

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 – 17 August 2023

Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Ms. Katharine Ward, Project Manager for Gawler River Floodplain Management, Department for Environment and Water provided a presentation on the Business Case.

GRFMA Strategic Plan

A small working group was established to work with the Executive Officer to facilitate a working program for delivery of GRFMA Strategic Plan actions and to identify suitable policy approaches to reporting of relevant KPI's. Strategic priority and reporting mechanisms of GRFMA Executive Officer KPI's are also to be included in the remit of the working group.

Meeting Reports

The Board requested that a report be added to future Board meetings from the Chairperson and Executive Officer outlining meetings that have occurred between Board meetings.

Financial Statements 2022/2023 and Annual Audit

The meeting adopted the audited Financial Statements for the year 2022/2023 for the purposes of Part 4 Financial Statements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011. It was directed that the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairperson and the 'Certification of Financial Statements' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairperson and Executive Officer.

The Executive Officer was requested to facilitate the signing of the Certification of Auditor Independence by each constituent council Chief Executive Officer.

GRFMA Annual report 2022/2023 and Net Assets

The meeting adopted the GRFMA 2022/2023 Annual Report and the Schedule of Constituent Council's Interest in Net Assets 30 June 2023 in accordance with the GRFMA Charter.

Financial Report.

The financial report as of 31 July 2023 provided a cash at bank balance of \$44,326.13 with internal cash lending for CAD offset of \$129,200.

Riverlea EIS

Members received and endorsed the GRFMA submission regarding the Riverlea EIS as submitted to the Secretary, State Planning Commission on 24/07/2026. The submission notes that further information is required to further understand the potential impacts of additional stormwater discharge to the Gawler River from the proposed variation to the previously approved Buckland Park (Riverlea) Township Major Development.

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GRFMA Chairperson, Independent Member

Based on advice received from the consultant McArthur Recruitment, the GRFMA Board withdrew its previously expressed support for the appointment of Mr. Des Bilske as GRFMA Chairperson, Independent Member. The meeting, in discussion with the current GRFMA Chairperson, Mr Ian Baldwin, resolved for the temporary continuation of term of the current Chairperson to enable a suitable time to undertake a review of future GRFMA Chairperson appointment options. A report on this matter is to be presented to the 14th of December 2023 GRFMA meeting.

Cr Bruce Preece was appointed as acting Chairperson during the leave period for Mr. Baldwin from 4 September 2023 to 23 October 2023.

External Audit and Audit Committee

Members were advised that the term of Dean Newbery as the external Auditor is due to expire following the completion of the 2023/2024 financial year audit. The Audit Committee was requested to provide advice on the appointment and term of the external auditor for 2024/2025 and onwards and to also report on its current Terms of Reference with such advice to include options in reference to risk

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Next meeting

19 October 2023 Host: Adelaide Plains Council