



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

19 April 2023

Meeting No. 123

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
19 April 2023 at 8:02 am

Present:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member), L Day, S Johnson,
N Sylvania, 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 123 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA).

Member Johnson and Member Wright to join the meeting late due to conflicting schedules.

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 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 Director/Owner, Up the Creek Pty Ltd Member of the William Creek Progress Association Board Member, Regional Development Australia Far North

4. ADJOURNED MATTERS

4.1 Regional Development Australia Far North Funding Agreement July 1 2023 – June 30 2028 – information update

The current resource agreement between the OCA and Regional Development Australia Far North (RDA FN) concludes 30 June 2023 and RDA FN is seeking OCA support to enter into a new agreement for a period of five years concluding on 30 June 2028.

The OCA agreed to execute a five year funding agreement based on the draft provided with Regional Development Australia Far North for a sum of \$51,000 indexed annually to CPI.

Member Wright joined the meeting at this time.

5. OCA BUSINESS

5.1 Business Plan and Budget 2023/24 (Ref. N23-01/04)

The draft Business Plan and Budget 2023/24 document was circulated for endorsement prior to the April meeting so that community consultation can commence, enabling it to be approved by the Minister by 31 May 2023.

The OCA approved for the Business Plan and Budget for the 23/24 financial year be released for consultation so that Ministerial approval of the budget for expenditure from 1 July 2023 is obtained.

5.2 Connecting Communities – Intention to Partner: Royal Flying Doctor Service and Outback Communities Authority (Ref. N23 – 02/04)

The OCA has previously approved \$500,000 of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 funds to be spent on wi-fi at 20 remote sites and 13 townships.

As a result of several meetings between the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and the OCA staff a partnership project has been identified with the working title 'Connecting Communities'. An 'intention to partner' document was provided for the OCA to consider for an approach to deliver high speed public wi-fi across Outback SA.



Member Vaughan noted his conflict of interest and abstained from voting.

The OCA endorsed the further development of project scope and a partnership agreement between the OCA and RFDS to deliver high speed public wi-fi across Outback SA.

5.3 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grants Phase 4 (Ref. N23-03/04)

The Director proposed for OCA staff to develop a list of projects for the Board to consider once the funding amount for the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Phase 4 is known.

The OCA endorsed the proposed approach for allocating LRCI Phase 4 funding.

Member Johnson joined the meeting at this time.

5.4 Development Process for the Next Strategic Plan (Ref. N23-04/04)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who mentioned one of the focus areas in the 23/24 Business Plan and Budget being to develop a Strategic Blueprint for Outback SA with an action to consult and then publish a Strategic Blueprint for Outback SA that brings together the Authority's aspirations and vision, those of Outback Communities and the Planning Commission's regional plan.

It is proposed that an agenda, process, timeframe and comprehensive list of stakeholders be developed in partnership with the Department for Trade and Investment's Regional Planning Unit. The OCA's final Strategic Blueprint would not replicate the Planning Commission's regional plan but would include those aspects of it with potential for further partnerships and collaboration.

The OCA endorsed the proposed development approach for the next Strategic Plan.

5.5 Leigh Creek Update (Ref. N23-05/04)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who provided an update on the Leigh Creek township and its transition:

- Negotiating transfer of assets to OCA / community with the Task Force
- Urgent works to airport (new generator and electrical board) progressing this FY – approval of DIT procurement – budget adjustments occurring to take advantage of salaries underspend
- Paul Case (accompanied by Vicki Beard) will present to the Board at the June workshop (10am to 12 noon) and join Board members for lunch
- CCS negotiations on track
- Have requested Town Manager arrange for obsolete signage to be removed
- Further investigation required into the new health clinic regarding RFDS access

The OCA noted the Leigh Creek update.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

Member Johnson left the meeting at this time.

7. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member reported on activities since the March 2023 meeting which includes being invited to attend the Nilpena Ediacara opening and participating in an online cat management workshop facilitated by the Dog and Cat Management Board.

8. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Vaughan reported on the progress of the RFDS William Creek clinic.

Member Day reported the pump track in Andamooka was recently well received and used during a community event at Andamooka.

9. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director reported on her activities and involvement since the March 2023 meeting which included:

- Attention to those items in the Board agenda with 'Business Notes'
- Attended the Planning Commission's workshop at Ceduna which is the starting point of a new regional plan for Eyre Peninsula and Far West Coast
- Engaged 'Governator' (Deb Brokenshire) to undertake a review of OCA policies and procedures (outward looking)
- RFDS Clinic at William Creek – necessary approvals and works proceeding
- Cat Management Workshop –attended along with the Presiding Member
- Progressing DIT compliant role statements to fill staff vacancies and an approved structure within existing resources
- LRCI Projects all progressing – Blinman campers' facility being brokered with DIT
- Will be on leave from May 8 – 12; Executive Officer on leave from tomorrow until 28/4 inclusive
- Attending the Local Government Forum for regional CEs at Berri on April 27 / 28

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The OCA noted that the next OCA meeting is scheduled for 25 May 2023 to be held via Microsoft Teams.

The meeting closed at 9:26 am.



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