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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 12 December 2024

Time: 9:45am

Place: City of Playford Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth



David E Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AGENDA

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

ORDINARY MEETING

9:45am Thursday 12 December 2024

City of Playford

Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth

1. Meeting of the Board

- 1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairman
- 1.2 Present
- 1.3 Apologies
- 1.4 Appointment of Observers
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2. Confirmation of Minutes

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3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Audit and Risk Committee

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Nil

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12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: 20 February 2025, 9:45am
Host: Light Regional Council

13. Closure



Agenda Item: 2.1
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 12 December 2024
Title: GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 17/10/2024 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 17/10/2024.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 17 October 2024

Adelaide Plains Council – Council Chambers – 2A Wasleys Road, Mallala

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 152nd meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lerna, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr David Collins, 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
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Light Regional Council, Board Member (via video conference)
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member (via video conference)
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

Guests:

- Mr Ed Pikusa, Department for Environment and Water
- Ms Cate Hart, Department for Environment and Water
- Ms Brooke Paraschos, Department for Environment and Water

1.3 Apologies

- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

GB55/24 **Observers**
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That Shaun Fielding of the City of Playford be appointed as Observer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB56/24 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 15/8/2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 Actions on Previous Resolutions

GB57/24 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mr Jake McVicar
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA notes the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Mr Ed Pikusa, Cate Hart and Brooke Paraschos of the Department for Environment and Water attended the meeting to provide an update presentation on the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.

9:59am Cr Clint Marsh arrived at the meeting.

10:56am formal meeting procedures were suspended for a short break.

11:12am formal meeting procedures resumed.

6. Audit and Risk Committee

Nil

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

GB58/24 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Information Asset Management Report and Manual

GB59/24 Information Asset Management Report and Manual

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Paul Koch

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Notes the Information Asset Management Report.*
- 2. Adopts the Information Asset Manual.*
- 3. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to initiate a suitable process to ensure that Board Members, the Executive Officer, Employees and Volunteers undertake IAM awareness training, if not previously undertaken.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Financial Report

GB60/24 Financial Report

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the financial report as of 30 September 2024 showing a cash at bank balance of \$247,408.91.*
- 2. Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$206,547.56.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 GRFMA Executive Officer Report

GB61/24 GRFMA Executive Officer Report

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to facilitate documented agreement between the Town of Gawler and the GRFMA that facilitates hosting of GRFMA webpage content by the Town of Gawler.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Confidential

10.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

GB62/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

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

11:28am confidential session commenced

10.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

GB63/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

Kept in confidence

10.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

GB64/24 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case – Funding Strategy

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

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:*
 - Minutes for Item 10.1*
 - Reports for Item 10.1 (including late report)*
 - 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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:46am the confidential session concluded.

10.2 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

GB65/24 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the meeting orders that the public be excluded from attendance at this part of the meeting relating to Item 10.2 Review of the Register of Confidential Items, excepting the following persons:*

- *Executive Officer; and*
- *Observers*

to enable the meeting to consider in confidence agenda Item 10.2 on the basis that the meeting considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting the persons listed above) pursuant to Sections 90(3)(a)(b)(d)(e)(i)(k) of the Local Government Act 1999 in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the information or matter relating to Item 10.2:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)*
 - (b) information the disclosure of which — (i) 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 council; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest*
 - (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which — (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest*
- Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda 28 September 2021*
- (e) matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property; or the safety of any person*
 - (i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council*
 - (k) tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works*
2. *Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA Board should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or matter confidential.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:46am the confidential session commenced.

10.2 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

GB66/24 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Paul Koch

That this item be deferred to the December 2024 meeting of the GRFMA Board.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

GB67/24 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

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 10.2 Review of Confidential Items be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to Section 90(3)(a)(b)(d)(e)(i)(k) of the Local Government Act 1999:*
 - *Report for Item 10.2*
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

11:58am the confidential session concluded.

