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Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

22 May 2014

Meeting No. 45

Members:

C Woolford (Chair)

P Allen, G Beltchev, J Booth, F Frahn, M Heylen, M Turner.

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Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

Meeting held at the Outback Communities Authority office, 12 Tassie Street, Port Augusta
on 22 May 2014 at 1.30 pm

Present:

Ms C Woolford (Chair)
Mr P Allen, Mr G Beltchev, Mrs J Booth, Mrs F Frahn,
Mrs M Heylen and Mrs M Turner

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2014 were circulated.

Moved by Member Beltchev
Seconded by Member Booth

*That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held on 19
March 2014, number 44 be adopted.*

Carried.

4.2 Business arising from minutes.

4.2.1 Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) (Ref. 11
September 2013 meeting)

The General Manager (GM) advised that there is nothing further to report on this matter. The GM advised that through the Machinery of Government (MOG) changes the OCA will be moved to the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) as of 1

July 2014, however the OCA will continue to collaborate across government agencies to develop strong working relationships to benefit the outback.

4.2.2 Outback Waste Management (Ref. N 13 – 05/11 and N 14 – 01/03)

The General Manager (GM) advised that through the Department of the Premier and Cabinet – Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division (DPC-AARD) the Outback Waste Management project is progressing and good work has been achieved, although the OCA is no longer involved. The GM advised that he is aware of waste issues in the outback but it must be determined where waste management responsibility lies for the unincorporated areas. The GM confirmed that funding for this strategy will not be allocated to the OCA as was previously discussed, however the activities will concentrate on developing relationships required to progress recycling associated with the APY landfills. The GM confirmed that at this point in time it is unclear whether the Alliance will be formed.

4.2.3 Oodnadatta Project Manager (Ref. N 14 – 02/03)

The GM confirmed that due to the MOG changes the position has not been filled but once the OCA has settled into DPTI, the OCA will seek to fill the position as soon as possible.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Proposed Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Agreement and Community Contribution Scheme for Andamooka and Iron Knob for 2014-15 (Ref. N 14 – 01/05)

The Governance Manager (Gov M) confirmed that the OCA currently has in place Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreements with the Andamooka and Iron Knob communities which are due to expire 31 June 2014. The Gov M advised that the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association and the Iron Knob Progress Association have both requested that the OCA give consideration to entering into a similar agreement for the 2014-15 financial year.

The Gov M confirmed that consultation in accordance with the Community Engagement – Our Commitment Policy on CARM Agreements and Community Contribution Schemes (CCS's) is required before the OCA can make an informed decision on entering into agreements for 2014-15. The GM confirmed that it is proposed that the consultation will include a draft management plan and budget for each community and if community feedback suggests general acceptance of the CARM Agreement and CCS



for each community, a similar methodology would be adopted, as is currently in place. The Gov M confirmed that the methodology is:

- The CCS would apply from 1 July 2014 and be in place until 30 June 2015.
- Property Units would be adopted as the calculation basis for determining the contributions attributable to a particular property.
- An aggregation of contiguous land would be the method of assessment.
- Contribution would be set having consideration of the consultation feedback but is expected to be similar to the 2013-14 year's contribution.
- The OCA Concessions Policy covering arrangements for rebates, remissions, hardship and postponements would apply.

The Gov M confirmed that the final part of this process is that Ministerial approval for the application of a CCS for Andamooka and Iron Knob will be required.

The Gov M advised that the OCA is actively seeking the finalisation of outstanding debts through the Andamooka CCS and has commenced the debt collection process. Dun and Bradstreet have been contracted to undertake the debt collection process, which will commence, now that the initial letters of request have been forwarded to landowners at Andamooka.

Moved by Member Turner
Seconded by Member Frahn

That the OCA:

- *Note the request from the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association to enter into a new Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Agreement and Community Contribution Scheme for 2014-15 and approve the consultation plan as provided.*
- *Note the request from the Iron Knob Progress Association to enter into a Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Agreement and Community Contribution Scheme for 2014-15 and approve the consultation plan as provided.*

Carried.

6.2 2014-15 OCA Business Plan and Budget Approval (Ref. N 14 – 02/05)

The GM advised that the OCA's 2014-15 Business Plan has been updated reflecting a progression in the strategic objectives that were introduced in the OCA's 2013-14 Business Plan and Budget document and incorporating new strategies that reflect innovative opportunities for the OCA to investigate solutions for infrastructure and service needs in the

outback through partnerships and or new technologies, which is *oneOutback*.

The GM confirmed that public consultation on the Business Plan and Budget commenced 14 April, concluding on 23 May 2014 and to date, there have been no submissions received.

Moved by Member Heylen

Seconded by Member Allen

- *That if submissions are received report to the OCA out of session and as soon as possible seek approval to submit the 2014-15 Business Plan and Annual Budget to the Minister for Regional Development for approval.*
- *If no further submissions are received, submit the 2014-15 Business Plan and Annual Budget to the Minister for Regional Development for approval.*

Carried.

