

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

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Dear Member,

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 6 of the Charter that a meeting for the GRFMA Board has been called for:

Date: Thursday 15 August 2024

Time: 9:45am

Place: Town of Gawler
Council Chamber, Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler



David E Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AGENDA

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD**

ORDINARY MEETING

9:45am, Thursday 15 August 2024

Town of Gawler

Council Chambers, Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street, Gawler

1. Meeting of the Board

- 1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson
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Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case (Item 8.1): Mr Ed Pikusa, Senior Project Manager, Flood Management, Climate Change, Flood Risk and Coast, Department for Environment and Water, will outline the governance proposal.

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11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time:
17 October 2024

Host:
Adelaide Plains Council

13. Closure

Agenda Item: 2.1
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 15 August 2024
Title: GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 20/6/2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Refer to the attached minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 20/6/2024.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 20 June 2024
43-51 Tanunda Road, Nuriootpa SA 5355

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lerna formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members, Observers and the Executive Officer and opened the 150th meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lerna, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Mr Thomas Jones, Adelaide Plains Council, Deputy Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member (joined online)
- Mr Ashley Curtis, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Brian Sambell, Town of Gawler, Deputy Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Light Regional Council, Board Member (joined online)
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

Guests:

- Cate Hart, Executive Director Environment Heritage and Sustainability, Department of Environment and Water
- Katharine Ward, Senior Project Manager Flood Management, Department of Environment and Water
- Ed Pikusa, Senior Project Manager Flood Management, Department of Environment and Water
- Shaun Fielding, Stormwater Planner, City of Playford

Mr Lino Di Lerna provided an update on his induction and the issues he has been working on since he commenced as Chair.

1.3 Apologies

- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

Nil

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Cr Malcolm Herrmann declared a general conflict of interest in Item 8.2 Draft 2024/2025 Budget Dispute, and will remain in the meeting room.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB33/24 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 18 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 GRFMA Confidential Meeting Minutes

Nil

2.3 Actions on Previous Resolutions

GB34/24 **Actions on Previous Resolutions**
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the actions on previous resolutions were accepted and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Presentation provided at Item 8.1.

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 4/6/2024

GB35/24 **GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 4/6/2024**
Moved: Cr Paul Koch
Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 4/06/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Cate Hart and Katharine Ward provided a presentation to update the Board on the Business Case.

10:29am Ms Whendee Young arrived at the meeting.

GB36/24 **Gawler River Flood Management Business Case**
Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson
Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Acknowledges, with thanks, assistance from the Department of Environment and Water in maintaining momentum of work progressing completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.*
- 2. Notes the status of the actions being taken to advance completion of the Business Case.*
- 3. Directs that peer review of the suitability of all options as outlined in Report 8.1 of the 20 June 2024 GRFMA meeting be undertaken prior to any further consideration.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:50am Cate Hart, Katharine Ward and Ed Pikusa left the meeting.

The Chairperson sought leave of the meeting to change the agenda's order of business for Item 8.2 to be deferred until after Item 10.1.

8.3 Statement of Achievements Against the Annual Business Plan

GB37/24 **Statement of Achievements Against the Annual Business Plan**
Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen
Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA adopts the Statement of Achievements Against the Annual Business Plan document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Financial Report and BR3

GB38/24 Financial Report and BR3

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives the financial report as of 31 May 2024 showing a cash at bank balance of \$90,989.44.*
2. *Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$38,925.*
3. *Adopts the GRFMA 2023/2024 Budget Review 3 documents May 2024, and the variances contained as its amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2024.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Executive Officer Report

11:00am Jake McVicar left the meeting.

11:05am Jake McVicar returned to the meeting.

11:06am Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder left the meeting.

GB39/24 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA Board receives the report and:

1. *Cancels all exiting Authority to Operate GRFMA Business Account, Bank SA, authorisations for the following persons:*
 - *Mr Ian Baldwin*
 - *Mr Denis Davey*
 - *Mr Andrew Philpott*
2. *Appoints the following authorised persons for Authority to Operate GRFMA Business Account, Bank SA, with the requirement that any two authorised persons can authorise and submit payments:*
 - *Mr Carmelo Di Lernia*
 - *Cr Terry Anne Keen*
 - *Cr Bruce Raymond Preece*
 - *Mr David Elton Hitchcock*
3. *Agrees that maintenance of internal roadways as per Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam maintenance program cost 2023-2032 be deferred until the 2025/26 financial year.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Confidential

10.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case - Funding Strategy

GB40/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case - Funding Strategy

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.

In order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.1. Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy, pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) (i) (II) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the GRFMA.

2. *This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding consideration of flood mitigation infrastructure and funding of considered works.*
3. *On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:10am the confidential session commenced.

GB41/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case - Funding Strategy

Moved: Ms Whendee Young

Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case- Funding Strategy be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) (i) (II) of the Local Government Act 1999:
 - Discussion undertaken for Item 10.1
2. *This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:19am the confidential session concluded.

8.2 Draft GRFMA 2024/25 Budget – Dispute

GB42/24 Draft GRFMA 2024/25 Budget – Dispute

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Endorses pursuit of dispute resolution regarding the Draft GRFMA 2024/25 Budget in accordance with Report 8.2 of the 20 June 2024 GRFMA Meeting.*
- 2. Chairperson, Mr Lino Di Lernia be authorised to call a special meeting of the Authority, as appropriate, to consider any further draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget matters.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Ms Whendee Young provided a brief update on questions and support received from her Council in relation to the GRFMA Dam and Business Case.

12. Next Meeting

Date: 15 August 2024

Host: Town of Gawler

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:57am.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item: **2.2**
Committee: **Board**
Meeting Date: **15 August 2024**
Title: **Actions on Previous Resolutions**

Number	Resolution	Action
36/24	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Acknowledges, with thanks, assistance from the Department of Environment and Water in maintaining momentum of work progressing completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.</i> <i>2. Notes the status of the actions being taken to advance completion of the Business Case.</i> <i>3. Directs that peer review of the suitability of all options as outlined in Report 8.1 of the 20 June 2024 GRFMA meeting be undertaken prior to any further consideration.</i>	Refer agenda item 8.1.
42/24	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Endorses pursuit of dispute resolution regarding the Draft GRFMA 2024/25 Budget in accordance with Report 8.2 of the 20 June 2024 GRFMA Meeting.</i> <i>2. Chairperson, Mr Lino Di Lernia be authorised to call a special meeting of the Authority, as appropriate, to consider any further draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget matters.</i>	Dispute matters resolved. Refer Agenda item 8.2.

Agenda Item: 6.1
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 15 August 2024
Title: GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 4/6/2024

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 6/08/2024.

Refer to the attached copy of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee minutes of the meeting held on 6/08/2024.

Key matters considered by the 6/08/2024 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee meeting:

- Received the audited Financial Statements for 2023/2024, the Management Representation Letter as amended and the external audit completion report.
- Approved the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' to be signed.
- Recommended that a 'Certification of Auditor Independence' also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council.
- Recommended that the Annual Report be adopted by the GRFMA Board and distributed to Constituent Councils.
- Recommended that the GRFMA Board adopts the Information Asset Manual.
- Executive officer note: this will be provided as a sperate report to the October 2024 GRFMA meeting.
- Requested the Executive Officer make further inquiries with the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme to seek what options are available for GRFMA cyber security coverage.
- Requested security of the new records system be attended to as a priority.

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GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

12pm Tuesday, 6 August 2024

Dean Newbery & Partners – 214 Melbourne Street, North Adelaide

1. Present

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member, Chair
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council (via MSTeams)
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer
- Ms Whitney Sandow, Dean Newbery & Partners

2. Apologies

Nil

12:00pm the GRFMA Executive Officer vacated the meeting and Members undertook confidential discussion with Ms Whitney Sandow, Dean Newbery & Partners, on any matters identified during conduct of the audit.

12:05pm the GRFMA Executive Officer returned to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

GAC24/01 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: Mr G Pattinson

Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the minutes of the previous GRFMA Audit Committee meeting held on Tuesday 4th June 2024 as per copies supplied to members, be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Actions on Previous Resolutions

Nil

The meeting requested the Executive Officer to facilitate a process that identifies electronically signed minute documents as Signed and Published version.

5. General Business

5.1 GRFMA 2023/2024 Financial Statements and Audit Report

GAC24/02 GRFMA 2023/2024 Financial Statements and Audit Report
Moved: Mr G Pattinson
Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. Receives and notes the audited Financial Statements for 2023/2024, the Management Representation Letter as amended and the external audit completion report.*
- 2. Approves the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' to be signed by the Audit and Risk Committee Chairman and Executive Officer.*
- 3. Recommends that a 'Certification of Auditor Independence' also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members requested amendments to the Management Representation letter to remove reference to items not applicable to the operations of the GRFMA.

The Executive Officer was requested to update the GRFMA Asset Management Plan and the GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan to reflect the new 2023/24 revaluation amounts of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.

It was noted Ms Sandow would provide the Auditors Certification of Independence letter.

5.2 GRFMA Annual Report 2023/2024

GAC24/03 GRFMA 2023/2024 Annual Report
Moved: Cr M Herrmann
Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. Receives and notes the GRFMA 2023/2024 Annual Report, as amended.*
- 2. Recommends that the report be adopted by the GRFMA Board and distributed to Constituent Councils.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members requested the following amendments to the Annual Report:

- Welcome and acknowledge appointment of Mr Lino Di Lernia as GRFMA Chairman from 1 May 2024.
- Reflect the title of Chairman within the document.
- Identify one special meeting of the GRFMA held in 2023/2024.

5.3 Information Asset Management Report and Manual

GAC24/04 **Information Asset Management Report and Manual**
Moved: Cr M Herrmann
Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

1. *Notes the Information Asset Management Report.*
2. *Receives a progress report on recommendations at the December 2024 meeting.*
3. *Recommends the GRFMA Board adopts the Information Asset Manual.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members:

- Identified that the report recommendation 6 regarding security of the new One Drive records system be attended to as a priority action (6. *The Authority purchases a Microsoft 365 (M36)5 Business Basic Plan with ADR as an add-on to ensure data is stored in the Australia/Pacific region. The EO is either the Administrator and a User with a Board Member also a User, or a Board Member is the Administrator with the EO as a User.*)
- Review of the Manual should be annually or as required.
- Any subsequent review of the risk matrix to reflect the materiality of the GRFMA being a small organisation.

5.4 2024/2025 Insurance & Scheme Renewals

GAC24/05 **2024/2025 Insurance & Scheme Renewals**
Moved: Cr M Herrmann
Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee notes completion of the 2024/2025 LGRS Membership Renewal Declarations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Members requested the Executive Officer make further inquiries with the Local Government Mutual Liability Scheme to seek what options are available for GRFMA cyber security coverage.

6. Confidential

Nil

7. Other Business

8. Next Meeting

Nominally 5 November 2024

Schedule of Meetings Table

Date	Audit Committee Meeting Schedule	Action
April 2024	Annual Budget and Business Plan Review; External Audit Plan and Schedule 2024.	Completed
June 2024	Annual cost estimates and budget variations consideration.	Completed
August 2024	Annual Financial Statements – Audit report; 2023/2024 – Auditor to attend.	Completed
November 2024	Operation of the Regional Subsidiary – Business Plan progress. Annual cost estimates and budget variations consideration.	
February 2025	Annual Budget and Business Plan Review; External Audit Plan and Schedule 2025.	

9. Closure

The Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 12:47pm.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item:	7.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 August 2024
Title:	Hydrology Model

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

- 1. Receives the report.**
 - 2. Endorses appointment of HARC Services Pty Ltd to create a new hydrologic model for the Gawler River catchment.**
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The GRFMA Technical Assessment Panel has been established to support the decision-making processes of the Board with delegated powers to provide advice and manage the technical aspects of the design, assessment, and construction of matters relating to Gawler River flood management.

Panel Members have recently been undertaking consideration of quotations to create a hydrology model which is a key project required to progress completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.

The aim of the project is to create a new hydrologic model for the Gawler River catchment (see figure 1 below) that can be used for the following:

- Hydraulic modelling of Gawler River (from the Junction of the North and South Para Rivers to the coast).
- Hydraulic modelling of the of the North and South Para Rivers.
- Assessment of the flood mitigation the current Bruce Eastick Dam on the North Para River provides.
- Assessment and design of future upgrades to the Bruce Eastick Dam.
- Hydraulic modelling at key towns such as Nuriootpa.

