

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Adelaide Hills Council, Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council,
Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, City of Playford

Key Outcomes Summary

GRFMA Board Meeting 15/6/17

Adelaide Plains Council motion to withdraw from the GRFMA

The Board received a report on the following May 2017 without notice resolution by the Adelaide Plains Council to initiate action to withdraw from the GRFMA.

“That Council staff immediately initiate the appropriate procedures to allow Adelaide Plains Council to withdraw from Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority.”

The report outlined the process of withdrawal required pursuant to Clause 18 of the GRFMA Charter noting that approval by the Minister for Local Government is required.

The process of any request for Ministerial approval is likely to be:

- The Adelaide Plains Council will need to provide a submission to the Minister for Local Government providing its reasons for seeking to cease being a constituent council of the Gawler River Flood Plain Management Authority; and
- The GRFMA / other Constituent Councils should also provide a submission to the Minister on whether there is agreement with the proposed withdrawal of Adelaide Plains Council and the potential impact on the subsidiary's functions, so that the Minister can consider the Adelaide Plains Council's request in this context.

Mr James Miller CEO of Adelaide Plains Council (APC) also provided a verbal update and background context on the resolution by the Adelaide Plains Council. Mr Miller also noted that the APC Audit Committee has subsequently requested that a risks and cost benefit analysis of the decision be undertaken as a first process. Mr Miller advised further updates would be provided to GRFMA members following further consideration of the APC Audit Committee view by the APC.

2017/2020 GRFMA Business Plan and 2017/18 Annual Budget.

The Board resolved to adopt the 2017/2020 GRFMA Business Plan and the GRFMA 2017/18 Annual Budget as previously provided to constituent councils.

The 2017/18 annual budget provides a 4% increase (which is a total additional revenue increase of \$3,056) in council contributions to the Authority. The 4% principally relates to provisions to meet additional costs that GRFMA will incur in pursuing State and Federal Government funding to deliver the 2016 Gawler River Flood Review recommendations.

The budget does not contain any proposal for council contributions to the \$27 Million infrastructure investment of the Northern Floodways proposal.

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Northern Floodways strategic pathway

The Board received the draft Northern Floodway's draft Strategic Pathway plan as developed by the GRFMA Focus Group and requested:

- further consultation on the plan be undertaken by seeking staff level technical feedback from Constituent Councils;
- following relevant council staff feedback the Focus Group to amend the draft Strategic Pathway plan as appropriate and subsequently provide the amended draft to the GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel for consideration: and
- following consideration by the GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel the final report be provided to the GRFMA Board for consideration.

During discussion on the final format of the motion members reaffirmed GRFMA commitment to consult and seek approval from Constituent Councils prior to considering any final agreement proposals relating to funding and costs of the proposed project. It was also noted that the Executive Officer would consult with relevant State Government Agencies on the draft plan to facilitate communication of information.

Achievements against the 2016 – 2019 Business Plan

Achievements against the 2016 – 2019 Business Plan were noted and authorised for publication in the 2016/17 Annual report

Financial Report

The financial report as at 31 May 2017 indicated a balance of total funds available of \$140,783.52

GRFMA Audit Committee

Subject to receipt of formal approval from Constituent Councils the following persons were appointed to the GRFMA Audit Committee for a period of two years commencing 1/7/17;

- Independent Chair, Mr Peter Brass;
- Member, Cr Des Ellis (Light Regional Council); and
- Member, Mr Greg Pattinson (City of Playford).

GRFMA members recorded appreciation to Mr Sam Dilena (Town of Gawler), as retiring member, for his contribution to the Audit Committee.

Burns Review (2016 SA Extreme Weather Events)

The Board noted correspondence from Hon Ian Hunter, Minister for Water and the River Murray, advising that a Working Party is to be established to progress the relevant recommendations of the Burns Review (2016 SA Extreme Weather Events) and requested the Executive Officer to liaise with the LGA SA to request periodic updates on progress being achieved by the Working Party.