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: 12 December 2024

Host: City of Playford

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:59am.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item: 2.2
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 12 December 2024
Title: GRFMA Special Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board special meeting held on 31/10/2024 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 31/10/2024.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD

1:00pm Thursday 31 October 2024
Virtual Meeting – MS Teams

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 153rd 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 James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

Guests:

- Mr Phil Harnett, URPS
- Mr David Petruzzella of URPS

1.3 Apologies

- Mr David Collins, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Light Regional Council, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

GB68/24 Observers

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That Shaun Fielding be appointed as Observer.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Presentation

2.1 GRFMA Submission to the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan

Mr Lino Di Lernia provided a verbal update.

Mr Phil Harnett and Mr David Petruzzella of URPS provided a verbal presentation.

GB69/24 GRFMA Submission to the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

That:

1. *The draft GARP submission presented by URPS be amended as follows:*
 - a. *The Requested Action section be at the start of the submission and be amended to state:*
The GRFMA requests that:
 - *In delivering the GARP, and as part of any infrastructure scheme (or other funding mechanism), funds are sought from landowners/prospective developers to contribute to the regional flood mitigation measures noting that the cost of raising the Bruce Eastick North Flood Mitigation dam wall is beyond the financial capacity of the GRFMA (and Constituent Councils).*
 - *The GARP identifies and commits to the raising of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam as a key priority for the outer north.*
 - *The GARP acknowledges the opportunities/benefits these mitigation works will provide by way of opening up urban growth lands and improving confidence for existing horticultural and farming activities.*
2. *The amended GARP submission be endorsed by the GRFMA Board and authorise URPS to submit, subject to making reference to improved state road and national rail networks.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 1:37pm.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item: 2.3
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 12 December 2024
Title: Actions on Previous Resolutions

Number	Resolution	Action
45/24	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Receives the report.</i> <i>2. Endorses appointment of HARC Services Pty Ltd to create a new hydrologic model for the Gawler River catchment.</i>	Data Review- complete Model Development complete Hydrological Model Simulations in progress Model verification & design runs in progress Project completion by 16/12/2024
46/24	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Receives the report.</i> <i>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.</i> <i>3. Following this assessment, authorises the Chairman of the GRFMA to engage a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the Dam Structural Integrity investigations, subject to the cost of the investigations being within GRFMA's annual budget.</i> <i>4. Considering the prior extensive involvement of GHD Engineering in the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Dam Business Case, and GHD's knowledge, experience and expertise in dam works, authorises the Chairman of the GRFMA to negotiate exclusively with GHD Engineering.</i>	Refer Agenda item 8.1
59/24	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Notes the Information Asset Management Report.</i> <i>2. Adopts the Information Asset Manual.</i> <i>3. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to initiate a suitable process to ensure that Board Members, the Executive Officer, Employees and Volunteers undertake IAM awareness training, if not previously undertaken.</i>	All Board Members have been provided with relevant information and request to complete

Number	Resolution	Action
61/24	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Receives the report.</i> <i>2. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to facilitate documented agreement between the Town of Gawler and the GRFMA that facilitates hosting of GRFMA webpage content by the Town of Gawler.</i>	In progress with Town of Gawler
66/24	Review of the Register of Confidential Items <i>That this item be deferred to the December 2024 meeting of the GRFMA Board.</i>	Refer Confidential Agenda Item 10.2
69/24	<i>That:</i> <i>1. The draft GARP submission presented by URPS be amended as follows:</i> <i>a. The Requested Action section be at the start of the submission and be amended to state:</i> <i>The GRFMA requests that:</i> <i>• In delivering the GARP, and as part of any infrastructure scheme (or other funding mechanism), funds are sought from landowners/prospective developers to contribute to the regional flood mitigation measures noting that the cost of raising the Bruce Eastick North Flood Mitigation dam wall is beyond the financial capacity of the GRFMA (and Constituent Councils).</i> <i>• The GARP identifies and commits to the raising of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam as a key priority for the outer north.</i> <i>• The GARP acknowledges the opportunities/benefits these mitigation works will provide by way of opening up urban growth lands and improving confidence for existing horticultural and farming activities.</i> <i>2. The amended GARP submission be endorsed by the GRFMA Board and authorise URPS to submit, subject to making reference to improved state road and national rail networks.</i>	Submission lodged

Agenda Item:	6.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	17 December 2024
Title:	GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 4/12/2024

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 4/12/2024.