Eight quotations were received and assessed on the following evaluation criteria (weighted):

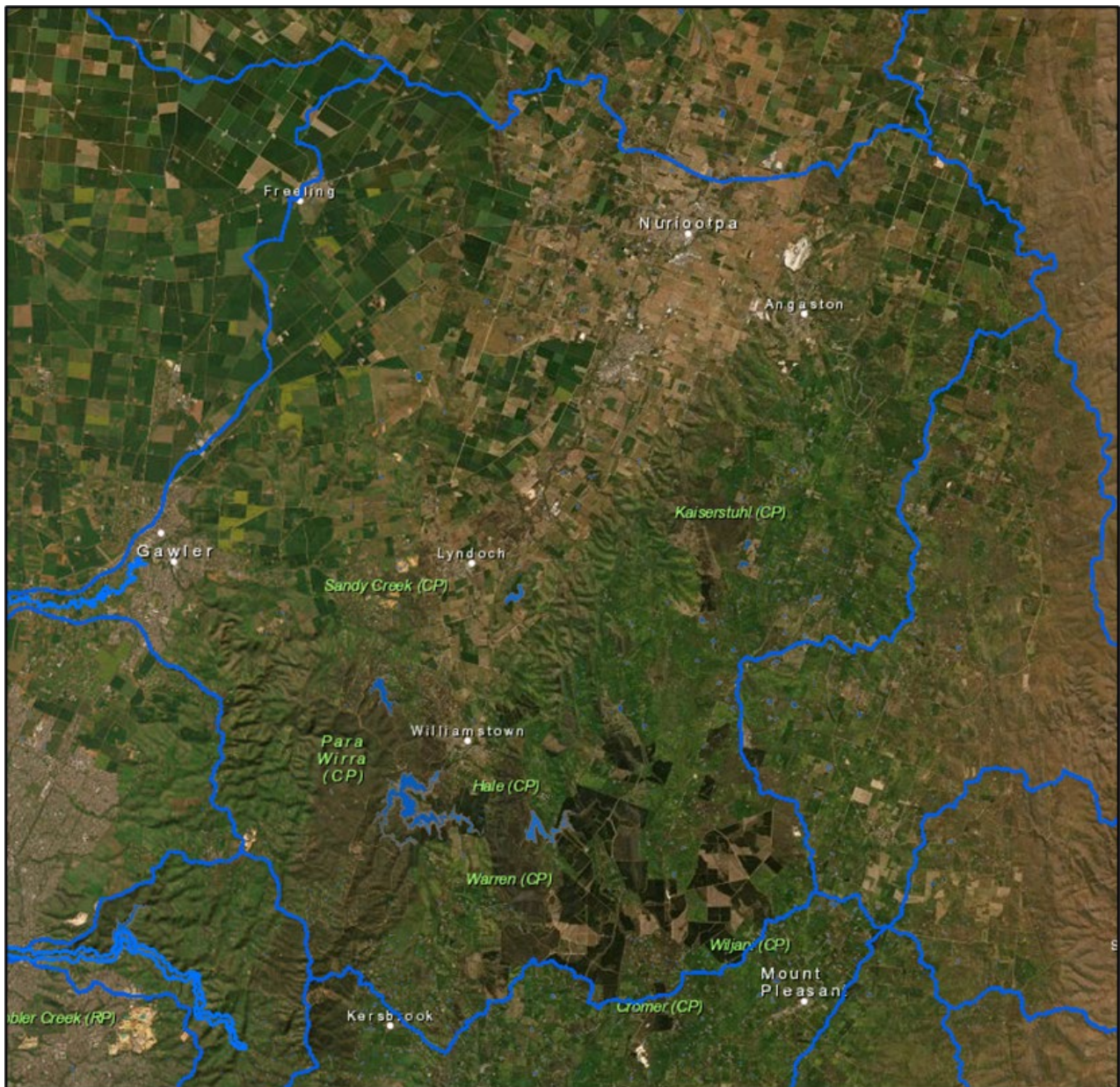
- Price.
- Experience.
- Local content.
- Ability to meet the timeframes.
- Ability to meet project scope and IP conditions

Panel Members unanimously agreed that the preferred quotation was from HARC Services Pty Ltd at a cost of \$52,260.

The project will now commence on 1/8/2024 with completion by mid December 2024, as requested in the quotation scope.

The GRFMA project manager is Mr Ed Henty, Dryside Engineering, who will be reporting to the Technical Assessment Panel.

Figure 1 – Gawler River, South Para River and North Para River Catchment



Agenda Item:	8.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 August 2024
Title:	Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

- 1. Receives the report.**
 - 2. Endorses further work to be undertaken on assessment of potential options required to provide the quality information required to be confident that the proposed Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam raise (10mtr) modifications are feasible.**
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Background

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW), in partnership with the GRFMA, has facilitated development of a Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to identify a shared vision and objectives to improve flood management in the Gawler River region.

The Gawler River Flood Management initiative was included in Infrastructure SA's (ISA) Capital Intentions Statement in 2021 as a priority for business case development. Further work was undertaken in conjunction with ISA, project partners and stakeholders throughout 2021 and 2022 to provide additional information and details regarding the initiative. The work culminated in DEW completing the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) Gate 1 review in May 2022 and the Business Case and Gate 2 review process on 4 December 2023.

DEW has previously advised that State Government funding to manage the Business Case will cease 30 June 2024.

There was in the order of \$180,000 still available to assist the GRFMA to progress a few actions prior to 1 July 2024.

After which, the expectation is that the GRFMA will lead ongoing project management and where appropriate funding to facilitate completion of identified GRFMA responsibilities within the Business Case.

At the 15 February 2024 GRFMA meeting the following resolution was carried unanimously.

9/24 - That the GRFMA makes provision of \$150,000 in the draft 2024/25 Annual Budget to support further development of the Business Case, as recommended by the Infrastructure SA, Assurance Review Report.

Project Status

DEW has now provided the balance funding of \$140,000 to the GRFMA to assist with completion of identified GRFMA responsibilities within the Business Case.

This funding is additional to the GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget provision of \$150,000.

This portion of the funding is now being utilised with appointment of Mr Ed Henty, Dryside Engineering, as the lead GRFMA technical resource to project manage required actions. Mr Henty previously provided the same service to DEW.

Remaining funds, including GRFMA provisions, will be utilised in progressing the Gate 2 review process recommendations, identified below.

Recommendation 2.2

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) and its Constituent Councils develop a strategy to secure funding (including from both the Councils and potential co-funding from the Australian or South Australian Government) for subsequent stages of the preferred options in the Business Case.

Action: This is essential and requires focussed consideration. In progress, refer Confidential Report 10.1.

Recommendation 3.2

Undertake foundational activities for the North Para Dam raising, to ensure that the work is appropriately scoped. This would include updating of the hydrologic assessment and structural investigations of the existing dam.

Action:

Work to develop updated flood modelling is now in progress. Refer agenda report 7.1.

Structural investigations of the existing dam: GRFMA has previously resolved (20/6/2024) that: *peer review of the suitability of all options as outlined in Report 8.1 of the 20 June 2024 GRFMA meeting be undertaken prior to any further consideration.*

Subsequent discussions with SA Water have indicated there is logic in the approach and the benefit of each of the optional investigations. Further work will now be undertaken to facilitate a suitable peer review process and to seek market response to available options within GRFMA funding constraints.

Recommendation 3.3

Review and update of the multi-criteria Analysis to better represent standard industry practice and ensure that the options are evaluated appropriately.

Action: Completed

Recommendation 3.4

Review and update of the economic analysis related to the North Para Dam raising.

Action: GRFMA has now facilitated a separate body of work to further unpack and understand the economic benefits of the proposed dam raise. Refer Confidential Report 10.1.

Recommendation 4.1

As part of finalising the Business Case, review project governance arrangements with attention to:

- positioning the GRFMA and its Constituent Councils to progress key actions for the flood awareness campaigns, implementation of improved planning controls and levee upgrade actions; and
- allocating appropriate governance oversight and resourcing to action required updates to the Business Case for the North Para Dam upgrade.

Action:

- DEW has now facilitated a Disaster Ready Grant application for funds to plan/prepare a community flood awareness campaign for the Gawler River. The application has been prepared with DEW as the applicant with SES and GRFMA as project partners.
- Mr Ed Henty, Dryside Engineering, has been engaged as the lead GRFMA technical resource to project manage required actions.
- GRFMA Chairman Mr Lino Di Lernia was scheduled to meet with Ms Cate Hart, DEW, on 6 August 2024 to discuss the proposed governance framework. An update from that meeting will be provided to the 15/8/2024 GRFMA meeting.
- A GRFMA funding strategy is now being progressed by the working group – refer Confidential Item 10.1.

Recommendation 4.2

Update the risk register and risk management process with a focus on implementation risks. This should include undertaking a facilitated risk workshop involving key advisors for the Business Case.

Action: Completed

Recommendation 5.3

Responsibility for completion of further analysis and investigations identified in the Business Case and this Report for the dam upgrade remain with an appropriate SA Government entity working in close consultation with GRFMA and its Constituent Councils who as the owners of the upgraded asset, as well as the key beneficiaries, should remain the proponents of the project.

Action:**Governance**

Pending action outcomes from Rec 2.2 and 4.1, GRFMA will approach the State Government with a proposal for consideration. State Government will then facilitate another Minister and Mayor roundtable meeting.

The ISA report also identified a critical requirement to: *As part of finalising the Business Case, review project governance arrangements with attention to positioning the GRFMA and its Constituent Councils to progress key actions.*

Discussion has now been undertaken with DEW representatives as to how a new Business Case “Steering Committee” might be structured and to identify required membership.

Mr Ed Pikusa, Senior Project Manager, Flood Management, Climate Change, Flood Risk and Coast, Department for Environment and Water, will attend the 15/8/2024 GRFMA meeting to outline the governance proposal. Refer Agenda Item 5 Presentations.

Dam Structural Integrity Assessment

Consideration is currently being undertaken on potential options on what might be involved in scope of the investigations required to provide the quality information required to be confident that the proposed Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam raise (10mtr) modifications are feasible.

Principally verification of the concrete material parameters, likely using concrete coring, which in turn, would aim to confirm the feasibility of the proposed design.

GRFMA has previously resolved (20/6/2024) that: *peer review of the suitability of all options as outlined in Report 8.1 - Dam structural integrity assessment, of the 20 June 2024 GRFMA meeting be undertaken prior to any further consideration.*

Subsequent discussion with SA Water has indicated there is logic in the approach and the benefit of each of the optional investigations.

Key points being that any option proposed:

- Will need careful consideration of risks and consequences that might arise in understanding if the dam extension is feasible and at an acceptable cost.
- Meets ANCOLD requirements for 'well defined' material parameters and if not, how this will be met in the future to inform a risk decision.

Further actions are now being undertaken to obtain an independent analysis, by a suitable structural engineer, of the option proposals. This process will provide a more fully informed understanding of the risks of each option and enable further consideration on how to proceed.

Agenda Item:	8.2
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 August 2024
Title:	2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan

Recommendation:

That pursuant to Clause 12.2 of the Charter, the GRFMA Business Plan 2024-2025 be adopted.

2024/2025 Draft GRFMA Annual Business Plan

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority is established by the Constituent Councils as a regional subsidiary pursuant to Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999.

The GRFMA Charter (2020) provides the Authority must prepare a budget for the forthcoming financial year.

The Budget must:

- deal with each principal activity of the Authority on a separate basis.
- be consistent with and account for activities and circumstances referred to in the Authority's Annual Business Plan.
- be submitted in draft form to each Constituent Council before 31 March for approval.
- not be adopted by the Authority until after 31 May but before 30 September; and
- identify the amount of and the reasons for the financial contributions to be made by each Constituent Council to the Authority.

The Authority shall also have an Annual Business Plan in respect of the ensuing 12 months.

The Annual Business Plan must:

- state the services to be provided by the Authority.
- identify how the Authority intends to manage service delivery.
- identify the performance targets which the Authority is to pursue.
- provide a statement of financial and other resources and internal processes that will be required to achieve the performance targets and objectives of the Authority; and
- specify the performance measures that are to be used to monitor and assess performance against targets.

2024- 2025 GRFMA Draft Annual Business Plan

The format of the Annual Business Plan has been constructed referencing the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026, the GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23-2031/32 and the GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032.

Key elements contained in the 2024/2025 draft Annual Business Plan identify:

Priority Actions 2024/2025

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW), in partnership with the GRFMA, has facilitated development of a Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to identify a shared vision and objectives to improve flood management in the Gawler River region.

The Gawler River Flood Management initiative was included in Infrastructure SA's (ISA) Capital Intentions Statement in 2021 as a priority for business case development. Further work was undertaken in conjunction with ISA, project partners and stakeholders throughout 2021 and 2022 to provide additional information and details regarding the initiative. The work culminated in DEW completing the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) Gate 1 review in May 2022 and the Business Case and Gate 2 review process on 4 December 2023.

The Business Case recommends a portfolio of actions to improve flood protection in the Gawler River.

These initiatives are considered feasible and provide complementary benefits for the management of flood in the Gawler River, and comprise:

- Increasing the height of the Bruce Eastick Dam on the North Para River (nominally a 10m increase in the height of the dam wall).
- Improving planning controls for developments near the Gawler River that will reduce the likelihood of flood and the impacts of flood inundation on new developments – this may include advocating for policy changes in the flood hazard overlay, making recommendations for inclusion in regional plans, working with local Councils to set local development policies.
- Implementing a Community Flood Awareness Campaign.
- Undertaking the repair and maintenance of existing riverside levee banks in the lower Gawler River, which play a critical role in constraining floodwaters to the river channel during high flow events, and reducing potential damage of flood.

The Authority will continue to work with the Department for Environment and Water to determine a course of action to consider and progress recommendations. Considerations will include regard to recommendations from the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

See attached for a copy of the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan.

The 2024/2025 draft Annual Business Plan was previously considered at the 15/2/2024 GRFMA meeting which resolved:

GB16/24 That the GRFMA:

- 1. Endorses the Draft 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2024/2025 Budget.*
- 2. Following receipt of Constituent Council feedback considers adoption of the GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget at the June 2024 meeting.*

Relevant correspondence with supporting Draft Annual Business Plan and Draft Budget information was provided to all six Constituent Councils.

- Four Councils (Adelaide Plains, Barossa, Gawler, Playford) have formally endorsed the draft budget documents as submitted by GRFMA.

- One Council (Light) endorsed the draft budget documents with exception of the Business Case (i.e. excluded).
- One Council (Adelaide Hills) did not approve the budget on the following basis:
 - a. That the Council sees little if any benefit to the Adelaide Hills community in contributing to the cost of the further development of the flood mitigation works business case.
 - b. That the Council is opposed to the apportioning of costs for further developing the business case equally among the member Councils.
 - c. That the cost apportionment should be reflective of the relative contribution to the flood risk and the relative benefits of the flood mitigation works to each community.

Light Regional Council and the Adelaide Hills Council subsequently formally advised the GRFMA with notice of dispute, pursuant to Clause 21 of the GRFMA Charter.

The 20 June 2024 Board GRFMA meeting resolved:

GB42/24

That the GRFMA:

1. *Endorses pursuit of dispute resolution regarding the Draft GRFMA 2024/25 Budget in accordance with Report 8.2 of the 20 June 2024 GRFMA Meeting.*
2. *Chairperson, Mr Lino Di Lernia be authorised to call a special meeting of the Authority, as appropriate, to consider any further draft 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget matters.*

Refer Agenda Item 8.2 GRFMA Meeting 20 June 2024 for further information.

Representation by the GRFMA Chairman and GRFMA Executive Officer with the two Councils resulted in:

Light Regional Council

Council representatives advised they would further consider the 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and 2024/2025 Annual Budget at their 23 July 2024 Meeting.

The 23 July 2024 meeting duly endorsed and approved the 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and 2024/2025 Annual Budget.

Refer agenda item Correspondence 9.1, Light Regional Council correspondence advising resolution of the dispute.

Adelaide Hills Council (AHC)

Council representatives sought further discussion with the GRFMA which was subsequently undertaken on 10 July 2024 with the GRFMA Chairman and Executive Officer.

