



# Minutes

## Outback Communities Authority

5 May 2022

Meeting No. 111

Members:

W McIntosh AM (Presiding Member)

J Fort, F Frahn, S Johnson OAM, A Vaughan ASM, L Warmington, T Wright

# Minutes

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Meeting held at the OCA Boardroom, Port Augusta

5 May 2022 at 11:51 am

Present:

W McIntosh AM (Presiding Member), F Frahn, A Vaughan ASM, L Warmington and T Wright.  
 J Fort joined the meeting 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 111 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA).

An apology has been received from Member Johnson.

### 2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

### 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Standing OCA Declaration of Interest 2021-22	
Member	Declaration of Interest
Presiding Member	Member of the Blinman Sports Club Member of the Blinman Progress Association Director, Gum Creek Station Pty Ltd Trustee, McIntosh Family Trust
Member Fort	Chair, Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourism Inc Director/Owner, Innamincka Hotel
Member Frahn	Director/Owner, R Warwick Pty Ltd Trustee, Holowillena Pastoral Trust
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 Warmington	Secretary, Penong & Districts Progress Association LJ & GM Warmington (Farming)
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 23 March 2022, Meeting No. 109 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan  
Seconded by Member Frahn

*That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 23 March 2022, meeting number 109 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Carried.

4.2 The minutes of the meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 5 April 2022, Meeting No. 110 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan  
Seconded by Member Warmington

*That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 5 April 2022, meeting number 110 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.*

Carried.

4.3 Business arising from minutes.

Business arising was held over pending the June meeting.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Outback Futures – Final Report May 2022 (Ref. N22–01/05)

The Presiding Member referred to extensive discussions, planning and consultation undertaken by the Members on the Outback Futures Project since October 2019 on the question of how to achieve a better, more resilient Outback Community in the future.

The Members reviewed the Outback Futures Report and made final recommendations on a cost sharing levy model.

Moved by Member Vaughan  
Seconded by Member Fort

*The OCA approves the preparation of final recommendations for endorsement prior to delivering to the Minister for Local Government by the end of May 2022.*

Carried.

6.2 Finance Report (Ref. N22-02/05)

The Presiding Member referred to the Director who tabled the finance report as at 31 March 2022.

The OCA noted the finance report as at 31 March 2022.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Deferred to the June 2022 meeting.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member summarized the activities he has been involved in prior to the OCA May including meeting with Minister Brock on 27 April 2022 along with the Director to provide a briefing on the Outback Futures Project.

The OCA also met with Yunta District Hall committee members at the Yunta Race Club on Wednesday 5 May. The OCA recognizes the very impressive upgrades to the Yunta Race Club and correspondence from the Presiding Member on behalf of the OCA will be sent thanking them for their hospitality and the opportunity to see the upgraded community space. The OCA acknowledges the issues raised by the Yunta community members during this meeting including telecommunications, water, roads and repairs to the Yunta public toilets.

10. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Warmington commented how great it has been to see Commonwealth stimulus funding enable improvements in Outback communities and how important it is for the OCA to ensure that funding is distributed appropriately.

Member Wright reported ongoing issues with telecommunications in the regions with unreliable reception and data availability. The condition of outback roads continues to be an ongoing issue.

Member Fort reported the Aussie Travel Code campaign is gathering momentum particularly after being picked up by Tourism Australia. Member Fort will also be presenting at the Tourism Industry Council South Australia (TICSA) conference on 31 May 2022.

Member Frahn expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to visit with Yunta and commented on the importance of community visits for OCA Board Members to truly understand what happens in the Outback Community and suggested it would be a great to do an Outback visit as soon as possible with the new Board.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director reported on activities undertaken prior to the May meeting in particular meeting with the Minister along with the Presiding Member on 27 April 2022 to provide a briefing on the Outback Futures Project.

The Director reported that Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 proposed projects have been approved by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport and have been submitted to the Commonwealth for approval.

Leigh Creek transformation works continue to progress.

12. CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

Deferred to the June 2022 meeting.


13. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Nil.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The OCA noted that the next scheduled meeting will be either a teleconference or online meeting via Microsoft Teams on 30 May 2022 followed by a meeting on 22, 23 June 2022 in Port Augusta.

The meeting closed at 12.39pm.

  
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