6.3 Flinders Ranges – A Brush with Art (Ref. N 14 – 03/05)

The GM advised that the A Brush with Art exhibition trail is seeking sponsorship. The event is scheduled from 6 September to 6 October 2014 and encourages visitors to follow the exhibition trail throughout the Flinders Ranges experiencing a range of art exhibitions. Two communities within the jurisdiction of the OCA (Blinman and Parachilna) will again be participating in this event and although these communities have prospered from participating, there is a strong flow on effect for the wider outback to also prosper with visitors tending to stay in the region for a period of time.

The GM confirmed that should the OCA approve gold sponsorship, the OCA's logo will appear on all marketing activities.

The OCA noted that the request for sponsorship has been received outside of the OCA's Grant Program and agreed to not consider further adhoc sponsorships unless they fit within the OCA's funding strategy.

Moved by Member Beltchev

Seconded by Member Booth

That the OCA:

- *Agrees to gold sponsorship of the 2014 A Brush with Art exhibition trail at a total cost to the OCA of \$1,000.00.*
- *Pay the sponsorship after 1 July 2014.*
- *Notify the event organiser advising of the OCA's Grant Program processes and timelines.*

Carried.



6.4 OCA Small Sports Grants Assessment, Round 2, 2014 (Ref. N 14 – 04/05)

The GM advised that five applications have been received through the Small Sports Grants released in April 2014. The GM advised that a panel assessed the applications and recommended that four applications be approved advising that one application does not meet the guidelines.

Moved by Member Frahn
Seconded by Member Allen

That the OCA approves the recommendations of the panel for projects through the OCA Small Sports Grants program being funding for the:

- *Leigh Creek Progress Association Inc for the amount of \$500.00*
- *Oodnadatta Racing and Horse Sports Inc for the amount of \$500.00*
- *Western United Tigers Inc for the amount of \$500.00*
- *Yunta District Hall Inc. for the amount of \$500.00*

at a total cost to the OCA of \$2,000.00.

Carried.

6.5 Community Audited Financial Returns (Ref. N 14 – 05/03)

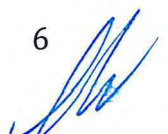
The GM tabled a report advising that audited financial statements have been received from the Innamincka Progress Association (2010-2011, 2011-12 and 2012-13), the Lyndhurst Progress Association (2012-13) and that the Gawler Ranges Progress Association have provided supporting information as requested.

The OCA Members noted receiving the financial statements and that the Administration Grant cannot be back dated to previous years.

Moved by Member Beltchev
Seconded by Member Heylen

That the OCA:

- *Noted receiving the financial statements from the Innamincka Progress Association for 2010-11.*
- *Noted receiving the financial statements from the Innamincka Progress Association for 2011-12 and resolve that the Administration Grant be made available through the Community Support Package 2013-14 at a total cost to the OCA of \$3,500.00.*
- *Noted receiving the financial statements from the Innamincka Progress Association for 2012-13 and resolve that the Administration Grant be made available through the Community Support Package 2014-15.*



- *Noted receiving the financial statements from the Lyndhurst Progress Association for 2012-13 and resolve that the Administration Grant be made available through the Community Support Package 2014-15.*
- *Noted receiving supporting information from the Gawler Ranges Progress Association for their 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12 audited financial statements and resolve that the Administration Grant be made available through the Community Support Package 2013-14 at a total cost to the OCA of \$2,500.00.*
- *Note that the Community Affairs Resourcing and Management Agreement process is currently under review and therefore the allocation of funding for 2014-15 for the Administration Grant will be confirmed once the review has been finalised.*

Carried.

6.6 Board Meeting Schedule 2014-15 (Ref. N 14 – 06/05)

The GM tabled a meeting schedule for the forthcoming 2014-15 year. This matter has been adjourned while Members consider their commitments in 2014-15.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

7.1 Tourism Services 2014-2016

The GM tabled a proposal received from Regional Development Australia Far North (RDA FN) seeking funding from the OCA to support the delivery of tourism services from 2014-2016. The GM advised that the RDA FN invited the OCA to participate in a contractual partnership with the RDA FN along with four local government entities in the far north area.

The GM advised that historically, regional tourism has been well supported and resourced through the SA Tourism Commission (SATC) to work with stakeholders to grow the value of tourism in the region. The GM confirmed that Regional Tourism Marketing Boards were established as statutory bodies responsible for the Minister for Tourism, and maintained a strong presence through regional tourism offices, Regional Tourism Managers and Tourism Officers.

The GM advised that the Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourism (FROSAT) Board was this presence for the far north region and historically the OCA/Outback Areas Community Development Trust (OACDT) has had a strong relationship with FROSAT.

The GM advised that at the end of June 2011 the SATC undertook a Regional Growth Plan which resulted in the withdrawal of funding for Regional Tourism Offices from regional SA.