AHC representatives view was Council would be prepared to contribute to general operations of the GRFMA but not to the Business Case special project, and the GRFMA should separate out that item so the GRFMA annual budget can proceed efficiently. It was also requested that mediation be undertaken as good faith prior to arbitration.

The GRFMA Chairman's position was because of the highly divergent positions held, there was little to no prospect of an acceptable compromise being reached and that the GRFMA is simply following the dispute process set out in its Charter following Councils initiation of the dispute.

Notwithstanding the GRFMA Chairperson's position that the dispute resolution process described in its Charter should be followed through to arbitration and to do so promptly, it was agreed AHC would provide details of a suitable mediator, for consideration, who could also be an arbitrator should the mediation process fail.

Following the meeting, AHC representatives advised that having closely considered the situation that it had been determined to recommend for Council's decision at the 23 July 2024 to agree to approve the budget for efficiency and resourcing reasons, while registering objection to the proposed further development of the flood mitigation works business case.

The 23 July 2024 AHC Council meeting subsequently resolved:

262/24

1. *That this report Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan Options Report be received and noted.*
2. *That Council notes its decision at the 23 April 2024 Council Meeting to not approve the Draft 2024-25 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan at that time on the following basis:*
 - a. *That the Council sees little if any benefit to the Adelaide Hills community in contributing to the cost of the further development of the flood mitigation works business case.*
 - b. *That the Council is opposed to the apportioning of costs for further developing the business case equally among the member Councils.*
 - c. *That the cost apportionment should be reflective of the relative contribution to the flood risk and the relative benefits of the flood mitigation works to each community.*
3. *Notes that Council and the GRFMA have entered into dispute regarding the Draft 2024 - 25 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget.*
4. *For efficiency and resourcing reasons, to now approve the 2024-25 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget requiring a contribution from Council of approximately \$50,000, while registering its objections to the proposed further development of the flood mitigation works business case.*
5. *That the Chief Executive Officer advises the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board of Councils resolution and is authorised to undertake all procedures and processes necessary and incidental thereto.*

The 23 July 2024 AHC Council meeting separately resolved:

261/24 (in part) That the CEO formally notify the GRFMA Board and Constituent Councils that Adelaide Hills Council is exploring leaving the GRFMA and seek their views of Adelaide Hills Council staying or leaving the GRFMA.

Refer agenda item Correspondence 9.2, Adelaide Hills Council correspondence advising resolution of the dispute.

GRFMA ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

2024-2025

Adopted 15/08/2024

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Constituent Councils:

Adelaide Hills Council

Adelaide Plains Council

The Barossa Council

Town of Gawler

Light Regional Council

City of Playford

Gawler



Business Plan 2024-2025

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA)

The Gawler River

The Gawler River is formed by the confluence of the North Para and South Para in the town of Gawler and is located in the Adelaide Plains district of South Australia. The district surrounding the river produces cereal crops and sheep for both meat and wool, as well as market gardens, almond orchards and vineyards. The farm gate output of the Gawler River floodplain horticultural areas is estimated to be at least \$355 million.

History

The river is subject to periodic flood events.



Desirable Levels of Protection Cost of Flooding

Flood Frequency (ARI)	Estimated Damages
1 in 10	\$15m
1 in 20	\$24m
1 in 50	\$102m
1 in 100	\$182m
1 in 200	\$212m
Average Annual Damage	\$7.40m
Present Value of Damages	\$109m

Properties at Risk

Flood Frequency (ARI)	Number of residential properties within each hazard rating			
	Low	Medium	High	Extreme
1 in 50	1056	785	483	236
1 in 100	1559	1451	1179	457
1 in 200	1814	1652	1419	615

Purpose of the GRFMA

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 on 22 August 2002. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council, The Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, and the City of Playford.

The Authority has been established for the following purposes:

- to co-ordinate the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River. This purpose is the core business of the Authority;
- to raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing and operating and maintaining works approved by the Board;
- to provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flood mitigation for the Gawler River; and
- upon application of one or more Constituent Councils pursuant to clause 12.4:
 - to coordinate the construction, maintenance and promotion and enhancement of the Gawler River and areas adjacent to the Gawler River as recreational open space for the adjacent communities; and
 - to enter into agreements with one or more of the Constituent Councils for the purpose of managing and developing the Gawler River.

Numerous factors have a significant influence on the operations of the Authority.

These include:

- Arrangements for managing stormwater in South Australia are very complicated, reflecting incremental changes over time in legislation, guidelines, structures, and funding arrangements.

For the Authority, specific concerns are:

- There is no clear definition of the responsibilities of levels of government for managing stormwater.
- Floodplain management is not well recognised in the current framework for stormwater management.
- Responsibilities for different aspects of managing the Gawler River sit with various (mostly SA Government) agencies, yet there is no overarching structure, body, or plan to ensure an integrated approach to managing it.
- Most of the Gawler River is located on private land (a common situation in South Australia) which restricts the ability of the Authority (and other bodies) to carry out its functions.
- Most flood management initiatives within the Gawler River catchment and floodplain are beyond the capacity of Constituent Councils to fund and State and Federal Government engagement and funding support will be required before any such initiatives are to be realised.

- The effects of flooding on intensive food production and residential properties on the Northern Adelaide Plains.
- Impacts of climate change on the timing, frequency, and volumes of flows into the river.
- Changes in stormwater flows and the risks of flooding associated with new residential development in the Gawler River catchment.
- The level of community understanding of the risks of flooding within the entire catchment and how individuals can reduce the risks.
- Signs of growing interest in the concept of water cycle management with greater integration of different aspects of water management, including stormwater and floodwater.
- Differences in perspectives and priorities between upstream and downstream Constituent Councils in relation to beneficiaries, funding arrangements, and priorities.
- The limited resource base of the Authority, which is supplemented on an ad-hoc basis through partnering with Constituent Councils.

Governance

The Authority is governed by the Board of Management. The Board comprises of:

- One independent person, who is not an officer, employee or elected member of a Constituent Council, to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Board of Management of the GRFMA for a term of two years.
- Two persons appointed from each of the six constituent councils (12 members in total). Council appointees comprise of the Council CEO, or delegate and one Elected Member.
- Deputy Board members as appointed by each constituent council.

The Board

The Members of the Board are:

Council	Board Members	Deputy Board Members
Chairperson and Independent Member	Mr Ian Baldwin	
Adelaide Hills Council	Cr Malcolm Herrmann Mr Ashley Curtis	Ms Natalie Armstrong
Adelaide Plains Council	Cr Terry-Anne Keen Mr James Miller	Cr Dante Mazzio Mr. Tom Jones
The Barossa Council	Cr Bruce Preece, Mr Jake Mc Vicar	Ben Clark
Town of Gawler	Cr Paul Koch Ms Whendee Young	Cr Brian Sambell
Light Regional Council	Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Mr Richard Dodson	
City of Playford	Cr Clinton Marsh Mr Greg Pattinson	Cr Peter Rentoulis

A Technical Assessment Panel has been appointed to support the decision-making processes of the Board with delegated powers to provide advice and manage the technical aspects of the design, assessment and construction of the various parts of the Scheme.

The Members of the Panel are:

- Mr Ian Baldwin, Independent Chair
- Ms Ingrid Franssen, Manager Flood Management, DEW
- (vacant), SA Water
- 1 constituent council representative Shaun Fielding , City of Playford
- 1 constituent council representative, Mr. Braden Austin, The Barossa Council
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

An Audit and Risk Committee has been appointed to review:

- The annual financial statements to ensure that they present fairly the financial state of affairs of the Board; and
- The adequacy of the accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices of the Board on a regular basis.

The Members of the Audit and Risk Committee are:

- Mr. Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chair
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council
- Mr. Greg Pattinson, City of Playford

A suite of Policies has been adopted to provide management guidelines for the day-to-day business of the GRFMA.

Policies include.

- Fraud, Corruption, Misconduct and Maladministration Prevention
- Public Consultation
- Procurement and Procedures
- Code of Practice for Meeting Procedures
- Internal Review of Decisions
- Freedom of Information Statement
- Work Health and Safety
- Anti-Discrimination/Fair Treatment
- Dam Valuation
- Treasury Management
- Internal Review of Decisions



To meet the statutory and operational responsibilities the Authority maintains appointment of a part time Executive Officer, and External Auditor, on a contract basis.

On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake GRFMA Executive Officer services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31

December 2025. Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms.

Dean Newbery and Partners are appointed as the external auditor until completion of the 2023/24 audit process. The Board has recently resolved to facilitate reappointment of Dean & Newbery Pty Ltd as GRFMA External Auditor for a term of three plus two years, effective 1 July 2024.

The Authority has also facilitated the appointment of a part time administrative assistant on a contract basis.

The Authority is required to hold a minimum of 6 meetings per year and to provide the required Business Plans, Budgets Reports and Audited Statements to its Constituent Councils required by the Charter and Local Government 1999.

The format of the Annual Business Plan has been constructed referencing the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026, the GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23 – 2031/32 and the GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032.

The Authority will conduct two reviews each year of its performance against the targets set in this Annual Business Plan that will form part of the report to its constituent councils and will be included in its Annual Report.

Cost of Operations

The budget revenue is sourced from predetermined “formula based” financial contributions by the six constituent councils, opportunistic funding applications and some interest from financial institutions. Recently any shortfalls in income (over expenditure) have been met from reserves.

Expenditure is budgeted on estimated costs of executive management and administrative and governance requirements of the Authority according to its charter. Other costs are incurred with maintenance of the Bruce Eastick North Para River Flood Mitigation Dam site and access.

Recently work has been progressed by the Department for Environment and Planning to facilitate the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case. This is an important and complementary project to the GRFMA Stormwater Management Plan and collaborative approaches will be of benefit to all parties. There is an expectation by the state Government that the GRFMA (including constituent councils) will contribute to the development and completion of the business case.

The contributions of the constituent councils are based on the following percentage shares for capital works, maintenance of Scheme assets and operational costs of the Authority. (GRFMA Charter Clause 10).

Constituent Council Shares for Contributions

Constituent Council	Capital Works	Maintenance of Assets	Operational Costs
	Percentage Share	Percentage Share	Percentage Share
Adelaide Hills Council	1.73%	1.73%	16.66%
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The GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026 is arranged under three themes, each with its own objective, related to the outcomes to be pursued.

Theme 1: Design, build, and maintain physical flood mitigation infrastructure.

Objective: To have in place an agreed extent of physical flood mitigation infrastructure that is fit for purpose and achieves the targeted levels of performance.

Theme 2: Develop and evolve key relationships.

Objective: To maintain key relationships that are most important to the Authority achieving its purpose.

Theme 3: Ensure good governance and ongoing financial sustainability.

Objective: To ensure that the Authority meets legislative requirements and contemporary standards of governance and is financially sustainable for the long term.

Priority Actions 2024/2025

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW), in partnership with the GRFMA, has facilitated development of a Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to identify a shared vision and objectives to improve flood management in the Gawler River region.

The Gawler River Flood Management initiative was included in Infrastructure SA's (ISA) Capital Intentions Statement in 2021 as a priority for business case development. Further work was undertaken in conjunction with ISA, project partners and stakeholders throughout 2021 and 2022 to provide additional information and details regarding the initiative. The work culminated in DEW completing the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) Gate 1 review in May 2022 and the Business Case and Gate 2 review process on 4 December 2023.

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changes in the flood hazard overlay, making recommendations for inclusion in regional plans, working with local councils to set local development policies.

- Implementing a Community Flood Awareness Campaign
- Undertaking the repair and maintenance of existing riverside levee banks in the lower Gawler River, which play a critical role in constraining floodwaters to the river channel during high flow events, and reducing potential damage of flood

The Authority will continue to work with the Department for Environment and Water to determine a course of action to consider and progress recommendations. Considerations will include regard to recommendations from the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026 and the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

GRFMA Strategic Plan priorities

Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan. The Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan is the key GRFMA document to assist in determining physical and other works required to reduce the risks and impacts of flooding.

Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits. The default policy position of the Authority has been for a 1 in 100-year design standard. Reviewing that policy position through consideration of the costs and benefits of various design standard scenarios will assist in identifying appropriate standards.

In conjunction with the Constituent Councils, develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Gawler River referencing the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan. A schedule of works is to be consolidated from the recommendations from the completed GRFMA Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan and the Department for Environment and Planning, Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case. Considered funding will be sought from the State and Federal Governments and where appropriate commercial investment.

Working with the Constituent Councils, develop a framework to clearly articulate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Authority and the Councils and suitable partnering arrangements to maintain a low-cost base for the Authority. Identification of partnering opportunities within the capacities of the Councils (e.g., in relation to monitoring information about climate change and climate change policy, and water policy) in delivering the functions, operations and project management required of the Authority would help to keep the Authority's administrative costs low.

Continue to advocate for improved governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance, resilience, and mitigation in South Australia with frontline experience the Authority is well positioned to develop a narrative about changes that are required to improve governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance and mitigation.

The Authority will continue to work with the Department for Environment and Planning, in consultation with constituent councils, on implementation and funding arrangements for the State Government funded Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case.

Assist the Constituent Councils in communicating with general communities and specific interest groups in relation to flood mitigation for the Gawler River. Communication with communities is likely to be a joint activity between the constituent councils and the Authority.

Gawler River Storm Water Management Plan recommended options

- Enlarged Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam (Bruce Eastick Dam)
- Northern Floodway and Levee Improvements
- Southern Floodway and Levee Improvements
- Strategic Levees – Gawler, Virginia and Two Wells combined.

Maintenance and operations of the scheme during 2024 to 2025

- Work identified in the previously established, Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.
- Scheduled inspections and environmental management of land associated with the Dam location. Routine (monthly), Intermediate (annually), Comprehensive (every 5 years due 2028/2029).
- Continuation of the revegetation program around land associated with the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.
- Implementation of an Information Management Framework for a digital environment



Agenda Item: 8.3
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 15 August 2024
Title: 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Budget

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA resolves:

1. That pursuant to Section 25 Schedule 2 Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1999, that the GRFMA Budget 2023-2024 be adopted.
2. That pursuant to Clause 11.1 of the Charter that the subscriptions scheduled below be subscriptions payable for the 2024-2025 year:
 - a. The Schedule:

Part A Flood Mitigation Works – No subscriptions.

