

# 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 13/12/18

#### **New GRFMA Board**

The Chairperson, noted the recent Local Government General Elections, welcomed all new Board Members and briefly outlined the purpose of the Authority and general meeting practices of Board Meetings.

#### **Questions on Notice**

The Adelaide Plains Council submitted 2 Questions on Notice relating to the Northern Floodway Project. Relevant answers were provided and recorded in the minutes.

#### **Reforming NRM**

The Authority will write to the Hon D Speirs Minister for Environment and Water in regard to the establishment of the new Landscape SA Boards (replacing the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board) seeking clarification how placement of the collective constituent GRFMA councils in a Landscape Region might be effected to ensure strategic flood management objectives and relevant landscape levy funding mechanisms are maintained.

#### **Charter Review**

The meeting received a report on progress achieved by the Charter Review Working Group and a further report on the final draft Charter Review is to be considered at the 7 February 2019 GRFMA meeting.

#### **Policy review**

The meeting adopted the following reviewed Policies without change:

- Access to meetings and Documents;
- Internal Review of Decisions;
- Procurement and Operations;
- Dam Valuation; and
- Treasury Management; and

The Executive Officer is to seek comment on proposed changes to the Public Consultation Policy from constituent councils prior to further consideration.

#### **Membership of the GRFMA Audit Committee**

Subject to approval from constituent councils Cr. M Herrmann was appointed as GRFMA Audit Committee member, Elected Member representative.

#### **Financial Report**

The Board adopted the Budget Review Documents for 30 November 2018 for the 2018/2019 financial year; and received the financial report as at 30 November 2018 showing a balance of total funds available of \$ 148,293.60.

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## **Schedule of Meetings**

The Meeting adopted the Schedule of ordinary GRFMA meetings for 2019 as: Thursday 7 February 2019, Light Regional Council; Thursday 18 April 2019, Adelaide Hills Council; Thursday 13 June 2019, The Barossa Council; Thursday 15 August 2019 Town of Gawler; Thursday 17 October 2019 Adelaide Plains Council; Thursday 12 December 2019 (2nd Thur), City of Playford.

## **Revegetated zone around the Bruce Eastick Dam**

Members endorsed a proposal to initiate discussions between interested members of the Authority and NRAMLR on the establishment of a revegetated zone around the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.

## **Recently retired GRFMA Board and Deputy Board Members**

The meeting recorded a vote of thanks to recently retired GRFMA Board and Deputy Board Members.

## **GRFMA Gawler River orientation**

An orientation tour for GRFMA Board Members, Deputy Board Members and interested council members representing constituent councils is to be scheduled. The tour will include:

- The Bruce Eastick Dam.
- The Northern Floodway precinct.
- Key sites both upstream and downstream of the Northern Floodway precinct.

## **Northern Floodway Project Public Relations**

Subject to formal request from the Adelaide Plains Ratepayers and Residents Association, the GRFMA endorsed the Chairperson and Executive Officer to undertake a presentation to an Association meeting to provide update on the Northern Floodway Project and progress. Endeavor's will also be made to provide the relevant information to key landholders and stakeholders in the precinct of Virginia with a suitable media release containing the information to be presented to be compiled.

## **Next GRFMA Ordinary Meeting**

The next GRFMA Ordinary Board Meeting will be held 9.45 am, Thursday 9 February 2019 at the Light Regional Council.