



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

17 August 2022

Meeting No. 114

Members:

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

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Meeting held at the OCA Boardroom, Port Augusta

17 August 2022 at 12:51pm

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 114 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 23 June 2022, Meeting No. 113 were circulated.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA) meeting held on 23 June 2022, meeting 113 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 Member's Reports – Support for Regional Tourism (Ref. agenda item 10, Meeting No.95)

The OCA recommended discussing this as part of the Business Plan Progress Report workshop, therefore this matter can be removed from the action list.

4.2.3 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.

4.2.4 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.

4.2.5 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.

4.2.6 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.

4.2.7 Outback Futures Project Public Release Strategy (Ref. agenda item 7, Meeting No.113)

The Director advised correspondence has been sent to the Minister for Local Government requesting to meet with him and other members of Government at their earliest convenience to discuss the Outback Futures recommendations. This matter can be removed from the action list.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Use of Financial Authorisations 2021-22 (Ref. N22-01/08)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled a record of financial authorisations used by the Presiding Member and Office for the OCA staff during 2021-22.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Wright

The OCA note the use of financial delegations for 2021-22 by the Presiding Member and Outback Communities Authority personnel as described in the record of actions.
Carried.

6.2 Use of Financial Authorisations for Travel 2021-22 (Ref. N22-02/08)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled a record of the use of financial authorisations for travel during 2021-22.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The OCA note the use of authorisations for interstate and intrastate travel for 2021-22 by OCA personnel as described in the record of actions.

Carried.

6.3 Municipal Services Program Grant Offer for Dunjiba (Ref. N22-03/08)

The Director tabled correspondence received from the Office for Local Government providing a grant offer for the Aboriginal Lands Municipal Services Program for 2022-23. Approval is being sought from the OCA to execute the grant agreement as the



grant amount of \$137,329.50 (inclusive of GST) exceeds the delegated authority given to the Presiding Member and Director of the OCA.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Wright

The OCA:

1. *Notes and accepts the grant offer from the Office of Local Government, Department for Infrastructure and Transport to the OCA for Municipal Services on Aboriginal Lands (Dunjiba) of the value of \$137,329.50 (GST inclusive), and*
2. *Approves for the Presiding Member to execute the grant agreement.*

Carried.

6.4 OCA Meeting Schedule 2022-23 (Ref. N22-04/08)

The Director requested the OCA approves a formal meeting schedule for 2022-23 to ensure the Outback Community knows in advance when OCA meetings are to be held and the location of each meeting venue.

The Presiding Member noted the April 2023 meeting date will need to be rescheduled to avoid the school holidays.

The OCA resolves to meet on the following dates, at the recommended locations, noting that if the meeting schedule is to change, notification will appear on the OCA website immediately.

- *Wednesday 17 August 2022, Port Augusta*
- *Wednesday 21 September 2022, via Microsoft Teams*
- *Wednesday 2, Thursday 3 November 2022, Leigh Creek and Beltana*
- *Wednesday 14 December 2022, Port Augusta*
- *Thursday 19 January 2023, via Microsoft Teams (to be confirmed)*
- *Wednesday 22, Thursday 23 February 2023, Port Augusta*
- *Thursday 23 March 2023, via Microsoft Teams*
- *Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 April 2023, regional meeting (date to be amended and location to be confirmed)*
- *Thursday 25 May 2023, via Microsoft Teams*
- *Wednesday 21, Thursday 22 June, Port Augusta*

6.5 Risk Management Register – Review (Ref. N22-05/08)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled the OCA's Risk Register that is to be reviewed by the OCA annually. Minor updates have been made to the Risk Register to reflect current and arising issues, including the risk of the Outback Futures Project recommendations not being implemented.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Johnson

The OCA endorses the Risk Register as reviewed.

Carried.



6.6 Financial Management Compliance Program 2022-23 (Ref. N22-06/08)

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who tabled the 2022-23 Financial Management Compliance Program (FMCP) Report.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Wright

The OCA endorses the 2022-23 Financial Management Compliance Program Report.

Carried.

6.7 Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Phase 3 – Funding Deed (Ref. N22-07/08)

The Director tabled information provided on the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program, Phase 3. As with the first and second phase of the program, projects have been jointly identified by the OCA and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and submitted to the Commonwealth for approval which has now been received.

The OCA noted the LRCI Program, Phase 3 information.

6.8 Regional Development Australia Far North Quarterly Report to June 2022 (Ref. N22-08/08)

This agenda item has been deferred to the November meeting due to a lack of quorum.

6.9 Finance Report as at 30 June 2022 (Ref. N22-09/08)

The Director tabled the Finance Report as at 30 June 2022.

The Director referred to ongoing progress to prepare for the implementation of a Community Contribution Scheme in Leigh Creek as of 1 January 2023.

The OCA noted the Finance Report as at 30 June 2022.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

8. BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Presiding Member referred discussion to the Director who explained approval from the Minister is yet to be received for the OCA's 2022-23 Business Plan and Budget. A report



will be provided at the next OCA meeting following the receipt of approval from the Minister.

9. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member summarised activities she has been involved in leading up to the OCA meeting, which included organising to meet with the Minister later in the month and registering to attend the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board and Livestock SA community get together in Marree on 24 August 2022.

10. MEMBERS REPORT

Nil.

11. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director tabled his report for the period leading up to the August 2022 meeting referring to OCA field staff actively visiting communities and the new Aussie Travel Code signs funded through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

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 16 June to 11 August 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 on 21 September 2022.

The meeting closed at 2:41pm.