Part B Capital works and Maintenance – A total of \$139,550 calculated by the percentage shares prescribed in Clause 10.1 of the Charter:

Adelaide Plains Council	\$40,330
Adelaide Hills Council	\$2,414
The Barossa Council	\$12,099
Town of Gawler	\$24,198
Light Regional Council	\$12,099
City of Playford *	\$48,410
Total	\$139,550

Part C Operation – A total of \$277,371 calculated by even shares prescribed in Clause 11.1 of the Charter

Adelaide Plains Council	\$46,228
Adelaide Hills Council	\$46,228
The Barossa Council	\$46,228
Town of Gawler	\$46,228
Light Regional Council	\$46,228
City of Playford	*\$46,231
Total * rounding	\$277,371

2024/2025 Budget

All six Constituent Councils have now approved the 2024/2025 Budget as required pursuant to Section 12 of the GRFMA Charter. The budget documents are now required to be adopted by the GRFMA. Refer Agenda item 8.2 GRFMA meeting 15/8/2024 for further information regarding process of Constituent Council approval.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Charter, adopted 28 January 2020, provides:

12.1 Budget

12.1.1 *The Authority must prepare a budget for each financial year.*

12.1.2 *The Budget must:*

12.1.2.1 *deal with each principal activity of the Authority on a separate basis.*

12.1.2.2 *be consistent with and account for activities and circumstances referred to in the Authority's Annual Business Plan;*

12.1.2.3 *be submitted in draft form to each Constituent Council before 31 March for approval.*

12.1.2.4 *not be adopted by the Authority until after 31 May but before 30 September;*

12.1.2.5 *identify the amount of and the reasons for the financial contributions to be made by each Constituent Council to the Authority.*

The 2024/2025 draft Annual Business Plan and draft 2024/2025 Budget was previously considered at the 15/2/2024 GRFMA meeting which resolved:

GB16/24 That the GRFMA:

1. *Endorses the Draft 2024/2025 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2024/2025 Budget.*
2. *Following receipt of Constituent Council feedback considers adoption of the GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget at the June 2024 meeting.*

Budget

The Authority has ongoing annual commitment costs of \$69,995 toward the 10-year Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam maintenance program and \$70,00 for annual interest and principal reduction of the existing Cash Advance Debenture which was secured to facilitate capital repair to the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam in 2022.

Revenue

Budget revenue is sourced from predetermined "formula based" financial contributions by the six constituent Councils, opportunistic funding applications and some interest from financial institutions.

Expenditure

Expenditure is budgeted on estimated costs of Executive Management and administrative and governance requirements of the Authority according to its charter. Other costs are incurred with maintenance of the Bruce Eastick North Para River Flood Mitigation Dam site and access.

Provision of \$150,000 has been included to support further development of the Business Case, as recommended by the Infrastructure SA Assurance Review Report.

Operational Contributions (Member Subscriptions)

Operational contributions are calculated to include the costs reflective of Administration of the GRFMA, plus general costs for the provision of consultancies to pursue outcomes envisaged in flood mitigation strategies (Business Case, Stormwater Management Plan) and does not include capital works or maintenance of Assets.

Key Budget Outcome Operational Items

- Administration of the GRFMA.
- Business Case /SMP – Further works as recommended ISA Gate 2 and Stormwater Management Plan, consultancies feasibility or initial design studies.
- Information and records management.
- Less income earned, bank interest etc.

Total Operation Cost: \$277,371

Maintenance Contributions (Council Subscriptions)

Maintenance contributions are calculated from the costs reflective of capital works or maintenance works for the Bruce Eastick Flood Mitigation Dam and any approved flood mitigation capital works.

Maintenance and operations of the scheme during 2024 to 2025 will include work identified in the previously established, Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032, continuation of the revegetation program around land associated with the Bruce Eastick Dam and repayment of the Cash Advance Debenture previously raised to fund Dam repairs in 2022.

Key Budget Outcome Maintenance Items

- Dam Maintenance Cost Analysis 2024/2025
- Rates and levies, ESL
- Cash Advance Debenture repayments (principal and interest)

Total Maintenance Cost: \$139,550

Depreciation of Assets

The GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032 provides:

Funding (cash allocation) of annual depreciation calculations is not undertaken, rather the policy is ensuring the GRFMA is provided with sufficient cash flow to maintain the Dam at required service provision levels. This plan covers the infrastructure assets that provide Flood Mitigation comprising of:

- *Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam*
- *Associated land*
- *Road Access*

In November 2023 North Projects (NP) was engaged by the Gawler River Flood Management Authority (GRFMA) to conduct a revaluation of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam structure to determine the replacement cost of the dam at 2023/2024 prices.

The completed report identified the Current Valuation for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam is \$54,036,053 based on 2023/2024 market conditions and the Written Down Value is \$43,313,042. Annual depreciation of the Dam, land and road access is \$706,098 (1.25% annually).

The net equity share (of annual depreciation costs) of each Constituent Council is subsequently reflected in the (Financial Statements) Schedule of Constituent Council's interest in net assets as at 30 June each year and a statement is prepared to meet the requirements of clause 16.6 of the GRFMA Charter.

Summary

Constituent Council contributions for 2024/2025 total \$416,921 which is a budgeted increase from \$289,387 in 2024/2025. This increase is principally as a result of the \$150,000 provision to support for further development of the Business Case, as recommended by the Infrastructure SA Assurance Review Report.

A net operating loss of (\$706,098) is forecast for 2024/2025. This is the amount of unfunded depreciation.

See below Table 1 - Constituent Council shares proposed as per draft 2024/2025 GRFMA Budget. See separate attachment for a copy of GRFMA 2024/2025 budgeted financial statements presented, in a manner consistent with the Model Financial Statements, pursuant to section 123(10)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999: MYOB format which identifies the 2024/2025 Draft Budget income and expenditure proposals.

Table 1:

Constituent Council shares proposed as per the draft 2024/2025 GRFMA Budget Member Subscriptions (\$277,371) and Council Subscriptions (\$139,550).

	2023/24	2023/24	2023/24	2024/25	2024/25	2024/25
Council	Operational	Maint	TOTAL	Operational	Maint	TOTAL
Adelaide Plains Council	24,938	40,390	\$65,328	46,228	40,330	\$86,558
Adelaide Hills Council	24,938	2,418	\$27,356	46,228	2,414	\$48,643
The Barossa Council	24,938	12,117	\$37,055	46,228	12,099	\$58,327
Town of Gawler	24,938	24,234	\$49,172	46,228	24,198	\$70,426
Light Regional Council	24,938	12,117	\$37,055	46,228	12,099	\$58,327
City of Playford	24,938	48,482	\$73,420	46,229	48,410	\$94,639
Total	149,630	139,758	\$289,387	277,371	139,550	\$416,921

Table 2: Percentage Shares

Constituent Council	Capital Works Council Subscriptions	Maintenance of Assets Council Subscriptions	Operational Costs Member Subscriptions
	Percentage Share	Percentage Share	Percentage Share
Adelaide Plains Council	28.91%	28.91%	16.66%
Adelaide Hills Council	1.73%	1.73%	16.66%
The Barossa Council	8.67%	8.67%	16.66%
Town of Gawler	17.34%	17.34%	16.66%
Light Regional Council	8.67%	8.67%	16.66%
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Total	100%	100%	100%

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025**

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

2023/2024 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE \$	INCOME	2024/2025 BUDGET \$
559,808	Subscriptions	416,921
-	Grants Subsidies and Contributions	-
780	Investment Income	824
104	Other	-
560,692	TOTAL REVENUES	417,745
	EXPENSES	
490,331	Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	347,745
15,000	Finance Costs	15,000
322,298	Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	706,098
827,629	Total Expenses	1,068,843
(266,937)	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS	(651,098)
-	Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	-
-	Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	-
-	Physical resources received free of charge	-
 (266,937)	TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	 (651,098)

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**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025**

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2023/2024 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2024/2025 BUDGET
\$		\$
Inflows		Inflows
(Outflows)		(Outflows)
	CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
	RECEIPTS	
559,912	Operating Receipts	416,921
780	Investment Receipts	824
	PAYMENTS	
(490,331)	Operating payments to suppliers & employees	(347,745)
<u>(15,000)</u>	Finance Payments	<u>(15,000)</u>
55,361	Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	55,000
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
	RECEIPTS	
-	Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets	-
0	Sale of Assets	0
	PAYMENTS	
-	Capital Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	-
<u>-</u>	Capital Expenditure on new/upgraded assets	<u>-</u>
-	Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	-
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
	RECEIPTS	
-	Proceeds from Borrowings	-
	PAYMENTS	
<u>(55,000)</u>	Repayment of Borrowings	<u>(55,000)</u>
(55,000)	NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(55,000)
361	NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	-
<u>29,496</u>	CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>29,857</u>
<u>29,857</u>	CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u>29,857</u>

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**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025**

BALANCE SHEET

2023/2024 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2024/2025 BUDGET
	ASSETS	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
\$		\$
29,857	Cash and cash equivalents	29,857
91,125	Trade & other receivables	91,125
-	Inventories	-
<u>120,982</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>120,982</u>
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
-	Financial Assets	-
43,832,305	Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	43,126,207
<u>43,832,305</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>43,126,207</u>
<u>43,953,288</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>43,247,190</u>
	LIABILITIES	
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
67,733	Trade & Other Payables	67,733
385,409	Borrowings	330,409
-	Short-term Provisions	-
<u>453,142</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>398,142</u>
	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
-	Long-term Borrowings	-
-	Long-term Provisions	-
<u>-</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>
<u>453,142</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>398,142</u>
<u>43,500,146</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>42,849,048</u>
	EQUITY	
12,294,265	Accumulated Surplus	11,643,167
31,205,881	Asset Revaluation	31,205,881
-	Other Reserves	-
<u>43,500,146</u>	TOTAL EQUITY	<u>42,849,048</u>

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**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

2023/2024 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2024/2025 BUDGET
\$		\$
	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	
12,561,202	Balance at end of previous reporting period	12,294,265
-266,937	Net Result for Year	-651,098
0	Transfer From Reserves	0
0	Transfer To Reserves	0
<u>12,294,265</u>	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>11,643,167</u>
	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	
8,664,973	Balance at end of previous reporting period	31,205,881
22,540,908	Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00
0.00	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00
<u>31,205,881</u>	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>31,205,881</u>
<u>43,500,146</u>	TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	<u>42,849,048</u>

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**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025**

UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

2023/2024 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2024/2025 BUDGET
\$		\$
560,692	Operating Revenues	417,745
(827,629)	less Operating Expenses	(1,068,843)
<u>(266,937)</u>	Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	<u>(651,098)</u>
	Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets	
	Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-
(322,298)	less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(706,098)
<u>-</u>	less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>
(322,298)		(706,098)
	Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets	
-	Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	-
-	less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-
<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
-	less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	-
55,361	Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	55,000

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Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]

July 2024 To June 2025

ABN: 12 925 534 861

	Selected Period	Budgeted	\$ Difference
Income			
Admin of GRFMA			
Member Subscriptions	\$0	\$277,371	-\$277,371
Interest LGFA	\$0	\$824	-\$824
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$0	\$278,195	-\$278,195
Operations Flood Mit Scheme			
Council Subscriptions	\$0	\$139,550	-\$139,550
Total Operations Flood Mit Scheme	\$0	\$139,550	-\$139,550
Total Income	\$0	\$417,745	-\$417,745
Gross Profit	\$0	\$417,745	-\$417,745
Expenses			
Admin of GRFMA			
Executive Officer Contract	\$0	\$58,800	-\$58,800
Adv, printing, stationery post	\$0	\$1,300	-\$1,300
Travelling Expenses	\$0	\$4,200	-\$4,200
Insurance PL & PI	\$0	\$9,600	-\$9,600
Audit Committee	\$0	\$2,600	-\$2,600
Audit Fees	\$0	\$6,175	-\$6,175
Bank Fees	\$0	\$120	-\$120
Honorarium - Chairperson	\$0	\$14,400	-\$14,400
Other	\$0	\$10,800	-\$10,800
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$0	\$107,995	-\$107,995
GRFM Business Case			
Consultancies	\$0	\$20,000	-\$20,000
Business Case	\$0	\$150,000	-\$150,000
Total GRFM Business Case	\$0	\$170,000	-\$170,000
Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme			
BENPFM Dam repairs	\$0	\$69,550	-\$69,550
Rates & Levies	\$0	\$200	-\$200
Total Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme	\$0	\$69,750	-\$69,750
Depreciation			
Depreciation	\$0	\$706,098	-\$706,098
Total Expenses	\$0	\$1,053,843	-\$1,053,843
Operating Profit	\$0	-\$636,098	\$636,098
Total Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Expenses			
Interest Expense	\$0	\$70,000	-\$70,000
Total Other Expenses	\$0	\$70,000	-\$70,000
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$0	-\$706,098	\$706,098

Agenda Item:	8.4
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 August 2024
Title:	GRFMA Financial Report

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

1. **Receives the financial report as of 31 July 2024 showing a cash at bank balance of \$15,628.23.**
2. **Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$292,486.36.**

Financial Report 31/07/2024

See attachments for the monthly reconciliations:

- Reconciliation to 31/7/2024
- Balance Sheet 31/7/2024

Cash Management

The table below provides a summary of internal borrowing currently being utilised to offset Cash Advance Debenture interest costs. Net internal lending \$292,486.36

Current Balance			\$	159,102.44
Internal lending	\$	242,262.00	Net of two	
Less interest	\$	5,714.44	\$	236,547.56
Dam Capital Reserve	\$	55,939.00	\$	55,939.00
		Actual CAD liability	\$	451,589.00

Balance Sheet

As of July 2024

ABN: 12 925 534 861

Email: eo@grfma.com

Assets**Current Assets****Bank Accounts**

Bank SA Account

\$13,999.53

LGFA Investment Account

\$1,628.70

Total Bank Accounts

\$15,628.23

Other Current Assets

Trade Debtors

\$36,018.00

Total Other Current Assets

\$36,018.00

Total Current Assets

\$51,646.23

Non-Current Assets

Infrastructure

\$52,883,174.00

Accum. Depr. Infrastructure

-\$11,237,674.60

Land

\$477,000.00

Access Roads

\$84,000.00

Accumulated Dep Access Rd

-\$33,600.00

Repairs / Renewals

\$591,879.00

Accumulated Depreciation Repairs/Renewals

-\$157,835.00

Total Non-Current Assets

\$42,606,943.40

Total Assets

\$42,658,589.63

Liabilities**Current Liabilities****GST Liabilities**

GST Collected

\$16,352.76

GST Paid

-\$6.63

ATO Payments & Refunds

\$1,572.00

Total GST Liabilities

\$17,918.13

Other Current Liabilities

Accrued Expense

\$31,965.46

Cash Advance Debenture

\$159,102.36

Total Other Current Liabilities

\$191,067.82

Total Current Liabilities

\$208,985.95

Total Liabilities

\$208,985.95

Net Assets

\$42,449,603.68

Equity

Accumulated Surplus

\$15,974,461.00

Asset Revaluation Reserves

\$30,364,320.11

Retained Earnings

-\$4,035,117.07

Current Year Surplus/Deficit

\$145,939.64

Total Equity

\$42,449,603.68

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Reconciliation ReportPO Box 366
Seacliff Park SA 5049

