



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

10 August 2023

Meeting No. 129

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)

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

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Outback Communities Authority

Meeting held via Microsoft Teams
10 August 2023 at 2:05 pm

Present:

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

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone to meeting 129 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA).

An apology from Member Sylvania has been received.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Standing OCA Declaration of Interest 2023-24	
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 Miners Association Member, BHP Stakeholder Engagement Group
Member Johnson	CEO, District Council of Mount Remarkable
Member Sylvania	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 22 June 2023, Meeting No. 125 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Day

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held on 22 June 2023, meeting 125 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 from 28-30 June 2023, Meeting No. 126 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Day

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held 28 to 30 June 2023, meeting 126 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

- 4.3 The minutes of the electronic meeting held from 4-10 July 2023, Meeting No. 127 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Day

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held 4 to 10 July 2023, meeting 127 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

- 4.4 The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2023, Meeting No. 128 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Day

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held 26 July 2023, meeting 128 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

4.5 Business arising from minutes.

- 4.5.1 The Director and Executive Officer continue to resolve OCA financial authorisations. This item is pending.
- 4.5.2 The Director confirmed staff will develop clear funding application criteria which will be published on the OCA's website. This item is pending.
- 4.5.3 Arrangements have begun for a new strategic planning process therefore this item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.4 The Director continues to develop project scope and a partnership agreement between the OCA and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) to deliver high speed public wi-fi across Outback SA. This item is pending.
- 4.5.5 The OCA is yet to receive confirmation on the amount of LRCI Program Phase 4 funding to be received. A list of projects to be funded by the program will be tabled for the Authority's consideration once confirmation is received. This item is pending.
- 4.5.6 This item is addressed by item 4.5.18 therefore this item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.7 The Director confirmed the 2023-24 Community Contribution has been approved by the Minister for Local Government and declared for Andamooka. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.8 The Director confirmed the 2023-24 Community Contribution has been approved by the Minister for Local Government and declared for Iron Knob. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.9 The Director confirmed the 203-24 Community Contribution has been approved by the Minister for Local Government and declared for Leigh Creek. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.10 The amended CARM Policy was approved by the Authority out of session and further amendments have been made following feedback received during the consultation process. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.11 The draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Outback Roads Consultative Forum have been approved out of session. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.12 The Presiding Member has executed the grant agreement for the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program Far North Project. This item can be removed from the action list.



- 4.5.13 The OCA's website has been updated with the 2023-24 meeting schedule. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.14 The Director has sought urgent clarification on the financial status of the OCA with DIT finance staff. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.15 The Director confirmed that consultation on the CARM Policy occurred between 4 July to 1 August 2023. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.16 The Director will provide the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Outback Roads Consultative Forum to the Minister for Regional Roads when he returns from leave at the end of the month. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.17 As per the above item, this item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.5.18 The Director confirmed the project plan continues to be progressed for developing the blueprint for Outback SA. This item is pending.
- 4.5.19 The Director confirmed a meeting note will be developed for the Authority's September meeting on the OCA's budget. This item can be removed from the action list.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Use of Financial Authorisations 2022-23 (Ref. N23-01/08)

The Director tabled a record of financial authorisations used by the Presiding Member and OCA staff during 2022-23.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Day

The Outback Communities Authority note the use of financial delegations for 2022-23 by the Presiding Member and Outback Communities Authority staff as described in the record of actions.

Carried.

6.2 Risk Register - Review (Ref. N23-02/08)

The Director tabled the OCA's Risk Register that is to be reviewed by the Authority annually. Minor updates have been made to the Risk Register to reflect current and arising issues such as updating the OCA Member induction kit prior to new Members commencing and the impact of Machinery of Government changes.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Day

The Outback Communities Authority endorses the Risk Register as reviewed.

Carried.

6.3 Financial Management Compliance Program 2023-24 (Ref. N23-03/08)

The Director tabled the 2023-24 Financial Management Compliance Program report.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The Outback Communities Authority endorses the 2023-24 Financial Management Compliance Program report.

Carried.

6.4 Regional Development Australia Far North Quarterly Report April to June 2023 (Ref. N23-04/08)

The Director tabled the Regional Development Australia Far North (RDA Far North) quarterly report for April to June 2023.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Day

The Outback Communities Authority:

1. *Notes the Regional Development Australia Far North Quarterly Report for April to June 2023.*
2. *Requests future quarterly reports relate to the new funding agreement Key Performance Indicators specific to Outback South Australia.*

Carried.

