

6. Reports

6.1 Staff Reports

6.1.1 Manager's Report – tabled (Addendum 1).

6.1.2 Community Development Officer's (CDO) Report – tabled (Addendum 2).

The Trust ratified the sample of financial statements as provided by the CDO.

Action: The sample statement to be forwarded to all Progress Associations recommending that the template be utilised for information to be forwarded to the Trust. Progress Associations should note that amounts above \$50.00 should be allocated to a separate budget line, alleviating the over use of a 'miscellaneous' budget line.

6.1.3 Infrastructure Manager's (IM) Report – tabled (Addendum 3).

Lunch was taken at 1.30pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.10pm.

6.1.4 Executive/Finance Officer's (EO) Report – tabled (Addendum 4).

6.1.5 Project Facilitator's (PF) Report – tabled (refer Addendum 5).

6.1.6 Municipal Development Officer (MDO) Report – tabled (Addendum 6)

The Trust resolved to adopt all staff reports including financial statements.

Moved: B Giles 2nd S Knox Carried

6.2 Member's Reports

6.2.1 Member's Reports – tabled (Addendum 7).

The Trust noted and accepted the Member's reports.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Matters for Decision

7.1.1 Trust 2006-07 Annual Report

The PF reported to the Trust that considering the long-overdue completion of the 2005-06 Trust Annual Report, it would seem timely that consideration be given to the future style and content of the annual report.

The Trust agreed that:

- a summary of achievements;
- performance measures be linked back to the State Strategic Plan;

- operational financials;
- members attendance;
- travel details and communities visited should be included in future annual reports. This type of reporting would see a more executive summary style annual report produced and ultimately would become a more streamlined reporting method.

The Trust resolved to prepare an annual report along those lines.

- 7.1.2 The Chairman declared that the following discussion be held *in camera* (refer Addendum 8).

The meeting resumed out of '*in camera*' session.

- 7.1.3 Skate/Family Park, Port Augusta

The Manager tabled correspondence received from the City of Port Augusta outlining initial plans for the implementation of a skate/family park to be situated in Port Augusta. The correspondence highlighted that community support is required for inclusion in a grant funding application.

Motion: *The Trust support the project initiative but respectfully decline to provide funding.*

- 7.1.4 Flinders Ranges and Outback SA Tourism (FROSAT) – Industry Walkabout

The Manager tabled a copy of an email that he had received from Susan Lee, Manager FROSAT. The email included an invitation to an 'Industry Walkabout' to be held on 28 November at the Wadlata Outback Centre, Port Augusta. The aim of this event is to encourage better working relationships among industry and has been planned by FROSAT and Flinders Ranges Tourism Operators Association (FRTOA).

The Trust are requested to consider providing financial support for the Industry Walkabout event.

Motion: *The Trust resolved to support this initiative to the extent of \$500*

Moved: G Fuller 2nd S Knox Carried

- 7.1.5 DIERI Families Reviving Language and Culture Project

The CDO tabled information regarding a linguistic project proposal initiated by the Dieri Aboriginal Corporation (DAC).

The Trust have been approached to contribute and support the Marree elements of the project and to provide financial support.

The Trust declined to support the Dieri language project. The trust recommend and encourage that a further approach be made to the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs Reconciliation Division.

7.2 Matters For Noting

7.2.1 Youth Advisory Committee Funding for 2007-08

The Manager tabled correspondence received from the Office for Youth confirming that \$3,000 in funding has been approved for Youth Advisory Committee core funding and a further \$1,500 has been approved to assist with National Youth Week events.

The Trust noted the information.

7.2.2 Community Water Supply Risk Management Planning

The PF provided a Progress Report on the Community Water Supply Risk Management Project. The PF confirmed that responses have been received from all communities, who had been involved in this project. Four plans have been completed and sixteen further plans are complete to the first output stage. The PF reported that the final three plans would be completed in the near future and the plans and draft summary report submitted to the Trust by mid October.

The Trust noted the information.

7.2.3 Trust Financial Statements 2005-06

The Manager tabled correspondence received from the Auditor General's Department confirming that the audit of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2006 has been completed. The correspondence confirmed that the results of the audit were generally satisfactory, although it was noted that the draft financial statements submitted were of a poor standard.

The Trust noted the information.

7.2.4 Tourism Eyre Peninsula (TEP) Marketing Committee

The Manager tabled a copy of the TEP Marketing Committee meeting minutes from 20 September 2007.

The Trust noted the information.

7.2.5 South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC), Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr Andrew McEvoy

The Manager tabled a copy of an invitation extended to regional tourism operators, Economic Development Officers and Council members to meet Mr Andrew McEvoy, CEO, SATC on 1 November 2007 at the Port Augusta Yacht Club.

The Trust noted the information.

7.2.6 Cowell Electric

The Manager tabled a copy of correspondence confirming that Paragon Private Equity had purchased a significant minority stake in the Cowell Electric company. The correspondence confirmed that the head office will remain at Cowell, the company will retain focus on working in regional and remote areas of Australia and the continuation of Board positions.

The Trust noted the information.

7.2.7 Flinders and Far North Community Health Service (FFNCHS)
The Manager tabled correspondence received from the FFNCHS regarding the Outback Health Network SA (OHNSA) Agencies Committee project.
The Trust noted the information.

7.2.8 Northern Regional Development Board (NRDB)
The Manager tabled correspondence received from the NRDB regarding community nominations for election to the Board of the NRDB. Six nominations have been received by the NRDB, for the five vacant positions, therefore an election is required.
The Trust noted the information.

