA's 5-year Strategic Management Plan, therefore this matter is pending.

- 4.3.2 Authorisation Under Treasurer's Instruction 8 – Financial Authorisation (Ref. agenda item 6.1, Meeting No.103)

The Director confirmed the process of increasing the Presiding Member's financial delegation to an amount of not higher than \$1.5m is still ongoing, therefore this matter is pending.

- 4.3.3 Oodnadatta Health Service (Ref. agenda item 7.2, Meeting No.103)

The Director advised correspondence is yet to be forwarded to the Chair of Eyre and Far North Local Health Network - SA Health regarding the health service at Oodnadatta, therefore this matter is pending.

4.3.4 Mental Health Support for Outback Tourism Operators (Ref. agenda item 10, Meeting No.103)

The Director advised correspondence is yet to be forwarded to the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) seeking mental health support services for tourism operators in Outback SA, therefore this matter is pending.

4.3.5 LRCI Program Phase 3 – Project Funds Reallocation (Ref. agenda item 6.2, Meeting No.118)

The Director confirmed ranking community project submissions against criteria for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 3 grant funding reallocation has been completed. This item can be removed from the action list.

4.3.6 LRCI Program Phase 3 – Project Funds Reallocation (Ref. agenda item 6.1, Meeting No. 119)

The Director confirmed a reallocation request for LRCI Program Phase 3 grant funding has been submitted to the Australian Government for approval, however there may be scope for further grant funding reallocation. This matter is ongoing.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Outback Futures January 2023 Update (Ref. N23–01/01)

The Presiding Member referred to correspondence received from the Minister for Local Government giving approval to publicly release the Outback Futures recommendations at the earliest appropriate opportunity.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The final Outback Futures Project recommendations to the Minister and the Minister's response are provided to Outback Communities and published on the OCA's website.

Carried.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.



8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Director tabled the business plan progress report.

The OCA noted the Business Plan Progress Report.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member provided an update on an upcoming trip to visit Outback communities in the Far North of the State along with the Minister for Local Government and Minister for Local Roads the Hon Geoff Brock MP, the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories the Hon Kristy McBain MP and the Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development the Hon Clare Scriven MLC.

The Presiding Member commented the Director's commitment to the Outback has been outstanding as has his diligence and advocacy for the region. On behalf of the OCA, the Presiding Member expressed heartfelt thanks for everything the Director has achieved during his time with the OCA and wished him all the best for the future.

10. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Vaughan reported there will be a call for tender for the provision of health services at Marla, Oodnadatta and Marree at the end of the year.

Member Day reported that the new OCA accessible public toilet facilities have been installed at Andamooka which is much appreciated by the community.

Member Wright reported that the installation of public Wi-Fi is of high importance for public safety in regional areas and is looking forward to this Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 project to be completed.

The Members noted they would welcome a presentation from the Royal Flying Doctor Service on their provision of services to the Outback Community.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director tabled his report for the period leading up to the January 2023 meeting, noting the office closure from midday 23 December for the Christmas break and reopening on 3 January 2023, allowing staff to take some leave and spend time with family and friends over the festive season. No urgent incidents occurred during the office closure period.

The Director will hand over to the new Director who starts on 23 January 2023. The current Director will formally conclude with the OCA on 31 January 2023.

The Director gave an update on the Leigh Creek Taskforce and the OCA requested a paper/briefing/ be prepared when the new Director commences.

The Director thanked the many Board Members who have been the OCA since its inception in 2010 for setting a clear strategic direction for the Outback that the Director was able to interpret, support and put into operation. The Director particularly thanked Bill



McIntosh AM for his guidance, support and confidence during the Director's time with the OCA and its predecessor the Outback Areas Community Development Trust.

The Director quoted Sir Isaac Newton "If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants" and thanked his staff over the many years as the giants who have enabled the Director to do what was done. The Director thanked past and current staff and Board Members for allowing him to live his best life in service to the Outback which has been an absolute pleasure.

A list of activities undertaken by the Office for the OCA was tabled by the Director.

12. CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

The Director tabled the Correspondence Register for the period 19 December 2022 to 10 January 2023.

The OCA noted the Correspondence Register.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Nil.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The OCA noted that the next OCA meeting is scheduled for 22, 23 February 2023 at Port Augusta.

The meeting closed at 12:14 pm.

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