



# Minutes

## Outback Communities Authority

18 September 2024

Meeting No. 143

Vide electronic means in accordance with section 10 (5) of the  
*Outback Communities (Administration & Management) Act 2009*

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)

L Day, W Fennell, N Sylvanius, A Triggs, A Vaughan ASM, R Wallace

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# Minutes

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Meeting held via Microsoft Teams  
18 September 2024 at 8:01am

### Participating:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member), L Day, W Fennell,  
A Triggs, T Vaughan ASM and R Wallace (Members)  
J Greatbatch (Acting Director)

### 1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

No apologies have been received.

### 2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

### 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Standing OCA Declaration of Interest 2024-25	
Member	Declaration of Interest
Presiding Member	Director, Invasive Animals Ltd Chair/Director, Nature Foundation Ltd Director, Frankenia Pty Ltd Member, Parachilna Progress Association Secretary, Beltana Progress Association
Member Day	Chair, Andamooka Opal Fields Tourism Association Inc Chair, SA Arid Lands – Kingoonya Landscape Group Member, Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Member, BHP Stakeholder Engagement Group
Member Fennell	Board Member, Operation Flinders Foundation Partner, Piper Alderman
Member Sylvanius	Treasurer, Flinders Ranges Tourism Operators Association Executive
Member Triggs	Director, Mental Health, Eyre and Far North Local Health Network
Member Vaughan	CE, Royal Flying Doctor Service Central Operations Board Member, Regional Development Australia Far North
Member Wallace	Partner, Fowlers Bay Caravan Park Member, Fowlers Bay Progress Association

#### 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2024, Meeting No. 142 were circulated.

*All Members agreed that the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held on 8 August 2024, meeting 142 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 The Director continues to partner with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to deliver high speed public WiFi across Outback SA. This item is ongoing.

4.2.2 The revised Risk Management Policy has been uploaded to the OCA's website. This item can be removed from the action list.

4.2.3 A workshop will be held at a future meeting to discuss risk appetite. This item is ongoing.

4.2.4 The revised Public Consultation Policy and Procedures has been uploaded to the website therefore this item can be removed from the action list.

4.2.5 Consultation on the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024-2029 commenced 13 August 2024 and closed 11 September 2024. This item can be removed from the action list.

4.2.6 Further information has been provided of sponsorship packages for the XII International Rangelands Congress Adelaide. The Presiding Member will consider suitable support with the Director and respond accordingly. This item can be removed from the action list.

#### 5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

#### 6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024-2029 (Ref. N24-01/09)

The Authority endorsed release of the draft Dog and Cat Management Plan 2024-2029 for consultation at their August meeting. Two submissions were received and did not result in any change to the document other than the inclusion of the Leigh Creek LPO as a dog registration agent. Once approved by the Authority, the document will be submitted to the Dog and Cat Management Board for their review and approval.

*The Outback Communities Authority approves for the Dog and Cat Management Plan to be provided to the Dog and Cat Management Board for approval.*

**All Agreed.  
Carried.**



6.2 Small Projects Funding – Projects for Approval (Ref. N24-02/09)

The first round of Small Project Funding 2024-25 was available for submissions until 31 August 2024. Nine applications were received however one submission was deemed more suitable as sponsorship and two submissions require further information and will need to be discussed with the Director.

The remaining six project submissions totalling \$66,424 have been assessed by OCA staff as having merit and are tabled for review by the Board in accordance with Section 9 of the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009* (the Act).

*The Outback Communities Authority approves expenditure of \$66,424 on the six recommended Small Projects according to Section 9 of the Act.*

All Agreed.  
Carried.

6.3 Additional 2024-25 CARM Allocations (Ref. N24-03/09)

The Authority previously considered CARM funding requests at their June 2024 meeting. At that time, funding requests had not been received from the Gawler Ranges and William Creek Progress Associations and work was ongoing to support the Aroona Aboriginal Council and Oodnadatta Progress Association to become functioning Associations eligible for 2024-25 CARM funding.

The Community Partnerships Coordinator has worked with each Association and their 2024-25 CARM submissions are now ready to be reviewed by the Authority.

*The Outback Communities Authority approves the 2024-25 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management allocations for:*

1. *Aroona Aboriginal Council*
2. *Gawler Ranges Progress Association*
3. *Oodnadatta Progress Association*
4. *William Creek Progress Association*

All Agreed.  
Carried.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

8. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member reported on activities since the August 2024 meeting which included the following:

- Blueprint consultation progressing well where it has been interesting to note both the similarities and differences between communities. The Presiding Member has attended Strategic Blueprint consultation meetings at Oodnadatta, William Creek and Marree with the Innamincka, Marla and Coober Pedy trip to commence this

week.

## 9. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Triggs enjoyed meeting with OCA staff who were at Mannahill recently for the Strategic Blueprint consultation meeting.

Member Day has forwarded the latest SA Outback Roads Consultative Forum communique to members of the Tourism Marketing Committee Flinders Ranges and Outback. Members have reported their appreciation for having maintenance done on issues that have been raised with the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT). Member Day has appreciated being involved in the Forum.

## 10. ACTING DIRECTORS REPORT

The Acting Director provided a report on the following activities that have occurred since the Director commenced leave:

- Progressed recruitment of the Community Partnerships Coordinator role with DHUD.
- Farewell morning tea for the Manger Policy and Community Affairs, Phil Gibb who finished up with the OCA on 16/09/24.
- Finalising the 2023-24 Annual Report that was prepared as much as possible by the Director before she commenced leave. Audit SA are hoping to have the audited financial statements ready by the end of September so the Annual Report can be provided to the Minister by 30/09/24 per legislative requirement.

## 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Authority will have workshops on Monday 21, Tuesday 22 October 2024 at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre. The next board meeting is scheduled for 12 November 2024 via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting closed at 8:53am.



12/11/2024