7.2.9 Minister for State/Local Government Relations
The Manager tabled correspondence received from the Hon Jennifer Rankine MP, Minister for State/Local Government Relations regarding recent updates provided to the Minister on issues that the Trust have been dealing with.
The Trust noted the information.

7.2.10 Leigh Creek Health Services
The Manager tabled correspondence received from the Leigh Creek Health Services regarding a review of health services for Leigh Creek and surrounding communities which is about to get underway. The correspondence detailed the objectives of the Health Service Plan and encouraged participation in the planning process. The review process is likely to take between six-nine months.
The Trust noted the information.

At this stage of the meeting, Bill McIntosh vacated the Chair and departed from the meeting.
Gary Fuller adopted the role as Chairperson.

7.3 New Applications for Financial Assistance

7.3.1 Blinman Progress Association (BPA)

Motion: *That the Trust approve a subsidy for costs associated with the third stage of the Blinman Hall restoration project at a subsidy rate of \$3:\$1, on the actual cost and at a maximum cost to the Trust of \$12,323.00.*

Moved: S Knox 2nd B Giles Carried

Action: EO to confirm with BPA GST component on costings provided.

At this stage of the meeting Gary Fuller vacated the Chair.
Bill McIntosh returned to the meeting and resumed the role as Chair.

7.4 Administrative Grants

Financial statements were considered from the Blinman Progress Association (BPA) (2006/07), Glendambo and Districts Progress Association (GDPA) (2006/07); Mintabie Miners' Progress Association (MMPA) (2006/07); Yunta District Hall Inc (YDH) (2006/07); Fowlers Bay Progress Association (FBPA) (2005/06); Iron Knob Progress Association (IKPA) (2006/07); William Creek Progress Association (WCPA) (2006/07).

It is noted that the Chairman abstained from discussion relating to the Blinman Progress Association and that Member Fuller abstained from discussion relating to the Yunta District Hall.

The Trust noted the tabling of the financial reports and resolved that the Administration Grant be paid to the BPA and GDPA, MMPA, TDH, FBPA, IKPA and WCPA, which will be incorporated with the Community Support Package 2007/08 allocation, and that the Administration Grants will be paid via the Community Support Package.

8. **Publications Received**

The following publications were received at the Trust's Port Augusta office and were made available to the Trust prior to the meeting:

Across the Outback – Sept 2007; Australian Plumbing Industry; Complete Personnel group; Contractor - Oct 2007; Copley Newsletter Sept 2007; Country Education Foundation of Australia July/Aug 2007; Dept of the Environment & Water Resources – Climate change adaption actions for Local Government (2 copies); Dept of Transport & Regional Services – The Australian Government's Plan for Regional Australia; Ecotourism – National Conference; Fire Australia – Spring 2007; Flinders journal (Aug 27 – Sept 9, Sept 10 – 23, Sept 24 – Oct 7, 2007); Flinders Ranges & Outback SA Tourism October 2007 Newsletter; FRRR Newsletter, May – Sept 2007; Gibber Gabber (Aug 31, Sept 7, 14,21, Oct 5, 12, 2007); Government News Sept 2007; Industry Brief Spring 2007 (SATC); Inside Waste (A WME Publication) Sept/Oct 2007; Iron Knob's Community Newsletter "Iron Ore" (4 copies); KESAB Annual Report 06/07 (2 copies); Local Government Association of SA News - Sept 2007; Marree Hergott Herald (Oct 07) (6 copies); Primetime Spring 07 (15 copies); Roads Aug/Sept 2007; Royal Flying Doctor Service – Airdoctor – Sept 2007; Royal Flying Doctor Service – 2006/07 Annual Report; SA State Emergency Service Volunteer's Association Inc; MESA Journal June 2007 (Minerals & Energy Resources); NRM Directions SA August 2007; Penong & Coorabie Districts School Newsletter Sept 2007; The Monitor (Roxby newspaper) (13, 20, 27 Sept, 4, 11 Oct 2007); WME Sept 2007; YAC SA round Oct 2007; Yunta's North East News (Sept, Oct 2007).

9. **Media Releases**

10.1 The Manager tabled copies of News/Talkback Radio Precis' dated 2 and 3 October 2007 regarding the announcement of a multi-billion dollar oil field discovery in the far north of South Australia.

10.2 The Manager tabled a copy of a News Release dated 2 October 2007 regarding the of the multi-billion dollar oil field discovery. The Trust noted all information.

10. Other Business

10.1 Parachilna Waste Water Treatment

The Chairman raised the matter of the Parachilna Waste Water Treatment and the relatively high on-going costs related to this scheme. The Trust discussed at length the limited options available and further costs to explore these options.

The Trust resolved to further investigate the feasibility of a reed bed wastewater treatment system for Parachilna.

Action: Manager to discuss with IM and Health Dept.

10.2 Community Development Officer (CDO) position

The Manager and Trust discussed extensively the on-going role of a CDO with the Trust. The Manager acknowledged the achievements reached by the former CDO, who has commenced employment with the Department of Employment, Further Education, Science and Technology (DEFEST). The CDO position remains vacant at this stage, with a right of return after 12 months. The Manager advised the Trust that in the short-term, existing staff within the Trust would manage certain aspects of the CDO position. The Manager advised that a 12-month contract within the Port Augusta area would be difficult to fill.

Action: Manager to provide further recommendations to the workshop scheduled for 9 November, based on a composite approach to filling the CDO position being careful not to avoid undue burden on workloads for staff.

11. Venue and Date for Next Meeting

Tuesday 4 December 2007 at the Regal Park Motor Inn, North Adelaide.

Meeting closed at 6.00pm.