



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

5 December 2023

Meeting No. 133

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)

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

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Outback Communities Authority

Meeting held at the OCA Boardroom, Port Augusta
5 December 2023 at 10:39 am

Present:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member), N Sylvania, T Vaughan ASM and T Wright
with L Day joining via Microsoft Teams (OCA Members).
M Howard (Director, OCA) and J Greatbatch (Executive Officer, OCA).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone to meeting 133 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA).

An apology was received from Member Johnson.

2. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Standing OCA Declaration of Interest 2023-24	
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 Chair, 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 Board Member, Regional Development Australia Far North
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. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 4.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2023, Meeting No. 131 were circulated.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Sylvaniaus

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held on 27 September 2023, meeting 131 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 25 October 2023, meeting 132 as circulated to Members, be adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Sylvaniaus

That the minutes of the Outback Communities Authority meeting held on 25 October 2023, meeting 132 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 The Director continues to partner with the Royal Flying Doctor Service to deliver high speed public wi-fi across Outback SA. The proof of concept is underway.

4.3.2 The first quarterly report for 2023-24 has been received from Regional Development Australia Far North. This will be reviewed in this agenda therefore this item can be removed from the action list.

4.3.3 The Director will find out further information on regional road funding. This item is ongoing.

4.3.4 The Director confirmed authorisations under Treasurer's Instruction 8 are now in place. This item can be removed from the action list.

- 4.3.5 The Director confirmed a list of Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 4 projects has been submitted to the Department for Infrastructure and Transport for approval. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.3.6 The Director confirmed the OCA's 2022-23 Annual Report was submitted to the Minister for Local Government on 29 September 2023 and it has since been tabled in Parliament. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.3.7 A response has been provided to the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport confirming the OCA's support for the transfer of Leigh Creek assets excluding the church building and Visitor Information Centre. This item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.3.8 The Director confirmed a response has been provided to the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association therefore this item can be removed from the action list.
- 4.3.9 The Director continues to investigate making the procurement process more efficient for the OCA. The Presiding Member will make contact with the Chief Executive, Department for Infrastructure and Transport seeking support for the OCA.
- 4.3.10 2023/2024 Community Affairs Resourcing and Management agreements have been sent out to all relevant Progress Associations. This item can be removed from the action list.

5. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

6. OCA BUSINESS

6.1 Small Projects Funding Policy and Procedures and Sponsorship Policy and Procedures (Ref. N23-01/12)

The Director tabled two new policies and procedures that have been drafted for the Authority's consideration. The first is the Small Projects Funding Policy and Procedures along with an application form template and the other is a Sponsorship Policy and Procedures along with an application form template.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Sylvaniaus

The Outback Communities Authority endorses the new Small Projects Funding Policy and Procedures and the Sponsorship Policy and Procedures so that a four week consultation period can be commenced.

Carried.

6.2 Regional Development Australia Far North Quarterly Report July to September 2023
(Ref. N23-02/12)

The Director tabled the Regional Development Australia Far North (RDA Far North) quarterly report for July to September 2023.

The Authority noted the RDA Far North quarterly report.

6.3 Leigh Creek Update (Ref. N23 – 03/12)

The Director referred to the Leigh Creek Town Manager finishing her role with the OCA in early January. The Members noted with thanks Tracy Neldner's contribution to the Leigh Creek transformation process over the last few years.

Port Augusta staff will help support Leigh Creek functions until a new position is recruited and the Director will ensure resources are assigned to Leigh Creek to support the community adequately throughout the rest of the transformation process. A meeting will be arranged with the Leigh Creek community in 2024.

The Authority noted the Leigh Creek update.

6.4 Finance Report (Ref. N23-04/12)

The Director tabled the finance report as at 31 October 2023.

The Authority noted the finance report.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

Salesforce Implementation

The Presiding Member referred to current challenges with the implementation of Salesforce which is intended to be used as the OCA's Customer Relationship Management system and to support a new website.

Moved by Member Vaughan
Seconded by Member Sylvania

The Outback Communities Authority approve for the OCA staff to implement Salesforce and the revised website as a matter of urgency to support the Strategic Blueprint for Outback SA which will be launched by the Minister for Local Government in April 2024.

Carried.

8. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member reported on activities since the October 2023 meeting which included:

- Participating in the Regional Drought Resilience Plan Project steering committee along with the Director and Community Development Officer Joe Calvert with a workshop held in Port Augusta on 1 December 2023.

- Attending the Progress Association forum held in Port Augusta on 17, 18 November 2023.
- Continuing to facilitate six-weekly community online meetings with the Director which are going well.
- Organising emergency relief for community members over Christmas.
- Visiting the West Coast communities with the Director and OCA Community Development Officer Sally Bradbury in early November.
- Continuing to follow up on mapping that is missing communities in the OCA's region.
- Contributing to the media release for outgoing and newly appointed Board Members.
- Attending the graduation ceremony for the RDA Far North Regional Leadership Program.

The Presiding Member thanked Member Wright and Member Johnson for their contribution to the Authority, thanking them both for their friendship and camaraderie during their terms on the Board. The Presiding Member also congratulated Member Vaughan on his reappointment.

9. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Day reported on the following:

- An AGM was held for the Andamooka Progress and Opal Miners Association (APOMA) along with a town planning meeting, seeking feedback on strategic planning through to 2027. There has been a change of membership on APOMA with three new executive committee members being appointed.
- Tourism already at 90% of target for visitor economy for the year. Planning is underway for the 2025 and 2030 targets including infrastructure to support increased visitation.

Member Vaughan referred to correspondence from the RFDS to the OCA regarding the pilot project of RFDS General Practitioners visiting the Andamooka clinic. Member Vaughan also reported his appointment to the RDA Far North Board

Member Wright referred to a need for sealing the road from the William Creek airstrip to the RFDS clinic to ensure all weather access. Member Wright also expressed his gratitude for his time on the OCA Board.

10. DIRECTORS REPORT

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

- Participating in events mentioned by the Presiding Member
- Preparing an application for Regional Precinct grant funding
- Ghan heritage railway signage replacement project currently underway and will be completed in the 2023/24 financial year.
- Outback SA signage progressing

11. CORRESPONDENCE REGISTER

The Director tabled the Correspondence Register for the period 22 September to 3 November 2023.

The OCA noted the Correspondence Register.

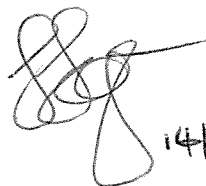
12. CONFIDENTIAL ORDERS

Nil.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The OCA noted that the next OCA meeting is scheduled for 13, 14 February 2024 to be held in Port Augusta.

The meeting closed at 11:45 am.


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