



Minutes

Outback Communities Authority

26 July 2023

Meeting No. 128

Members:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member)

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

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Meeting held via Microsoft Teams
26 July 2023 at 4:15 pm

Present:

J Ferguson OAM (Presiding Member), L Day, S Johnson OAM,
N Sylvanius and T Vaughan ASM (OCA Members).
M Howard (Director, OCA) and J Greatbatch (Executive Officer, OCA).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Presiding Member welcomed everyone to meeting 128 of the Outback Communities Authority (OCA).

Member Wright was an apology due to technology issues.

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 Board Member, 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 Sylvanius	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
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. ADJOURNED MATTERS

Nil.

5. OCA BUSINESS

5.1 Outback Roads Consultative Forum (Ref. N23-01/07)

The Members were provided with an amended version of the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Outback Roads Consultative Forum that was updated following a meeting with the Minister for Regional Roads' staff.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Sylvaniaus

The Outback Communities Authority endorses the requested changes to the draft Terms of Reference for the proposed Outback Roads Consultative Forum and requests the Director progress to the Minister for Regional Roads for their consideration, through the Chief Executive of the Department for Infrastructure and Transport, once they return to work in late August.

Carried.

Member Day joined the meeting.

5.2 Blueprint for Outback SA Development Process (Ref. N23-02/07)

The Director tabled a proposed development process for a 'Blueprint for Outback SA' and the next five-year strategic plan for the Authority. This was identified as one of the focus areas in the OCA's 2023-24 Business Plan and Budget with an action to consult then publish a Strategic Blueprint for Outback SA that brings together the Authority's aspirations and vision, those of Outback Communities and the Planning Commission's regional plan. It is unclear yet whether the process the Planning Commission is going through will be suitable for the OCA.

Moved by Member Johnson
Seconded by Member Vaughan

The Outback Communities Authority endorses the proposed development approach for the Blueprint for Outback SA and the Strategic Plan, so that a project plan can be developed, and its implementation commenced.

Carried.

5.3 Budget Discussion (Ref. N23-03/07)

The Members discussed the OCA's 2023-24 budget and a meeting note will be developed for either the August or September meeting.

6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

7. PRESIDING MEMBERS REPORT

The Presiding Member participated in both CARM Policy online meetings. These had low attendance but participants contributed well during both meetings.

The Presiding Member also participated the first Far North Regional Plan Visioning Workshop initiated by the State Planning Commission along with the Director. Some of the outback maps used during the session were missing communities in the OCA region and the Presiding Member will seek to address this.

8. MEMBERS REPORT

Member Day reported her disappointment with low attendance for the Far North Regional Plan Visioning Workshop but appreciated the opportunity to participate. Member Day highlighted the diversity of the region during discussions along with requirements to be met to support any future population growth.

Member Day also referred to consultation by BHP on their planned Oak Dam next phase exploration program. Community members have asked for clarification on how BHP will support an increased working population when services like childcare are already under pressure.

Member Day is pleased to see that the Andamooka Homestead is being utilized by Kokatha to back to country education programs with a plan to branch into tourism with cultural experiences and education programs.

9. DIRECTORS REPORT

The Director's activities since the June 2023 meeting have included:

- Attending the Nilpena Ediacara National Park community open day facilitated by National Parks and Wildlife Services, Department for Environment and Water on Monday 17 July which included meeting and hearing Dr Mary Droser explain about the research being done at Nilpena to study and preserve the ediacaran fossils.

- Organising and attending Salesforce workshops on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 July with all OCA staff involved to provide information required to develop the Customer Relationship Management System.
- Progressing recruitment for the Manager Policy and Community Affairs, Community Development Officer, Project and Administrative Officer and Field Officer Standards, Risk & Compliance positions.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 10 August 2023.

The meeting closed at 5:03pm.