ABN: 12 925 534 861

Email: eo@grfma.com

ID No.	Date Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
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Account: 1-1110 Bank SA Account
Date Of Bank Statement: 31/07/2024
Last Reconciled: 30/06/2024
Last Reconciled Balance: \$68,521.34

Cleared Cheques

EFT	30/06/2024	ERC	\$10,120.00
EFT	30/06/2024	SK Bushcare	\$1,210.00
EFT	30/06/2024	DoxLite	\$6,160.00
EFT	30/06/2024	Norman Waterhouse	\$198.00
EFT	30/06/2024	LUVROK Pty Ltd	\$8,758.47
GJ000181	9/07/2024	Internal lending to CAD	\$200,000.00
GJ000182	30/07/2024	MYOB subs	\$68.00
SC310724	31/07/2024	Safe Deposit Fee	\$5.00
Total:			\$0.00
			\$226,519.47

Cleared Deposits

CR000197	4/07/2024	Payment; Light Regional Council	\$20,380.26
CR000198	4/07/2024	Payment; MINISTER FOR CLIMATE, ENVIRONMEN1	\$154,000.00
Total:			\$174,380.26
			\$0.00

Outstanding Cheques

EFT	30/06/2024	CETPAR Pty Ltd	\$2,382.60
Total:			\$0.00
			\$2,382.60

Reconciliation:

AccountRight Balance On 31/07/2024:	\$13,999.53
Add: Outstanding Cheques:	\$2,382.60
SubTotal:	\$16,382.13
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:	\$0.00
Expected Balance On Statement:	\$16,382.13

Transaction History Report

Please advise any error or unauthorised transaction promptly to the bank		Account name	GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT		
		Account number	010 0101 248 140		
		BSB	105-010		
		Currency	AUD		
		Opening balance	68,521.34CR		
		Transaction period from	01/07/2024 to 31/07/2024		
Date	Description	Serial number	Debit	Credit	Balance
04/07/2024	LIGHT REGIONAL C LRCJUNE2024			20,380.26	88,901.60CR
04/07/2024	DEW SSSA 100000426151			154,000.00	242,901.60CR
08/07/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JUL16:27 IN5142614		198.00		242,703.60CR
08/07/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JUL16:27 Reveg Dam		1,210.00		241,493.60CR
08/07/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JUL16:27 Information Managment F		6,160.00		235,333.60CR
08/07/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JUL16:27 EO Services June		8,758.47		226,575.13CR
08/07/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JUL16:27 BCA Business Case		10,120.00		216,455.13CR
08/07/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JUL16:27 Repayment CAD		200,000.00		16,455.13CR
20/07/2024	SAFE DEPOSIT FEE (INC GST)		5.00		16,450.13CR
24/07/2024	MYOB Australia MYOB 1-90592706836		68.00		16,382.13CR
	TOTAL		226,519.47	174,380.26	16,382.13CR

Reconciliation Report

ID No.	Date Memo/Payee		Deposit	Withdrawal
Account:	1-1130	LGFA Investment Account		
Date Of Bank Statement:	31/07/2024			
Last Reconciled:	31/05/2024			
Last Reconciled Balance:	\$1,610.48			
Cleared Deposits				
IE300624	30/06/2024	LGFA	\$6.20	
IE310724	31/07/2024	Interest LGFA	\$6.01	
Total:			\$12.21	\$0.00
Reconciliation:				
AccountRight Balance On 31/07/2024:			\$1,622.69	
Add: Outstanding Cheques:			\$0.00	
SubTotal:			\$1,622.69	
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:			\$0.00	
Expected Balance On Statement:			\$1,622.69	

Local Government Finance Authority of SA

Consolidated Loans and Investments as at close of business 31/07/2024

Debenture Loans

Counterparty	Deal	Deb. No.	Orig. Principal	Rate	Instalment Date	Instalment	Principal	Interest	Current Principal
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Cash Advance Debentures

Counterparty	Deal	Instrument	Maturity Date	Facility End Date	Rate	Current Principal	Limit	Available Balance
Gawler River General CA 1 Cash Advance	60459	Council Loan-CAD Variable	01/08/2024	15/12/2031	6.15%	-\$159,102.36	\$700,000.00	\$540,897.64
Totals						-\$159,102.36	\$700,000.00	\$540,897.64

Council Deposits

Counterparty	Deal	Instrument	Maturity Date	Rate	Balance
Gawler River General	61548	Council Dep - 24HR Mthly	01/08/2024	4.55%	\$1,622.69
Totals					\$1,622.69

Summary as at close of business 31/07/2024

Entity	Amount
Cash Advance Debentures	-\$159,102.36
CAD Limit Available	\$540,897.64
Council Deposits	\$1,622.69
Net Position	-\$157,479.67
Weighted Average Interest Rate % (Deposits)	4.55%
Weighted Average Interest Rate % (Loans)	6.15%

Agenda Item:	8.5
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 August 2024
Title:	GRFMA Executive Officer Report

That the GRFMA notes the Executive Officer report.

On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake GRFMA Executive Officer services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025.

Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms. The new contract provides:

Services means the services described in Item 10 of Schedule 1 or such other services as may be agreed in writing by the Principal and the Contractor from time to time.

Item 10 Schedule 1 In accordance with the requirements of GRFMA EO Key Performance Indicators 1 July 2023. The Contractor will report to the Board of the Principal and provide a written report at every Board meeting.

A work management program has been established, to identify and measure actions and resources required to deliver the services required.

The work management program reports on Annual Business Plan achievements and GRFMA Strategic Plan priorities year 1 and year 2 which is a work in progress.

Refer attached summary of the active work plan.

Schedule of meetings attended by EO for July 2024:

Entity	GRFMA Executive Officer
SMP project management meeting	
Business Case	1
GRFMA management/operations	1
GRFMA meetings	1
Meeting Councils	2

Schedule of meetings attended by GRFMA Chairperson for July 2024:

Entity	GRFMA Chairperson
GRFMA Meetings	
Business Case	
SMP	
Attending Councils	2

At the 20/6/2024 GRFMA meeting, members were advised of the process now being undertaken to pursue completion of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan. Work has continued on developing the plan and a verbal update will be provided by the Executive Officer at the 15/8/2024.

GRFMA work requirements

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EO Service requirements

Name	Status	Date
Maintain the business office of the Authority	Done	2024-08-06
Prepare Agendas & Minutes Attend meetings	Done	2024-06-07
Attend the minute actions as required	Done	2024-06-21
Management of the GRFMA strategic management documents	In progress	2024-08-06
Prepare the Draft Annual Report.	Done	2024-06-28
Prepare the Draft Annual Business Plan, Budgets and reports	Done	2024-06-28
liaise with constituent councils, Green Adelaide, Northern Yorke Landscape Board, Stormwater Management Authority	Done	
Engage with relevant federal and state ministers/MPs & CEOs	To be scheduled	
Actively pursue grant funding	Done	2024-05-31
Proactively promote the works and activities of the Authority.	To be scheduled	
Report annually on progress with implementation of the SMP .	In progress	2024-08-06
Develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the SMP	In progress	2024-08-06
2024-05-31 to 2024-08-06		

Meeting agenda process

Name	Status	Date
Draft Agenda reports	Done	2024-06-13
Forward drafts to Admin to format and compile	Done	2024-06-13
Send Agenda to Board, Councils Town of Gawler webpage	Done	2024-06-14
Draft minutes , KOS send to Admin to format	Working on it	2024-06-21
Send minutes and KS to Board, Councils, Town of Gawler webpage	Working on it	2024-06-21
Action minute resolutions and directions	Working on it	2024-06-21
2024-06-13 to 2024-06-21		

Strategic Plan Priority Actions

Name	Status	Date
Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan	In progress	
Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits	In progress	
In conjunction with the Constituent Councils, develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Gawler River referencing the Gawler River Stormwater Manag	In progress	
Working with the Constituent Councils, develop a framework to clearly articulate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Authority and the Councils and suitable partnering arrangements	In progress	
Continue to advocate for improved governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance, resilience, and mitigation in South Australia	In progress	
Assist the Constituent Councils in communicating with general communities and specific interest groups in relation to flood mitigation for the Gawler River	In progress	

GRFMA Projects

Name	Status	Date
Deliver Stormwater Management Plan	In progress	2024-07-01
Engage with DEW with Business Case completion	In progress	2024-07-01
Market Test and appointment GRFMA Chairperson position	Done	2024-05-01
Transition EO services to corporate status	Done	2023-06-30
Deliver quarterly GFMA Audit Committee meetings	Done	2024-07-31
Prepare and finalise23/24 Financial Statements	Done	2024-08-08
2023-06-30 to 2024-08-08		

Maintenance and Operations

Name	Status	Date
Delivery of scheduled maintenance at Dam as per Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.	In progress	2024-04-30
Scheduled inspections and environmental management of land associated with the Dam location	In progress	2024-04-01
Revaluation of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam (5 year program	Done	2024-02-01
Continuation of the revegetation program	Done	2024-06-01
Implementation of an Information Management Framework for a digital environment	Done	2024-06-26
2024-02-01 to 2024-06-26		

Agenda Item:	8.6
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 August 2024
Title:	2023/2024 GRFMA Financial Statements and Audit Report

Recommendation:**That:**

- 1. The audited Financial Statements for the year 2023/2024 be adopted for the purposes of Part 4 Financial Statements of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011.**
 - 2. The 'Certification of Auditor Independence' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman.**
 - 3. The 'Certification of Financial Statements' be signed by the GRFMA Board Chairman and Executive Officer.**
 - 4. The Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council be requested to sign the 'Certification of Auditor Independence'.**
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The 2023-2024 Financial Statements for the GRFMA have been completed and audited by the Authority's auditor Dean Newbery & Partners.

A net operating loss of \$621,859 has resulted.

Add back unfunded depreciation \$706,099 and this results in a net surplus for the Financial Year of \$84,240. Refer Financial Statements Note 6 and 11. Note rounding.

See separate attachment for the 2023/2024 Financial Statements and notes and Certification of Auditor's Independence.

The confidential Management Representation Letter and the Audit Completion Report are to be provided separate to the 15/8/2024 agenda documents.

As per 15/08/2024 meeting agenda item 6 the 6/8/2024 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee has noted and considered the above documents.

GAC24/02 GRFMA 2023/2024 Financial Statements and Audit Report

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

- 1. Receives and notes the audited Financial Statements for 2023/2024, the Management Representation Letter as amended and the external audit completion report.*
- 2. Approves the 'Certification of Auditor Independence' to be signed by the Audit and Risk Committee Chairman and Executive Officer.*
- 3. Recommends that a 'Certification of Auditor Independence' also be signed by the Chief Executive Officer of each Constituent Council.*

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Certification of Auditor's Independence

I confirm that, for the audit of the financial statements of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority for the year ended 30 June 2024, I have maintained my independence in accordance with the requirements of APES 110 – Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, Part 4A, published by the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* made under that Act.

This statement is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 22 (5) *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011*.



JIM KEOGH

Director

DEAN NEWBERY

6 August 2024

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
Annual Financial Statements
for the year ended 30 June 2024

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have been authorised by the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority to certify the financial statements in their final form.

In our opinion:

- the accompanying financial statements comply with the Local Government Act 1999, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 and Australian Accounting Standards.
- the financial statements present a true and fair view of the Authority's financial position at 30 June 2024 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the financial year.
- internal controls implemented by the Authority provide a reasonable assurance that the Authority's financial records are complete, accurate and reliable and were effective throughout the financial year.
- the financial statements accurately reflect the Authority's accounting and other records.

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David Hitchcock
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Lino Di Lernia
CHAIRPERSON/INDEPENDENT MEMBER

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
INCOME			
Subscriptions	4	289,386	260,321
Investment income		762	1,278
Other Income		270,520	100
Total Income		560,668	261,699
EXPENSES			
Contractual Services	5	421,404	249,296
Finance Charges		23,069	18,926
Depreciation	1(e), 9	706,099	328,561
Other		31,955	42,654
Total Expenses		1,182,526	639,436
OPERATING SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(621,858)	(377,737)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)		(621,858)	(377,737)
Other Comprehensive Income			
<i>Amounts which will not be reclassified subsequently to operating result</i>			
Changes in revaluation surplus - infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	1(e), 9	21,699,347	-
Impairment (expense) / recoupments offset to asset revaluation reserve	1(e), 9	-	(17,000)
Total Other Comprehensive Income		21,699,347	(17,000)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		21,077,489	(394,737)

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2024

	Notes	2024 \$	2023 \$
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1(d)	41,309	29,496
Trade and Other Receivables		210,404	91,125
Total Current Assets		<u>251,713</u>	<u>120,621</u>
Non-current Assets			
Infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	1(e) 9	42,606,943	21,613,696
Total Non-current Assets		<u>42,606,943</u>	<u>21,613,696</u>
Total Assets		<u>42,858,657</u>	<u>21,734,317</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Trade & other payables		201,605	67,733
Borrowings	1(h)	353,388	440,409
Total Liabilities		<u>554,993</u>	<u>508,142</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>42,303,664</u>	<u>21,226,175</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated Surplus		11,939,344	12,561,202
Asset Revaluation Reserves	1(e)	30,364,320	8,664,973
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>42,303,664</u>	<u>21,226,175</u>

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Accumulated Surplus \$	Asset Revaluation Reserve \$	TOTAL EQUITY \$
2024				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		12,561,202	8,664,973	21,226,175
Restated opening balance		12,561,202	8,664,973	21,226,175
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(621,858)	-	(621,858)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	21,699,347	21,699,347
Transfers between reserves		-	-	-
Balance at end of period		11,939,344	30,364,320	42,303,664
2023				
Balance at end of previous reporting period		12,938,939	8,681,973	21,620,912
Restated opening balance		12,938,939	8,681,973	21,620,912
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for Year		(377,737)	-	(377,737)
Other Comprehensive Income				
Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment		-	(17,000)	(17,000)
Balance at end of period		12,561,202	8,664,973	21,226,175

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS for the year ended 30 June 2024

		2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	Notes	\$	\$
Receipts		580,579	267,915
Interest Receipts		811	1,323
Payments		(459,576)	(290,843)
Interest Expense		(22,979)	(13,301)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	8	98,835	(34,907)
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Payments</u>			
Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets		-	-
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities		-	-
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
<u>Receipts</u>			
Proceeds from borrowings		-	-
<u>Payments</u>			
Repayments of borrowings		(87,021)	(61,726)
Net Cash provided by (or used in) Financing Activities		(87,021)	(61,726)
 Net Increase (Decrease) in cash held		11,814	(96,633)
 Cash & cash equivalents at beginning of period		29,496	126,130
Cash & cash equivalents at end of period	8	41,309	29,496

This Statement is to be read in conjunction with the attached Notes

**Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
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Note 1 - Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

a) The Local Government Reporting Entity

This general purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards as they apply to not-for-profit entities, other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, Interpretations and relevant South Australian legislation.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority is a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Barossa Council, Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, Adelaide Plains Council and The City of Playford.