The GM confirmed that since 2011 through FROSAT and OCA Board membership the OCA has participated in meetings to determine the future of FROSAT and tourism service delivery.

The GM requested that if the OCA agree to support the funding proposal, to also consider the future of OCA representation on any committees or Boards regarding tourism services for the outback.

**Moved by Member Beltchev
Seconded by Member Allen**

That the OCA:

- *Approves a grant of \$22,000 for the 2014-15 financial year to RDA Far North for tourism services.*
- *Considers future funding beyond 2014-15 on the completion of the OCA 2016-2021 Strategic Plan.*

Carried.

Member Turner confirmed that she would be interested in joining SA regional tourism committees as the OCA's representative.

7.2 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management (CARM) Agreement

The General Manager tabled the 2013-14 CARM Agreement returned signed by the Oodnadatta Progress Association for execution by the OCA Board.

**Moved by Member Turner
Seconded by Member Booth**

That the OCA:

- *Execute the 2013-14 CARM Agreement with the Oodnadatta Progress Association Inc at a cost to the OCA of up to \$17,000.00 as per allocated funding in the approved 2013-14 budget, subject to consultation with the Oodnadatta community and in accordance with the OCA's Community Engagement – Our Commitment policy.*
- *Delegate authority to the General Manager to advance funds to the Oodnadatta Progress Association if an urgent need arises prior to the completion of the consultation process.*

Carried.

8. STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The GM tabled the OCA Strategic Management Plan, 2013-14 Business Plan progress report. The Members noted the progress.

The Members discussed objective 1 regarding the OCA being actively promoted as the key contact for all matters relating to outback areas. The GM and Gov M advised that at a strategic level, mining companies, Native Title matters and planning issues are some of the opportunities received by the OCA requiring comment. The GM confirmed that the OCA's profile has definitely increased and there are many opportunities for the OCA to provide advice and collaborate with other state government and non-state government agencies on matters of importance to the outback region.

The Gov M confirmed that the OCA's new website was now available, although some ongoing work to continue to improve it will be occurring. The Gov M confirmed that it is difficult to report on the usage of the website due to the SA Government firewalls and security that is in place.

Member Heylen enquired about objective 3 regarding the identification of public services delivered in the outback. The Gov M confirmed that the report has been completed but in its current format it cannot be made available on the OCA's website. The Gov M advised that he hoped to finalise the report in the very near future. Member Heylen suggested that the report be made available to the OCA Board prior to being made available on the OCA's website and that it will be helpful to the OCA to inform future planning.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Chair thanked the Members and OCA staff for keeping her informed on matters relating to the OCA while she had been away. The Chair reported that she had met with two government agencies on the previous day and was looking forward to meeting with the Minister for Regional Development.

10. MEMBER'S REPORT

Member Heylen reported that she attended the annual Yunta Races and Gymkhana event on 26 April. It was a very successful family event as well as an opportunity for young riders to display their skills. Member Heylen also advised that she had attended the first of the SA Government's 'Better Together: 2014 Showcase event, 'Reaching out to the Regions' on 2 May 2014 at the Adelaide Festival Centre. Member Heylen confirmed that there will be a series of other showcase events focusing on community engagement best practice, including engaging with the business sector, using social media, engaging for a better environment, and global trends and best practice in engagement.

Member Beltchev reported that he had been working on the preparation of a draft Program Logic Plan on OCA grant funding for consideration of the Board. Member Beltchev advised that he had attended the SA Government's Showcase event on engagement with regions and also attended the meeting of the Northern Australian Health Round Table.

11. SECTION 11 COMMITTEES REPORTS

11.1 Andamooka Town Management Committee (ATMC)

The GM tabled minutes from the most recent ATMC meeting, held on 26 March 2014.

The GM confirmed that the ATMC has been operating without a Chair throughout the current financial year and that the committee are keen to have a Chair commence early in the forthcoming financial year.

The Community Administrator (CA) advised that the SA Department of Transport, Planning and Infrastructure had agreed to provide funding toward road maintenance in Andamooka for the 2014-15 year although the funding has not been confirmed as ongoing. The CA confirmed that she envisaged submitting an application to DPTI in future years to seek further road funding.

12. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The GM advised that the period since the last Board meeting has been very busy with all staff directly and indirectly managing the responsibilities and opportunities that present with a new term of government and the appointment of a new Minister.

The GM advised that the Community Development Officer has commenced community visits to discuss budgets and CARM Agreement preparation for 2014-15.

The GM also advised that consultation on the OCA's 2014-15 Business Plan and Budget is nearing completion, after which any comments received will be reviewed before the document is finalised and forwarded to the Minister for Regional Development for approval.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

The GM confirmed that Confidential Order CO-02 remains in place until a further review has been undertaken, once the MOG move to DPTI has been finalised.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next OCA meeting has been scheduled to be a teleconference held on 19 June if urgent pressing business necessitates.

The meeting closed at 3.00 pm.