



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

21 September 2022

Meeting No. 116

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)
S Johnson OAM, A Vaughan ASM, T Wright

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Online meeting held via Microsoft Teams

21 September 2022 at 9:08am

Present:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member), S Johnson OAM,
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 116 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 Johnson	Board Member, Regional Development Australia Far North CEO, District Council of Mount Remarkable
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 17 August 2022, Meeting No. 114 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Johnson

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 17 August 2022, meeting 114 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 2-5 September 2022, Meeting No. 115 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Johnson

The minutes of the electronic meeting held from 2-5 September 2022, meeting 115 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Carried.

- 4.3 Business arising from minutes.

- 4.3.1 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.

- 4.3.2 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.

- 4.3.3 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.

- 4.3.4 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) and appropriate Ministers seeking mental health support services for tourism operators in Outback SA, therefore this matter is pending.

4.3.5 Outback Futures Final Recommendation to the Minister for Local Government
(Ref. agenda item 6.3, Meeting No.112)

Correspondence is yet to be sent to all relevant stakeholders thanking them for their contribution to the Outback Futures Project, therefore this item is pending.

4.3.6 OCA Meeting Schedule 2022-23 (Ref. agenda item 6.4, Meeting No.114)

The Members confirmed an amended date for the April 2023 meeting being an online meeting on Wednesday 19 April 2023. This item can be removed from the action list.

4.3.7 Risk Management Register – Review (Ref. agenda item 6.5, Meeting No. 114)

The Director confirmed the Risk Register has been updated to include the risk of the Outback Futures Project recommendations not being implemented, therefore this item can be removed from the action list.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 – Standard Grant Agreement Schedule for Approval (Ref. N22–01/09)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled a list of Standard Grant Agreements to be executed for the community projects to be undertaken as part of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Phase 3.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The OCA approves the execution of Standard Grants Agreements for community projects with approved recipients under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Phase 3 as follows:

- 1. Innamincka Sporting Club Inc - \$436,000 to supply and install new male and female toilet and shower facilities, upgrade the existing bathroom for disabled access, upgrade existing electrics and supply cool room for kitchen.*
- 2. Penong and Districts Progress Association Inc - \$150,000 to supply and install a new shark proof net at Port Le Hunte , including an upgrading of swimming facilities to ensure safety for all swimmers.*
- 3. Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association Inc - \$70,000 to relocate two transportable buildings, tie them into the precinct with a joining verandah, erect shade shelters along the walking trail/creek line and improve car parking outside the new Recreation Centre along with paved footpaths.*



4. *Fowlers Bay Progress Association Inc - \$30,000 for shade and softfall at the new foreshore playground.*
5. *Blinman Progress Association Inc - \$40,000 to install an air-conditioner in the town hall so that it can be utilised during both hot and cold weather.*

Carried.

6.2 Future Drought Fund – Regional Drought Resilience Plan - Update (Ref. N22-02/09)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who provided an update on the Future Drought Fund Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program that was discussed and approved at the OCA's June 2021 meeting, for the foundational year of the program. It is recommended that the OCA continues to support and participate in the program as lead member of a consortium that would develop a regional drought resilience plan for the unincorporated area.

The Australian Government has announced funding for this program until 2023-24 and a new funding agreement has been prepared by PIRSA for the OCA's consideration with the grant amount being \$297,000 (excluding GST).

Moved by Member Wright
Seconded by Member Johnson

The OCA:

1. *Supports the revised participation of the OCA in the Future Drought Fund Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program as lead member of a consortium that would develop a regional drought resilience plan for the Outback region.*
2. *Approves for the Presiding Member to execute the grant agreement with PIRSA for the amount of \$297,000 (excluding GST).*

Carried.

6.3 Outback Futures September 2022 Update (Ref. N22-03/09)

The Presiding Member and Director of the OCA met with the Minister for Local Government on 29 August 2022, the first formal meeting with this Minister. The Presiding Member reiterated to the Minister that the OCA's budget is not adequate to effectively and efficiently administer the unincorporated areas of South Australia.

The OCA noted the Outback Futures update.

6.4 OCA Director Recruitment Update (Ref. N22-04/09)

This agenda item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

Member Johnson left the meeting at this time.

The Presiding Member provided an update on recruitment for the OCA's Director letting the other Members know that the position is due to be advertised in the coming weeks.

6.5 Finance Report (Ref. N22-05/09)

The finance report has been deferred to the next meeting.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

The Presiding Member referred to correspondence from the Blinman Progress Association addressed to the OCA regarding the management of waste in the Outback. The Director is seeking clarification on some items and then a response will be provided.

8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The business plan progress report has been deferred to the next OCA meeting.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member attended the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board and Livestock SA community get together held in Marree on 24 August 2022.

The Presiding Member also noted a concerning and evident lack of planning development compliance and enforcement in the Outback.

10. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Wright reported the current condition of the William Creek to Borefield Track road being a major safety issue. The Director will bring this to the attention of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, Regional North and Outback.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director tabled his report for the period leading up to the September 2022 meeting. During this time, approval was received from the Minister for the OCA's 2022-23 Annual Business Plan and Budget, which will be published and distributed in the coming months.

The Director reported that the 2021-22 audit nears completion and the 2021-22 Annual Report is currently being drafted in preparation for it to be provided to the Minister by 30 September 2022.

The Director reported that matters relating to the management of asbestos waste in Andamooka continues to be an issue with meetings between the EPA, Crown Lands SA and the OCA occurring to try and work on a solution.

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 14 August to 3 September 2022.

The OCA noted the Correspondence Register.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Nil.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The OCA noted that the next scheduled meeting will be regional, visiting the communities of Leigh Creek and Beltana on 2, 3 November 2022.

The meeting closed at 10:04 am.

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