All funds received and expended by the Authority have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

b) Basis of Accounting

This financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and is based on historical costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuation of non-current assets.

c) Employees

The Authority has no employees.

d) Cash

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes cash deposits which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day to day basis, net of outstanding bank overdraft.

e) Infrastructure Assets

Initial Recognition

All assets are initially recognised at cost. For assets acquired at no cost or for nominal consideration, cost is determined as fair value at the date of acquisition. All non-current assets purchased or constructed are capitalised as the expenditure is incurred and depreciated as soon as the asset is held "ready for use". Cost is determined as the fair value of the assets given as consideration plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including architects' fees and engineering design fees and all other costs incurred. The cost of non-current assets constructed by the Authority includes the cost of all materials used in construction, direct labour on the project and an appropriate proportion of variable and fixed overhead.

Infrastructure Dam

The Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam was constructed in 2007. The valuation includes all materials, contractor's costs plus costs incidental to the acquisition, including engineering design and supervision fees and all other costs incurred.

Land

Land includes the land on which the dam is constructed, rights of way access to the land and 'right to flood' easements over the land upstream from the dam that will be inundated by dam waters for short periods of time during a flood event. Additional Land surrounding the dam was purchased in 2017/18 and was revalued by North Projects Pty Ltd as at 1 July 2023.

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Subsequent Recognition

All material asset classes are revalued on a regular basis such that the carrying values are not materially different from fair value. Significant uncertainties exist in the estimation of fair value of a number of asset classes including land and infrastructure. Further detail of these uncertainties, and of existing valuations, methods and valuers are provided below.

The Board sought an independent valuation to be applied as at 1st July 2023, of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam. The Board recognises that the dam is a unique infrastructure. The Board sought the advice of North Projects Pty Ltd, who provided a replacement cost valuation based on the actual construction contract costs, including some 'owner's costs' which would be incurred in the event of a replacement being necessary. In accordance with Accounting Standard (AASB)13 Fair Value Measurement, the valuation was undertaken as at 1 July 2023 and recorded as a level 3 restricted asset valuation. The next Valuation is scheduled to be undertaken in 2028/2029. Fair value level 3 valuations of buildings, infrastructure and other assets – There is no known market for these assets and they are valued at depreciated current replacement cost.

The method involves:

The determination of the cost to construct the asset (or its modern engineering equivalent) using current prices for materials and labour, the quantities of each being estimated based on recent experience of this or similar Councils, or on industry construction guides where these are more appropriate. The calculation of the depreciation that would have accumulated since original construction using current estimates of residual value and useful life under the straight line depreciation method adopted by the Authority. The method has significant inherent uncertainties, relying on estimates of quantities of materials and labour, residual values and useful lives, and the possibility of changes in prices for materials and labour, and the potential for development of more efficient construction techniques.

Depreciation

Other than land, all infrastructure, property, plant and equipment assets recognised are systematically depreciated over their useful lives on a straight-line basis which, in the opinion of the Authority, best reflects the consumption of the service potential embodied in those assets.

Depreciation methods, useful lives and residual values of classes of assets are reviewed annually.

Major depreciation periods for each class of asset are listed below. Depreciation periods for infrastructure assets have been estimated based on the best information available to the Authority, but appropriate records covering the entire life cycle of these assets are not available, and extreme care should be used in interpreting financial information based on these estimates.

Asset Classes

- Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam 80 years.
- Dam Renewals/improvements 15 years.
- Access Road 15 years.

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Impairment

Assets whose future economic benefits are not dependent on the ability to generate cash flows, and where the future economic benefits would be replaced if the Authority were deprived thereof, are not subject to impairment testing. Other assets that are subject to depreciation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount (which is the higher of the present value of future cash inflows or value in use). Where an asset that has been revalued is subsequently impaired, the impairment is first offset against such amount as stands to the credit of that class of assets in Asset Revaluation Reserve, any excess being recognised as an expense.

An impairment has occurred due to the revaluation of Land in 2023.

f) Revenue

The Authority recognises revenue under AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (AASB 1058) or AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) when appropriate.

In cases where there is an 'enforceable' contract with a customer with 'sufficiently specific' performance obligations, the transaction is accounted for under AASB 15 where income is recognised when (or as) the performance obligations are satisfied (i.e. when it transfers control of a product or service to a customer). Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the Authority expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer.

In other cases, AASB 1058 applies when a not-for-profit (NFP) entity enters into transactions where the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset principally to enable the entity to further its objectives. The excess of the asset recognised (at fair value) over any 'related amounts' is recognised as income immediately, except in the case where a financial asset has been received to enable the authority to acquire or construct a recognisable non-financial asset that is to be controlled by the authority. In this case, the authority recognises the excess as a liability that is recognised over time in profit and loss when (or as) the entity satisfies its obligations under the transfer.

Revenue from the Subscriptions is recognised upon the delivery of the service to customers.

Interest revenue is recognised on a proportional basis taking into account the interest rates applicable to the financial assets.

Revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

g) Superannuation

The Authority contributed the statutory 10.5% SCG to the nominated superannuation fund of the Executive Officer in 2022/2023. No statutory contributions were made to the nominated superannuation fund in 2023/2024 as a result of LUVROK Pty Ltd undertaking the provision of the Executive Officer services from 1 July 2023.

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h) Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Any difference between the proceeds (net of transaction costs) and the redemption amount is recognised in the income statement over the period of the borrowings using the effective interest rate method.

Borrowings are carried at their principal amounts which represent the present value of future cash flows associated with servicing the debt. Interest is accrued over the period to which it relates, and is recorded as part of "Payables"

l) Economic Dependence

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 in August 2002, by a Charter that was amended and published in The South Australian Government Gazette on 27th February 2020 at page 474.

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) is dependent upon subscriptions levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter to fund the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure of the Authority which it owns and manages.

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Note 2 - Schedule of Constituent Council's Interest in Net Assets as at 30th June 2024

Prepared to meet the requirements of Clause 16.6 of the Charter

"The 'Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' will reflect the proportionate contribution each Constituent Council has made to the growth of the net assets of the Authority having regard to the proportionate contribution to subscriptions. The Schedule when updated by the Board at the end of each financial year will reflect the proportionate contribution of each Constituent Council since the commencement of the Authority and once accepted by each Constituent Council will be evidence of the agreed proportion of a Constituent Council's interests in the net assets as at 30 June in that year."

For the purposes of this Clause all subscriptions by Constituent Councils have been included.

Calculation of Net Equity

Assets

Investments / Debtors	\$ 251,713
Infrastructure, property plant & Equipment	<u>\$ 42,606,943</u>
	\$ 42,858,657

Less Liabilities

Accounts Payable / Creditors	\$ 201,605
Borrowings	<u>\$ 353,388</u>
NET EQUITY	\$ 42,303,664

Allocation of Councils Interest in Net Assets

Constituent Councils	Accumulated Subscriptions for Operations to 30 June 2024 \$	Accumulated Subscriptions for Maintenance to 30 June 2024 \$	Accumulated Subscriptions for Scheme Works to 30 June 2024 \$	All Subscriptions to 30 June 2024 \$	Percentage of Contributions to the Total	Council's Interests in Net Assets \$
Adelaide Hills Council	253,882	6,352	76,527	336,761	5.34%	2,259,016
The Barossa Council	253,882	31,813	383,250	668,945	10.61%	4,488,419
Town of Gawler	253,882	63,586	765,408	1,082,876	17.17%	7,263,539
Light Regional Council	253,882	31,813	383,250	668,945	10.61%	4,488,419
Adelaide Plains Council	253,882	106,079	1,275,673	1,635,634	25.94%	10,973,570
City of Playford	253,882	127,254	1,530,826	1,911,962	30.33%	12,830,701
	1,523,292	366,897	4,414,934	6,305,123	100%	42,303,664

Schedule of Constituent Councils' Interests in Net Assets' as at the 30th June 2024 adopted by the Board in accordance with Clause 16.6 of the Charter on 15 August 2024.

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Note 3 - Functions / Activities of the Authority

a) Revenues and expenses have been attributed to the following functions / activities, descriptions of which are set out in Note b.

b) The activities of the Authority are categorised into the following function / activities:

Administration: The operations of the Authority and its Board

Other Environment: Flood Mitigation

c) Functions of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
(excluding depreciation and impairment)

	Year	Revenue		Expenses		Surplus (Deficit) \$
		Grants \$	Other \$	Total Revenue \$	Expenses Total \$	
Administration	2024	-	150,490	150,490	102,537	47,953
	2023	-	166,498	166,498	157,078	9,420
Other	2024	-	410,178	410,178	373,890	36,288
Environment: Flood Mitigation	2023	-	95,201	95,201	153,798	(58,596)
Total	2024	-	560,668	560,668	476,427	84,241
	2023	-	261,699	261,699	310,876	(49,177)

Note 4 - Subscriptions

The following subscriptions were levied on the Constituent Councils in accordance with Clause 10.2 of the Charter for the year:

Constituent Council	Maintenance		Operations		TOTALS	
	2024 \$	2023 \$	2024 \$	2023 \$	2023 \$	2023 \$
Adelaide Hills Council	1,418	1,647	24,638	27,520	27,326	29,167
The Barossa Council	12,117	8,254	24,638	27,520	37,055	35,774
Town of Gawler	24,334	16,508	24,638	27,520	49,172	44,028
Light Regional Council	12,117	8,254	24,638	27,520	37,055	35,774
Adelaide Plains Council	40,390	27,513	24,638	27,520	65,328	55,033
City of Playford	48,485	33,025	24,638	27,520	73,420	60,545
TOTAL	139,758	95,201	149,628	165,120	289,386	260,321

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Note 5- Contractual Services

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Chairperson Honorarium	14,032	12,100
Executive Officer	59,981	103,214
Audit Committee	3,250	2,600
Audit Fees	5,509	5,346
Legal Fees	1,545	6,069
Consultancies	47,687	116,750
Business Case	270,420	-
Asset Valuations	18,980	3,217
Totals	421,404	249,296

Note 6 - Comparison of Budget and Actual Results (excluding depreciation)

	2024		2023	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Revenue				
Administration	151,514	150,490	166,430	166,498
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	410,178	410,178	95,200	95,201
State Grant	146,000	-	-	-
Total Revenue	707,692	560,668	261,630	261,699
Expenditure				
Administration	105,073	102,537	153,620	157,079
Other Environment: Flood Mitigation	340,178	284,155	14,700	6,021
Maintenance	116,080	89,735	198,000	147,775
Total Expenditure	561,331	476,427	366,320	310,875
Surplus (deficit)	146,361	84,241	(104,690)	(49,176)

Note 7 - Expenditure Commitment

- i. GRFMA agreed to the engagement of David Hitchcock trading as LUVROK Pty Ltd to provide executive services to the GRFMA for the period 1 July 2023 through 31 December 2025.

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Note 8 - Reconciliation Statement of Cash Flows

(a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash Assets comprise highly liquid investments with short periods to maturity subject to insignificant risk of changes of value. Cash at the end of the reporting period as shown in the Cash Flow Statement is reconciled to the related items in the Balance Sheet as follows:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Total cash & equivalent assets	41,309	29,496
Balances per Cash Flow Statement	<u>41,309</u>	<u>29,496</u>

(b) Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets to Cash from Operating Activities

Net Surplus (Deficit)	(475,858)	(377,737)
Non-cash items in Income Statement		
Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	706,099	328,561
	<u>230,241</u>	<u>(49,176)</u>
Add (Less): Changes in Net Current Assets		
Net (increase) decrease in receivables	(119,279)	7,539
Net increase (decrease) in trade & other payables	(12,127)	6,729
Net Cash provided by (or used in) operations	<u>98,835</u>	<u>(34,907)</u>

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Note 9 - Non-Current Assets Summary

		2024				2023			
		At Fair Value	At Cost	Accum Dep'n	Carrying Amount	At Fair Value	At Cost	Accum Dep'n	Carrying Amount
	Fair Value Level	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land and Easements		477,000	-	-	477,000	460,000	-	-	460,000
Infrastructure - Dam	3	53,559,053	-	(11,429,110)	42,129,943	25,329,000	591,879	(4,767,184)	21,153,695
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment		54,036,053	-	(11,429,110)	42,606,943	25,789,000	591,879	(4,767,184)	21,613,695
Comparatives		25,789,000	591,879	(4,767,184)	21,613,695	25,806,000	591,879	(4,438,623)	21,959,256

	2023	Carrying Amount Movements During the Year							2024
		Additions						Net	
	Carrying Amount	New / Upgrade	Renewals	Disposals	Depreciation	Impairment	Transfers	Valuation	Carrying Amount
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land and Easements	460,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,000	477,000
Infrastructure - Dam	21,153,695	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	21,682,347	42,129,943
Total Infrastructure Property Plant & Equipment	21,613,695	-	-	-	(706,099)	-	-	21,699,347	42,606,943
Comparatives	21,959,256	-	-	-	(328,561)	(17,000)	-	-	21,613,695

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Note 10 - Financial Instruments

All financial instruments are categorised as *loans and receivables*.

