



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

3 November 2022

Meeting No. 117

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)

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

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Meeting held at the Beltana Community Hall
3 November 2022 at 10:35 am

Present:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member), N Sylvanius and T Vaughan ASM in person
and L Day and T Wright via Microsoft Teams (OCA Members),
M Sutton (Director, OCA) and J Greatbatch (Executive Officer, OCA).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone to meeting 117 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA), particularly new Members Leila Day and Ngatina Sylvanius.

Member Johnson has taken a leave of absence for this meeting due to a personal matter.

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 Johnson	Board Member, Regional Development Australia Far North CEO, District Council of Mount Remarkable
Member Sylvanius	President, Beltana Progress Association Member, North Flinders Landscape group Member, World Heritage Community Reference Group Member, 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 21 September 2022, Meeting No. 116 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Wright

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 21 September 2022, meeting 116 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) and appropriate Ministers seeking mental health support services for tourism operators in Outback SA, therefore this matter is pending.

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

As the Outback Futures Project recommendations are with the Government for consideration, correspondence is yet to be provided to all relevant stakeholders thanking them for their contribution to the Outback Futures Project. However as this will be undertaken once a response is received, this item can be removed from the action list.

4.2.6 Blinman Progress Association Correspondence (Ref. agenda item 7, Meeting No.116)

The Director confirmed a response has been provided to the Blinman Progress Association regarding the management of waste in the Outback. This item can be removed from the action list.

4.2.7 Members Reports (Ref. agenda item 6.5, Meeting No. 114)

The Director advised that DIT Roads is aware of the condition of the William Creek to Borefield Track road and have prepared a Ministerial briefing on the matter for Minister Brock. 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 with RFDS for Approval (Ref. N22-01/11)

Member Vaughan left the meeting at this time due to his conflict of interest with this agenda item.

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled a list of Standard Grant Agreements that have been executed for community projects to be undertaken as part of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3. A grant agreement now needs to be established between the OCA and the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) SAVNT to the value of \$1m towards the new RFDS clinic at William Creek.

Moved by Member Day
Seconded by Member Sylvanius

The OCA approves the execution of a Standard Grant Agreement with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) SAVNT to the value of \$1,000,000 as a contribution toward a new RFDS clinic at William Creek approved under phase three of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

Carried.

Member Vaughan rejoined the meeting.

6.2 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 – Standard Grant Agreement with Blinman and Parachilna Progress Associations for Approval (Ref. N22-02/11)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who provided detail on the caravan and camper services area projects that were approved under phase three of the LRCI Program. Grant agreements need to be entered into with the Blinman and Parachilna Progress Associations Incorporated to the value of \$250,000 each for these projects to go ahead. These projects will result in the installation of a water

dispenser, waste and effluent waste disposal solutions along with landscaping, traffic management and signage.

Moved by Member Wright
Seconded by Member Sylvaniaus

The OCA approves the execution of a Standard Grant Agreement with the Blinman Progress Associations Incorporated to the value of \$250,000 and defers the decision on the Parachilna Community Association Incorporated to the December meeting pending consultation with that community, for caravan and camper services area projects approved under phase three of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program.

Carried.

6.3 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 – Project Funds Reallocation (Ref. N22-03/11)

The Director referred to an approved project under phase three of the LRCI Program that is not going to be achievable within the required timeline but should instead be considered in the next phase once procurement arrangements and capacity are established. The project would realise twenty remote area cameras in strategic locations to monitor vehicle movements and creek flood data.

The Members requested for an open and transparent process to be undertaken seeking community projects that are shovel ready and able to be completed by the end of May 2023. OCA staff will collate a list of projects for the OCA to consider at their December 2022 meeting. The Director will then seek approval from the Commonwealth to reallocate LRCI Program Phase 3 grant funding to approved community projects.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Sylvaniaus

The Outback Communities Authority approve the request for reallocation of grant funds to the value of \$1m allocated to the fixed camera network project under phase three of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to community projects.

To assist in determining what projects the funding is reallocated to, a public call for shovel ready longer term capital works program projects able to be completed by 31 May 2023 will be undertaken.

Carried.

Member Wright left the meeting.

6.4 2021-22 Audit (Ref. N22-04/11)

The Director provided correspondence from the Assistant Auditor-General received on 20 October 2022 that confirms the 2021-22 audit has been completed and the Independent Auditor's Report has been provided.

No significant matters requiring management attention were identified during the 2021-22 audit and therefore an audit management letter has not been issued.



Moved by Member Sylvaniaus
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The OCA noted the 2021-22 audit letter from the Auditor-General's Department and thanked staff for their hard work throughout 2021-22.

Carried.

6.5 2021-22 Annual Report (Ref. N22-05/11)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled a copy of the OCA's 2021-22 Annual Report that was provided to the Minister for Local Government on 26 October 2022. Although the *Outback Communities (Administration and Management) Act 2009* requires submission to the Minister by 30 September each year, there was a delay in finalising the 2021-22 audit and therefore the Independent Auditor's Report which is included in the Annual Report was not received by the Office until 20 October 2022.

Moved by Member Sylvaniaus
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The OCA noted the 2021-22 Annual Report.

Carried.

6.6 Finance Report (Ref. N22-06/11)

The Director tabled the finance report as at 30 October 2022 and explained that due to the Machinery of Government transition from the Attorney General's Department to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) which will not be finalised for finance matters until 1 December 2022, the report shows the annual budget but does not provide actual expenditure to date. Actual expenditure should be provided in the December meeting finance report.

The OCA noted the finance report.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

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

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member reported she appreciated the opportunity to visit the communities of Copley and Leigh Creek and to welcome the Board to the community of Beltana.



The Presiding Member will be attending the official opening of the Yunta Race Club on 12 November and the FROTOA AGM on 13 November.

Interviews for the Director's position will be held mid-November.

10. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Day reported that since the Outback Futures strategic planning session at Coober Pedy in 2021, Andamooka have progressed their strategic planning to include upgrade plans for the Andamooka airstrip with animal proof fencing to enable the RFDS to land safely and to drive tourism.

Member Day also recommends the OCA advocates further for outback road maintenance.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director tabled his report for the period leading up to the November 2022 meeting referring to recruitment for the Team Leader Community Services position and changes in staffing with the Community Development Officer, Leigh Creek resigning.

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 30 September to 26 October 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 held at the OCA office, Port Augusta on Wednesday 14 December 2022.

The meeting closed at 12:20pm.

 20/1/2023