6.5 Leigh Creek Update (Ref. N23-05/08)

The Director provided an update on the Leigh Creek transformation process.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Johnson

The Outback Communities Authority appreciate the information provided by the Director during the Leigh Creek updates.

Carried.

6.6 Finance Report (Ref. N23-06/08)

The Director confirmed a finance report will be provided at the September meeting.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

7.1 Municipal Services Program Grant Offer for Dunjiba

The Director tabled a grant offer for the Aboriginal Lands Municipal Services Program for 2023-24 received from the Office of Local Government. Approval is sought from the Authority to execute the agreement as the grant amount of \$140,332.50 (inclusive of GST) exceeds the Presiding Member and Director's delegated authority.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Day

The Outback Communities Authority:

- 1. Notes the grant offer from the Office of Local Government, Department for Infrastructure and Transport to the Outback Communities Authority for Municipal Services on Aboriginal Lands (Dunjiba) for the value of \$140,332.50 (GST inclusive).*
- 2. Accepts the grant offer from the Office of Local Government, Department for Infrastructure and Transport to the Outback Communities Authority for Municipal Services on Aboriginal Lands (Dunjiba) for the value of \$140,332.50 (GST inclusive).*
- 3. Approves the Presiding Member to execute the grant agreement electronically.*

Carried.

7.2 Pastoral Board Draft Strategic Plan

The Presiding Member referred to the Pastoral Board's draft Strategic Plan that has been provided to the Authority to make comment on by 16 August 2023.

The Authority:

1. Notes the Pastoral Board's draft Strategic Plan
2. Appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback to the Pastoral Board
3. Requests the provided feedback is submitted to the Pastoral Board by the due date.

All agreed.

7.3 OCA Draft Financial Statements 2022-23

The Director tabled the OCA's draft financial statements for 2022-23 that have been prepared by DIT finance staff to be provided to the Auditor-General by 11 August 2023 in accordance with Section 23 (1) of the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The Outback Communities Authority approve the Presiding Member to execute the draft 2022-23 financial statements electronically so they can be provided to the



Auditor-General by 11 August 2023 in accordance with the Public Finance and Audit Act 1987.

Carried.

Member Wright joined the meeting at this time.

8. BUSINESS PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT

This item has been adjourned to the September meeting.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member's activities since the August meeting have included:

- Attending the SA Water reverse osmosis desalination plant official opening with the Director at Oodnadatta on Thursday 27 July 2023 where they were well received.
- Meeting with the Oodnadatta Progress Association on 27 July 2023 along with the Director to discuss how the OCA can best support the Oodnadatta community moving forwards.
- Participating in the Far North Regional Plan Stakeholder Visioning Workshop on Monday 24 July 2023 that was facilitated by the Department for Trade and Investment's Planning and Land Use Services unit.

10. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Wright requested an update be provided to the Authority on regional road funding. This will be investigated further.

Member Day reported attending the Regional Leadership Program facilitated by RDA Far North and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions where she was pleased to see good attendance from those in the OCA region.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director's activities since the July 2023 meeting have included:

- Attending the SA Water desalination plant official opening at Oodnadatta on Thursday 27 July 2023 with the Presiding Member.
- Meeting with the Oodnadatta Progress Association with the Presiding Member on Thursday 27 July and a community meeting will be held in Oodnadatta on 6 September 2023 to discuss options for how the OCA can support the Oodnadatta community into the future.
- Selection panels with interviews to be held soon for the Manager Policy and Community Affairs, Community Development Officer, Project & Administrative Officer roles closely followed by the Field Officer Standards, Risk and Compliance position.
- CARM Policy consultation that included two online meetings with the Presiding Member and Director. During the consultation period feedback was provided by two community members resulting in some changes to the policy which the Director will provide to the Board for consideration out of session.

- LRCI Program Phase 4 – we are yet to have confirmation on the amount of funding to be received. In the meantime, staff will collate and assess community project Expressions of Interest ready for the Authority to approve hopefully at the September meeting.
- Setting dates for the Progress Association forum which will be held in Port Augusta on 17 and 18 November 2023.

12. CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

The Director tabled the Correspondence Register for the period 13 June to 27 July 2023.

The Authority noted the Correspondence Register.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

There are no confidential orders.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 26, 27 September 2023 and will be held at the OCA office, Port Augusta.

The meeting closed at 4:15 pm.


27/9/23