Accounting Policies - Recognised Financial Instruments

Bank, Deposits at Call, Short Term Deposits	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost, interest is recognised when earned Terms & conditions: Deposits are returning fixed interest rates between 4.30% and 4.55% (2023: 1.05% and 4.30%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value due to the short term to maturity.
Receivables - Fees & other charges	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. An impairment provision is recognised using the expected credit loss method Terms & conditions: Unsecured, and do not bear interest. Although the authority is not materially exposed to any individual debtor, credit risk exposure is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries. Carrying amount: approximates fair value (after deduction of any allowance).
Liabilities - Creditors and Accruals	Accounting Policy: Liabilities are recognised for amounts to be paid in the future for goods and services received, whether or not billed to the Authority. Terms & conditions: Liabilities are normally settled on 30 day terms. Carrying amount: approximates fair value.
Liabilities – Interest Bearing Borrowings	Accounting Policy: initially recognised at fair value and subsequently amortised cost, interest is charged as an expense using the effective interest rate. Terms & conditions: secured over future revenues, borrowings are repayable; interest is charged at fixed or variable rates between 6.05% and 6.15% (2023: 2.80% and 6.05%). Carrying amount: approximates fair value.

Liquidity Analysis

2024	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
<u>Financial Assets</u>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	41,309	-	-	41,309	41,309
Receivables	210,404	-	-	210,404	210,404
Total	251,713	-	-	251,713	251,713
<u>Financial Liabilities</u>					
Payables	195,605	-	-	195,605	195,605
Borrowings	91,733	323,883	3,596	419,212	353,388
Total	287,338	323,883	3,596	614,817	548,993

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2023	Due < 1 year	Due > 1 year ≤ 5 years	Due > 5 years	Total Contractual Cash Flows	Carrying Values
Financial Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash & Equivalents	29,496	-	-	29,496	29,496
Receivables	91,125	-	-	91,125	91,125
Total	120,621	-	-	120,621	120,621
Financial Liabilities					
Payables	67,733	-	-	67,733	67,733
Borrowings	96,645	344,229	97,113	537,987	440,409
Total	164,377	344,229	97,113	605,719	508,142

The following interest rates were applicable to the Authority's Borrowings at balance date:

	2024		2023	
	Weighted Av Interest Rate	Carrying Value \$	Weighted Av Interest Rate	Carrying Value \$
Variable Interest Rates	6.15%	353,388	6.05%	440,409
		353,388		440,409

Risk Exposures:

Credit Risk represents the loss that would be recognised if counterparties fail to perform as contracted. The maximum credit risk on financial assets of the Authority is the carrying amount, net of any impairment. All Authority investments are made with the SA Local Government Finance Authority and are guaranteed by the SA Government. Exposure in relation to individual classes of receivables is concentrated within the Authorities boundaries, and there is no material exposure to any individual debtor.

Market Risk is the risk that fair values of financial assets will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices. All of the Authority's financial assets are denominated in Australian dollars and are not traded on any market, and hence neither market risk nor currency risk apply.

Liquidity Risk is the risk that Authority will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations with financial liabilities. In accordance with the model Treasury Management Policy (LGA Information Paper 15), liabilities have a range of maturity dates.

Interest Rate Risk is the risk that future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Authority has a balance of both fixed and variable interest rate borrowings and investments. Cash flow fluctuations are managed holistically in seeking to minimise interest costs over the longer term in a risk averse manner.

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Note 11 Uniform Presentation of Financial Statements

The following is a high level summary of both operating and capital investment activities of the Authority prepared on a simplified Uniform Presentation Framework basis.

All Local Government Councils and Authorities have agreed to summarise annual budgets and long-term financial plans on the same basis.

The arrangements ensure that all Councils provide a common 'core' of financial information, which enables meaningful comparisons of each Authorities finances.

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY					
UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS					
for the year ended 30 June 2024					
		2024		2023	
		\$		\$	
Income					
Subscriptions		289,386		260,321	
Investment income		762		1,278	
Other Income		270,520		100	
Total Income		560,668		261,699	
Expenses					
Contractual Services		421,404		249,296	
Finance Charges		23,069		18,926	
Depreciation		706,099		328,561	
Other		31,955		42,654	
Total Expenses		1,182,527		639,437	
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)		(621,859)		(377,737)	
Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets					
Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets		-		-	
Add back Depreciation Amortisation and Impairment		706,099		328,561	
Add back proceeds from sale of replaced assets		-		-	
		706,099		328,561	
Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets					
Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets		-		-	
Add back amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets		-		-	
		-		-	
Annual net impact to financing activities (surplus / (deficit))		84,240		(49,176)	

Note 12 – Contingencies & Assets & Liabilities not recognised in the Balance Sheet

There are no contingencies, asset or liabilities not recognised in the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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Note 13 - Events Occurring After Reporting Date

There were no events subsequent to 30 June 2024 that need to be disclosed in the financial statements.

Note 14 - Related Parties Disclosures

Key Management Personnel

The Key Management Personnel of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) include the Chairman, Board Members, Deputy Board Members and Executive Officer. In all Key Management Personnel were paid the following total compensation:

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Salaries, allowances & Other Short Term Benefits		
Executive Officer	-	103,214
Chairperson	14,032	12,100
TOTAL	14,032	115,314

One KMP owns a business from which Services were contracted. Total contracted services from this business was \$59,981.

	Amounts received from Related Party during the financial year	Amounts received from Related Party during the financial year
	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Adelaide Hills Council	57,551	16,042
The Barossa Council	97,983	39,351
Town of Gawler	135,505	24,215
Light Regional Council	77,602	39,351
Adelaide Plains Council	129,061	60,536
City of Playford	137,962	66,600
TOTAL	635,664	246,095

The Authority has been established for the following purposes:

1. To co-ordinate the construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River. This purpose is the core business of the Authority;
2. To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing and operating and maintaining works approved by the board;
3. To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flood mitigation for the Gawler River;
4. Upon application of one or more Constituent Councils pursuant to clause 12.4:
 1. to coordinate the construction, maintenance and promotion and enhancement of the Gawler River and areas adjacent to the Gawler River as recreational open space for the adjacent communities: and
 2. to enter into agreements with one or more of the Constituent Councils for the purpose of managing and developing the Gawler River.

Agenda Item: 8.7
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 15 August 2024
Title: 2023/2024 GRFMA Annual Report

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA receives and adopts the 2023/2024 GRFMA Annual Report.

The Annual Report of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority has been prepared for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

It has been prepared pursuant to Clause 17 of the Charter which requires that the Authority must submit an annual report on its work and operations, including its audited financial statements, to each Constituent Council before 30 September.

See attached for a copy of the GRFMA 2023/2024 Annual Report.

Note: the 2023/2024 Annual Financial Statements are to be inserted in the report following consideration and adoption of recommendation of agenda Item 8.6 of the 15/08/2024 GRFMA meeting.

As per 15/08/2024 meeting agenda item 6 of the 6/8/2024 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee meeting, the committee has noted and considered the above document.

GAC24/03 GRFMA 2023/2024 Annual Report

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee:

1. *Receives and notes the GRFMA 2023/2024 Annual Report, as amended.*
2. *Recommends that the report be adopted by the GRFMA Board and distributed to Constituent Councils*

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The Barossa Council

ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Constituent Councils:

Adelaide Hills Council

Adelaide Plains Council

The Barossa Council

Town of Gawler

Light Regional Council

City of Playford

Gawler



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Chairman's Report

The 2023-24 financial year has seen the GRFMA take significant steps in defining a strategy to deliver key infrastructure, policies and programs that are fundamental to achieving the goals set out in its Charter; the Gawler River flood mitigation.

This has been mainly achieved by progressing two key reports: the GRFMA Business Case; and the GRFMA Stormwater Management Plan (SMP).

With a foundation developed over recent years the expectation for the GRFMA now is to finalise ongoing investigations and develop a suitable funding package that can deliver the required infrastructure and programs.

Consequently, completion of the Business Case and SMP are the immediate priorities for the GRFMA.

GRFMA Business Case

During the past year the GRFMA continued to work closely with the Department of Environment and Water (DEW), the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA) and other State Government agencies such as SA Water, to deliver a Business Case that focussed on improving flood protection in the Gawler River.

The Business Case concluded that flood management of the Gawler River could be a transformative project for the Northern Adelaide Plains that will increase the resilience of the community and deliver a suite of measures to mitigate the frequency and impact of flood events in the river. The cost-benefit analysis undertaken in the Business Case shows a very strong case for investment.

The initiatives recommended in the Business Case provide complementary benefits for the management of flood and comprise the following:

- Increasing the height of the Bruce Eastick Dam on the North Para River (nominally a 10-metre increase in the height of the dam wall);
- Improving planning controls for developments near the Gawler River that will reduce the likelihood of flood and the impacts of flood inundation on new developments;
- Implementing a Community Flood Awareness Campaign; and
- Undertaking the repair and maintenance of existing riverside levee banks in the lower Gawler River, which play a critical role in constraining floodwaters to the river channel during high flow events and reducing potential damage of flood.

A review of the Business Case, undertaken by a State agency, Infrastructure South Australia (ISA), recommended additional work be undertaken to facilitate a fully informed investment decision. This work is aimed at refining the dam design and involves an update of hydrology studies and more detailed investigations on the condition of the existing dam structure, to ensure that it is capable of accommodating the proposed upgrades. Both may result in a reconfiguration of the dam raising and should therefore be undertaken as a priority in the next stage of design.

The GRFMA endorses both the recommendations in the Business Case and of the ISA review and is progressing the further investigative work as a matter of urgency. Once the inputs are refined and assessed, the GRFMA will further engage with the State and Federal governments and the Constituent Councils to develop and agree a suitable funding strategy.

Through DEW, the GRFMA is seeking funding from the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund to start developing a comprehensive Community Awareness Program, recognising that such a program must be ongoing to be effective.

Stormwater Management Plan

Since 2020, the GRFMA has worked with DEW, the SMA, Green Adelaide and Northern and Yorke Landscape Boards, to develop a comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) for the Gawler River environs.

A draft SMP was presented to the SMA during this year with the feedback that further investigations were required to ensure the report met the scope outlined by the SMA which is responsible for its approval. These investigations have commenced, and the expectation now is for the final draft of the SMP to be finalised in the first quarter of 2024-25.

The Board

The GRFMA acknowledges and thanks the following retiring Board members for their significant contributions to the Authority:

- Ms Sheree Schenk
- Mr Martin McCarthy
- Mr John Lush

A special thanks to Mr Ian Baldwin for the significant contributions of outgoing Independent Member Chairman, to the activities of the Board over a 17-year period, noting several key initiatives Ian has led namely: Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case; Stormwater Management Plan; GRFMA Charter Review; and the Cost Contributions Model.

The Board welcomes Mr Lino Di Lernia as the new Independent Member, Chairman from 1 May 2024 and new Board Members: Mr Jake McVicar, Mr Dante Mazzeo and Mr Thomas Jones.

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA)

The Gawler River

The Gawler River is formed by the confluence of the North Para and South Para in the town of Gawler and is in the Adelaide Plains district of South Australia. The district surrounding the river produces cereal crops and sheep for both meat and wool, as well as market gardens, almond orchards and vineyards. The farm gate output of the Gawler River Floodplain horticultural areas is estimated to be at least \$225 million.

Purpose of the GRFMA

The GRFMA was formed as a Regional Subsidiary under Section 43 and Schedule 2 of the Local Government Act 1999 on 22 August 2002. The Constituent Councils are the Adelaide Hills Council, The Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council, The Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, and the City of Playford.



The Charter sets down the powers, functions, safeguards, accountabilities, and an operational framework.



The Authority has been established for the purpose of coordinating the planning, construction, operation, and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River, and for the following functions:

- To raise finance for the purpose of developing, managing, and operating and maintaining works approved by the Board;
- To provide a forum for the discussion and consideration of topics relating to the Constituent Council's obligations and responsibilities in relation to management of flooding of the Gawler River;

- To advocate on behalf of the Constituent Councils and their communities where required to State and Federal Governments for legislative policy changes on matters related to flood mitigation and management and associated land use planning with Gawler River flood mitigation;
- To facilitate sustainable outcomes to ensure a proper balance between economic, social, environmental, and cultural consideration; and
- To provide advice as appropriate to the Constituent Councils in relation to development applications relevant to the Authority's roles and functions.

Governance

The Board

The Authority is governed by the Board of Management. The Board comprises:

- One independent person, who is not an officer, employee, or elected member of a constituent council, to be appointed as the Chairman of the Board of Management of the GRFMA for a term of three years.
- Two persons appointed from each of the six constituent councils (12 members in total). Council appointees comprise of the Council CEO, or delegate and one Elected Member.
- Deputy Board members as appointed by each Constituent Council.

The Members of the Board are:

Council	Board Members	Deputy Board Members
Chairman & Independent Member	Mr Lino Di Lernia	
Adelaide Hills Council	Cr Malcolm Herrmann Mr Ashley Curtis	Ms Natalie Armstrong
Adelaide Plains Council	Cr Terry-Anne Keen Mr James Miller	Cr Dante Mazzeo Mr Tom Jones
The Barossa Council	Cr Bruce Preece Mr Jake Mc Vicar	Ben Clark
Town of Gawler	Cr Paul Koch Ms Whendee Young	Cr Brian Sambell
Light Regional Council	Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder Mr Richard Dodson	
City of Playford	Cr Clinton Marsh Mr Greg Pattinson	Cr Peter Rentoulis Mr Dale Welsh

Meetings of the Board are held at such time and such place as the Board decides subject only to the requirement that there will be at least one meeting in every two calendar months.

Any Constituent Council, the Chairman or three Board Members may by delivering a written request to the Executive Officer require a special meeting of the Board to be held and any such special meeting shall constitute a special meeting of the Authority.

Ordinary meetings of the Board are generally held bi-monthly on the third Thursday of the even months commencing at 9.45am; excepting December which is held on the second Thursday.

