



# Minutes

## Outback Communities Authority

14 December 2022

Meeting No. 118

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)

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

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Meeting held via Microsoft Teams  
14 December 2022 at 11:11am

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 118 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA).

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 Director, Invasive Species Solutions Trust 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 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 3 November 2022, Meeting No. 117 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan  
Seconded by Member Sylvanius

*That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 3 November 2022, meeting 117 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Carried.

- 4.2 Business arising from minutes.

- 4.2.1 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.

- 4.2.2 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.

- 4.2.3 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.

- 4.2.4 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.

- 4.2.5 LRCI Program Phase 3 – Standard Grant Agreement with RFDS (Ref. agenda item 6.1, Meeting No.117)

The Director confirmed a standard grant agreement for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program Phase 3 project has been executed for upgrades to the Royal Flying Doctor Service clinic in William Creek. This item can be removed from the action list.

- 4.2.6 LRCI Program Phase 3 – Standard Grant Agreement with Blinman and Parachilna Progress Associations for approval (Ref. agenda item 6.2, Meeting No. 117)

The Director confirmed a standard grant agreement to the value of \$250,000 has been provided to the Blinman Progress Association to install a caravan and camper services area as approved under phase 3 of the LRCI Program. The Parachilna project has also been discussed and approval for reallocation of these project funds will be sought. These items can be removed from the action list.

- 4.2.7 LRCI Program Phase 3 – Project Funds Reallocation (Ref. agenda item 6.3, Meeting No. 117)

The Director confirmed a call for an expression of interest was undertaken by OCA staff on 25 November 2022 directed to outback community incorporated bodies seeking shovel ready projects that are able to be completed by 30 May 2023. Project submissions were collated for the OCA to consider at their December meeting therefore this item can be removed from the action list.

## 5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

## 6. OCA BUSINESS

- 6.1 Kati Thanda Lake Eyre Flood Tourism Management Plan (Ref. N22-01/12)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled the Kati Thanda Lake Eyre Flood Tourism Management Plan prepared on behalf of Regional Development Australia Far North and the OCA. This project was funded by the Building Better Regions Fund – Community Investments Stream.

Moved by Member Wright  
Seconded by Member Sylvaniaus

*The OCA notes the Kati-Thanda Lake Eyre Flood Tourism Management Plan report.*  
Carried.

- 6.2 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 – Project funds reallocation (Ref. N22-02/12)

This item was deferred to allow further time to assess project submissions received.

6.3 Finance Report (Ref. N22-03/12)

The Director tabled the finance report as at 30 November 2022 and explained that due to the Machinery of Government transition from the Attorney General's Department to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport which was only finalised for finance matters as at 1 December 2022, the report shows the annual budget but does not provide actual expenditure to date.

DIT Finance have provided a breakdown so the OCA is able to see how much of the budget is allocated to each cost unit.

Moved Member Day  
Seconded Member Wright

*The OCA notes the finance report and commented it is unfortunate that actuals are not represented.*

Carried.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Director tabled the 2022-23 Business Plan Progress Report. Some actions are linked to the Outback Futures Project recommendations that is currently sitting with the Minister for consideration.

Moved Member Sylvania  
Seconded Member Vaughan

*The OCA noted the Business Plan Progress Report.*

Carried.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member reported the recruitment process for the new Director is well underway and is hopeful an announcement will be made prior to Christmas.

The Presiding Member also commented on the importance of outback community facilities which are often unique to each community and how pleasing it is to see the dedication and commitment of volunteers who look after these valued community assets.

10. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Day reported plans are underway for a live music event in Andamooka and for the Tuckerbox to reopen in 2023 along with planning for Andamooka to host the 13<sup>th</sup> National Opal Symposium in 2027, an event that attracts large numbers of people which will be a great opportunity for Andamooka and the surrounding region.

Member Vaughan reported the Royal Flying Doctor Service is committed to providing aeromedical services to the Outback for another 10 years thanks to funding support by the Australian Government.

#### 11. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director tabled his report for the period leading up to the December 2022 meeting. This has included considerable focus on the Leigh Creek transition works and management of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program projects. Transition arrangements will be made for the new Director who will commence in early 2023.

An extensive 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 26 October to 28 November 2022.

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 16 December 2022 followed by a meeting in Port Augusta on 19 January 2023.

The meeting closed at 11:36 am.

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