Meetings are hosted by the Constituent Councils on a rotational roster with six Board meetings and one Special Board meetings held during the year as follows:

Ordinary Board Meetings:

- Thursday 17 August 2023 – Town of Gawler
- Thursday 19 October 2023 – Adelaide Plains Council
- Thursday 14 December 2023 – City of Playford
- Thursday 15 February 2024 – Light Regional Council
- Thursday 18 April 2024 – Adelaide Hills Council
- Thursday 20 June 2024 – The Barossa Council

One Special Board Meeting:

- Thursday 27 July 2023 – City of Playford

Technical Assessment Panel

A Technical Assessment Panel has been appointed to support the decision-making processes of the Board with delegated powers to provide advice and manage the technical aspects of the design, assessment, and construction of the various parts of the plan.

The Members of the Panel are:

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Member, Chairman
- Ms Katharine Ward Flood Management, DEW
- Vacant, Principal Engineer Dams, SA Water
- Mr Ben Clark, The Barossa Council, Council representative,
- Mr Shaun Fielding, City of Playford. Council representative,
- Mr David Hitchcock Executive Officer

No formal meetings of the Panel were held; however, Panel members provided out of session assistance and advice to DEW to facilitate delivery of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Plan.

Audit and Risk Committee

An Audit and Risk Committee has been appointed to review:

- The annual financial statements to ensure that they present fairly the situation to the Board; and
- The adequacy of the accounting, internal control, reporting and other financial management systems and practices to the Board on a regular basis.

The Committee held five (5) meetings during the year:

- 7 August 2023
- 7 December 2023
- 5 February 2024
- 5 April 2024
- 4 June 2024

The members of the Committee are:

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member and Chairman
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council

Membership of the GRFMA Audit Committee is for two years, until 30 June 2026.

Executive Officer

On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake Executive Officer Services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025. Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms.

External Auditor

Dean Newbery and Partners are the appointed external auditor for 2023-24.

On 14 December 2023 the GRFMA Board reappointed Dean & Newbery Pty Ltd as GRFMA External Auditor for a term of three plus two years, effective 1 July 2024.

GRFMA Policies

The following Policies have been adopted to provide management guidelines for the day-to-day business of the GRFMA.

- Procurement Policy
- Grant Policy
- Fraud, Corruption and Maladministration Prevention Policy
- Internal Review of Decisions Policy
- Code of Practice Meeting Procedures
- Anti – Discrimination Fair Treatment Policy
- Consultation Policy
- Work Health and Safety Policy
- Access to Meetings and Documents Policy
- Dam Valuation Policy
- Treasury Management Policy
- Freedom of Information Statement
- Information Asset Management Policy

The purpose of these policies is to provide prudent management guidelines for the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Authority.

Meetings

All meetings of the GRFMA and its committees are open to the public, except for those matters considered under Section 90 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Forum	Total Resolutions for the year	Resolutions to exclude the Public – S90(3)	Purpose	Order for docs to remain confidential - S91(7)	%
Board	89	3 1 1	S 90(3)(a) S90(3)(k) AS90 (3) (b)(i)(ii)	3 1 1	5
Technical Assessment Panel	0	0		0	0
Audit Committee	31				0

Freedom of Information

No Freedom of Information requests were received during the year.

Strategic Plan

The GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-26 is arranged under three themes, each with its own objective, related to the outcomes to be pursued.

Theme 1: Design, build, and maintain physical flood mitigation infrastructure.

Objective: To have in place an agreed extent of physical flood mitigation infrastructure that is fit for purpose and achieves the targeted levels of performance.

Theme 2: Develop and evolve key relationships.

Objective: To maintain key relationships that are most important to the Authority achieving its purpose.

Theme 3: Ensure good governance and ongoing financial sustainability.

Objective: To ensure that the Authority meets legislative requirements and contemporary standards of governance and is financially sustainable for the long term.

Priority Actions 2023-24

Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

The Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) is the key GRFMA document to assist in determining physical and other works required to reduce the risks and impacts of flooding.

Work is ongoing to finalise the SMP. Delays have occurred due to the need for more information to be included in the document. It is anticipated the document will be at final draft during the first quarter on 2024-25.

Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits.

The default policy position of the Authority has been for a 1 in 100-year design standard. Reviewing that policy position through consideration of the costs and benefits of various design standard scenarios will assist in identifying appropriate standards.

This is being undertaken as part of the process for completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.

In conjunction with the Constituent Councils, develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Gawler River referencing the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

A schedule of works is to be consolidated from the recommendations from the completed GRFMA Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan and the Department for Environment and Water (DEW), Gawler River Flood Management Business Case. Funding will be sought from the State and Federal Governments and where appropriate commercial investment.

The GRFMA has a copy of the Business Case and the ISA Gawler River Flood Management Gate 2 Recommendation Action Plan which identifies recommendations for consideration and designation of responsible partners, DEW and GRFMA.

The GRFMA has sought constituent council support for funding to complete the Business Case.

Working with the Constituent Councils, develop a framework to clearly articulate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Authority and the Councils and suitable partnering arrangements to maintain a low-cost base for the Authority.

Identification of partnering opportunities within the capacities of the councils (e.g., in relation to monitoring information about climate change and climate change policy, and water policy) in delivering the functions, operations and project management required of the Authority would help to keep the Authority's administrative costs low.

Constituent councils are providing partnering opportunities and support to the GRFMA, where relevant.

Continue to advocate for improved governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance, resilience, and mitigation in South Australia.

With frontline experience the Authority is well positioned to develop a narrative about changes that are required to improve governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance and mitigation. The Authority will continue to work with the Department for Environment and Water, in consultation with constituent councils, on implementation and funding arrangements for the State Government funded Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case.

The GRFMA has sought constituent council support for funding to complete the Business Case. The GRFMA is undertaking work to develop a suitable funding strategy (which is to be finalised in consultation and in agreement with constituent councils)

Assist the Constituent Councils in communicating with general communities and specific interest groups in relation to flood mitigation for the Gawler River.

Communication with communities is likely to be a joint activity between the constituent councils and the Authority.

DEW has facilitated a Disaster Ready Grant application for funds to plan/prepare a community flood awareness campaign for Gawler River. The application has been prepared with DEW as the applicant with SES and GRFMA as project partners.

Operation of the Regional Subsidiary

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements
Reports to Stakeholders	Bi-Monthly	Key Outcomes Summary to be published following each Board Meeting	☒ Key Outcomes Summary prepared and sent to Councils following GRFMA meetings.
Maintain effective Regional Subsidiary	December	On 28/06/2023 the GRFMA engaged LUVROK Pty Ltd to undertake Executive Officer Services, in accordance with the agreed contract for service, for the term 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2025.	☒ Mr David Hitchcock is identified as the key person providing the services pursuant to agreed terms. ☒ Effective 1/05/2024. ☒ Mr Lino Di Lernia has been appointed to the position of GRFMA Chairman, Independent Member, for 3 years, concluding 30/4/2027.
	August	The appointment of Auditor, Bank Operators, levels of insurance, appropriate registrations, delegations, and policies be reviewed annually.	☒ Dean Newbery has been reappointed as GRFMA's external auditor for a term of three years with a two-year option, effective 1 July 2024. ☒ Appropriate levels of insurance reviewed in July 2023.
Review of the Business Plan	By 31 st March	Review the Business Plan prior to preparing the Budget. Forward to the Councils	☒ June 2023 - Business Plan 2023- 2024 adopted. ☒ June 2024- Achievements against the Business Plan 2023-2024 presented.
Annual Budget	By 31 st March, June, October, December	Adopt for consultation forward to Councils- Adopt Budget – copy to Councils in 5 days- Conduct Budget Reviews	☒ 2024 - 2025 Draft Budget forwarded in March 2024 to consistent councils for consultation. ☒ Budget Reviews 1, 2 and 3 reviewed by GRFMA Audit Committee.
Subscriptions	June December	Send half year subscriptions to Council.	☒ All first half subscriptions paid. ☒ 5 Second half subscriptions paid (Remaining subscription paid July 2024).
Report to Constituent Councils	Following each Board meeting By 30 th September	The receipt of the following reports by Councils, Board Meeting Key Outcome Summary Annual Report including Annual Financial Statements	☒ Key Outcomes Summary prepared for meetings. ☒ Annual Report forwarded electronically to Councils.

Performance Targets:	Timings:	To be measured by:	Actual Achievements
Governance	Ongoing	Policies and new management framework documents developed and reviewed.	☑ Independent review of GRFMA policies completed April 2023. ☑ Management Framework documents now adopted GRFMA Strategic Plan Asset Management Plan and Long-Term Financial Plans. ☑ Charter Review 2 Funding Model adopted April 2023. ☑ The GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee (Chairman and the two Members) have been reappointed from 1 July 2024 until 30 June 2026.
Annual Operations		Implementation of requirements of the BENPFM Dam Operation and Maintenance Manual. Periodical inspections of BENPFM dam and lands Removal of deposited flood debris at upstream wall of BENPFM Dam Continuation of the revegetation program around land associated with the BENPFM Dam. Weed control	☑ Ongoing. Programmed management costed and funded in 2023/2024 draft Budget. ☑ Ongoing. ☑ As required. Ongoing, within budgeted funds, in collaboration with Light Regional Council. Grant funding for further revegetation to be sought. ☑ Annually as required. ☑ Annual land management lease not continued beyond May 2024.

Financial Statements 2023-24

1. Certification of Financial Statements
2. Financial Statements and Notes
3. Related Parties Disclosures
4. Statement of Auditors Independence
5. Certification of Auditor Independence

Agenda Item 9.1

25 July 2024



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Dear Mr Di Lerna

Dispute of the Draft 2024/25 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft Budget

Thank you for your letter dated 3 June 2024, concerning the matter referenced above.

I am writing to inform you that this matter was tabled on the agenda and discussed at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday, 23 July 2024. The Council Members examined all aspects of the dispute, considering the various implications and potential outcomes.

I am pleased to report that the resolution was carried (see resolution below). This decision demonstrates our commitment to addressing the concerns raised and finding a constructive solution. The Council is confident that this resolution will have a positive impact on the matter at hand.

13.6	Dispute of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Draft Budget 2024-2025 and Draft Annual Business Plan 2024-2025
RESOLUTION	[OCM-2024/15]
Moved:	Cr Colin Ross
Seconded:	Cr Michael Phillips-Ryde
That Council, having further considered the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority 2024-2025 Draft Budget and 2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan:	
1. Endorses the attached Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority 2024-2025 Draft Budget and 2024-2025 Draft Annual Business Plan; with the inclusion of the Business Case;	
2. Approves an amount of \$12,099 as its Member Council contribution to support the maintenance of the GRFMA; and	
3. Approves an amount \$46,228 as its Member Council contribution to support the operations of the GRFMA, inclusive of a final payment of \$25,000 to complete the Business Case.	
[CARRIED]	

If you require any further details or clarification regarding the council's decision, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Dodson".

Richard Dodson
Chief Executive Officer

Agenda Item 9.2



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5 August 2024

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Dear Mr Di Lerna

Approval of Draft 2024-25 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) Annual Business Plan (ABP) and Budget – Cessation of Dispute

I write further to previous letters dated 19 April 2024, 1 May 2024 and 2 July 2024 and to previous meetings on 22 May 2024 and 10 July 2024.

After consideration of this correspondence and previous meetings Administration determined to recommend to elected members that they further consider approving the Draft 2024-25 GRFMA ABP and Budget at the 23 July 2024 Ordinary Council meeting.

In our most recent email correspondence we advised that we would update you on the outcome of that meeting.

I wish to advise that at this meeting, Adelaide Hills Council reconsidered their position on approving the GRFMA's draft Annual Business Plan and Budget. Council resolved as follows:

1. *That this report Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan Options Report be received and noted.*
2. *That Council notes its decision at the 23 April 2024 Council Meeting to not approve the Draft 2024-25 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan at that time on the following basis:*
 - a. *That the Council sees little if any benefit to the Adelaide Hills community in contributing to the cost of the further development of the flood mitigation works business case.*
 - b. *That the Council is opposed to the apportioning of costs for further developing the business case equally among the member Councils.*
 - c. *That the cost apportionment should be reflective of the relative contribution to the flood risk and the relative benefits of the flood mitigation works, to each community.*

3. *Notes that Council and the GRFMA have entered into dispute regarding the Draft 2024-25 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget.*
4. *For efficiency and resourcing reasons, to now approve the 2024-25 Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget requiring a contribution from Council of approximately \$50,000, while registering its objections to the proposed further development of the flood mitigation works business case.*
5. *That the Chief Executive Officer advises the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board of Councils resolution and is authorised to undertake all procedures and processes necessary and incidental thereto.*

As a result of this resolution, I give notice that Council's dispute with the GRFMA has ceased.

Please note that while Council has decided to approve the Draft 2024-25 GRFMA ABP and Budget, it wishes to register its objection to the proposed further development of the flood mitigation works business case.

Please note that further correspondence will be sent shortly regarding Adelaide Hills Councils decisions regarding ongoing GRFMA membership.

Thank you to yourself and Mr David Hitchcock for working with myself and staff during this dispute.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'GG', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Greg Georgopoulos
Chief Executive Officer

Agenda Item:	10.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	15 August 2024
Title:	Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

Recommendation:

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.

In order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.1. Gawler River Flood Management Business Case - Funding Strategy, pursuant to Section 90(3)(b)(i)(II) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the GRFMA.

2. This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding consideration of flood mitigation infrastructure and funding of considered works.
3. On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.

Recommendation:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case - Funding Strategy be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(b) (i) (II) of the Local Government Act 1999:
 - Minutes for Item 10.1.
 - Report for Item 10.1.
 - Attachments for item 10.1.
 2. This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.
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In December 2023, the GRFMA Board established a Funding Advocacy Group to progress the issues identified arising from the Infrastructure SA's review of the Business Case.

Membership of the Funding Advocacy Working Group is:

- Mr Greg Pattinson
 - Mr James Miller
 - Cr Paul Koch
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The GRFMA Chairperson is to also be involved.

To assist development of a suitable investment strategy a separate body of work was initiated to provide a report on *Extended Cost Benefit Assessment of Options for the Gawler River Flood Management Initiative*. The report has been completed and received.

The Funding Advocacy Working Group has been working on a draft funding strategy framework that can be further considered by the GRFMA: and ultimately Constituent Councils.

A confidential verbal update of the Funding Advocacy Working Group discussions will be provided at the 15/8/2024 GRFMA meeting.