Refer to the attached copy of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee minutes of the meeting held on 4/12/2024.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

10:20am Wednesday, 4 December 2024

Virtual Meeting – MS Teams

1. Present

- Mr Peter Brass, Independent Member, Chairman
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Minutes from previous meeting

GAC24/06 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 6 August 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 Chairman requested the Executive Officer provide copies of the previous meetings to facilitate electronically signed minute documents.

5. General Business

5.1 Progress Report GRFMA Strategic and Business Plan 2024/2025

GAC24/07 Progress Report GRFMA Strategic and Business Plan 2024/2025

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee receives and notes the GRFMA Strategic Plan and Business Plan 2024/2025 progress report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget Review 1

GAC24/08 **GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget Review 1**
Moved: Mr G Pattinson
Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the Audit and Risk Committee:

1. *Notes GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget Review 1.*
2. *Requests the Executive Officer provides the documents to the 12 December 2024 GRFMA meeting for consideration as its amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2025.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Balance Date Audit Management Letter: Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024

GAC24/09 **Balance Date Audit Management Letter: Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024**
Moved: Mr G Pattinson
Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee receives the Balance Date Audit Management Letter: Financial Year Ended 30 June 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 Information and Asset Management

GAC24/10 **Information and Asset Management**
Moved: Cr M Herrmann
Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee receives the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Confidential

6.1 Cyber Security

GAC24/11 **Cyber Security**
Moved: Cr M Herrmann
Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

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 6.1 Cyber Security 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 cyber security insurance for the GRFMA.*

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

Confidential session commenced at 10:35am.

GAC24/12 **Cyber Security**
Moved: Mr G Pattinson
Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the Executive Officer be requested to make inquiries with other regional authorities, of similar size and responsibilities to the GRFMA, on cyber security coverage and costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GAC24/13 **Cyber Security**
Moved: Cr M Herrmann
Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

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 6.1 Cyber Security 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:*
 - *Item 6.1 Confidential Report and attachment*
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

Confidential session concluded at 10:47am.

7. Other Business

Members discussed the current GRFMA policy of unfunded depreciation of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam and implications for longer term management of the asset and options for relinquishing ownership.

It was also noted that the Adelaide Hills Council had recently resolved to seek Ministerial approval to exit from membership of the GRFMA.

8. Next Meeting

Nominally February 2025

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.	Completed
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 expressed best wishes and good health for the pending Christmas festivities.

The meeting closed at 10:53am.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item:	8.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	12 December 2024
Title:	Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA

- 1. Notes the report.**
 - 2. Receive a verbal update.**
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Background

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 GRFMA is leading ongoing project management from 1 July 2024 to facilitate completion of identified GRFMA responsibilities within the Business Case. DEW remains a participating partner in the management process.

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.

Recommendations in Progress

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:

The hydrologic assessment project is now in progress:

- Data Review - complete
- Model Development - complete
- Hydrological Model simulations - in progress
- Model verification & design runs - in progress
- Project completion due 16/12/2024

GRFMA Resolution 46/24 (15/8/2024)

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.*
3. *Following this assessment, authorises the Chairman of the GRFMA to engage a suitably qualified contractor to undertake the Dam Structural Integrity investigations, subject to the cost of the investigations being within GRFMA's annual budget.*
4. *Considering the prior extensive involvement of GHD Engineering in the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Dam Business Case, and GHD's knowledge, experience and expertise in dam works, authorises the Chairman of the GRFMA to negotiate exclusively with GHD Engineering.*

Below is a synopsis of discussion with GHD and actions to date:

- The fee estimates for the full-length borehole / on-site drilling exceeds GRFMA's current budget allowance.
- GRFMA is looking for ways to address the comments from ISA *"more detailed investigations on the condition of the existing structure, to ensure that this is capable to accommodating the proposed upgrades."*
- GRFMA Chairman Lino Di Lerna is working with GHD to identify options of integrity testing to assist progress beyond Gate 2, other than having to undertake the very expensive core drilling from crest to bedrock at this time. Noting that it is very likely the core drilling will have to be done eventually and prior to design and construct: we intend to include this action in our final funding strategy.
- GHD are now working with Bardavcol (who constructed the Dam) to access their archives for the quality control documents recorded during the construction phase. Some progress has been made with identification and provision of relevant documents.
- Options including non-invasive sonar analysis of the Dam structure are also being considered.
- The intention is to then have GHD provide a considered assessment report on options for progressing which will be submitted to Infrastructure SA (ISA) for consideration and comment on suitability of options to undertake.

- Time frames on provision of the report to ISA are anticipated to be before Christmas 2024.
- ISA have been advised of the above proposals.

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 been successful in obtaining Disaster Ready Grant funding to prepare a community flood awareness campaign for the Gawler River. DEW is the principal 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.
- A GRFMA funding strategy is now being progressed by the working group – refer Confidential Item 10.1.
- A draft out of session paper on the expected composition (membership) of the proposed Steering Committee is now being considered by the Chief Executive of DEW. The paper also outlines the updated approach to establishing a new steering committee etc
- Once agreed, an early December 2024 meeting will be established to initiate the decision and facilitate movement to the next phase and invite the relevant representatives.
- A GRFMA application has been submitted (1/11/2024) to the Urban Precincts and Partnership Program for grant funding of \$1.4 M to complete all of the ISA Stage 2 recommendations.
- Application Summary. *The application is to finalise the Business Case for flood mitigation of the Gawler River Floodplain, which will be delivered in partnership with the State Government and 6 councils. The draft Business Case determined the most appropriate flood mitigation options to reduce physical damage, economic losses, and disruption to assets and people. An ISAAF Gate 2 review identified actions required to complete the business case providing a clear path forward to futureproofing \$555M horticultural industry, generating new investment, restoring community confidence, and reducing the financial impact of flooding events on all levels of government. Cultural and environmental precinct values will be improved and new communities built in growth areas.*

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.*

Recommendations Completed

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: Completed

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

Agenda Item: 8.2
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 12 December 2024
Title: Schedule of Meetings

Recommendation:

That the Schedule of ordinary GRFMA meetings for 2025 be:

- **Thursday 20 February 2025, Light Regional Council**
 - **Thursday 17 April 2025 Adelaide Hills Council**
 - **Thursday 19 June 2025, The Barossa Council**
 - **Thursday 21 August 2025, Town of Gawler**
 - **Thursday 16 October 2025, Adelaide Plains Council**
 - **Thursday 11 December 2025, City of Playford**
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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.

A special meeting of the Board may be held at any time and may be called at the request of the Chairperson or at the written request of six members of the Board representing all of the Constituent Councils.

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

Meetings are hosted by the Constituent Councils on a rotational roster during the year.

A meeting Schedule for 2025 should now be determined.

The table below indicates a proposed schedule.

GRFMA 2025 Meeting Schedule

Day	Date	Council/location
Thursday	20 February 2025	Light Regional Council
Thursday	17 April 2025	Adelaide Hills Council
Thursday	19 June 2025	The Barossa Council
Thursday	21 August 2025	Town of Gawler
Thursday	16 October 2025	Adelaide Plains Council
Thursday	11 December 2025	City of Playford

Agenda Item: 8.3
Committee: GRFMA Board
Meeting Date: 12 December 2024
Title: Financial Report and BR1

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA:

1. Receive the financial report as of 30 November 2024 showing a cash at bank balance of \$13,442.74
2. Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$323,437.65
3. Adopts the GRFMA 2024/20245 Budget Review 1 documents November 2024, and the variances contained as its amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2025.

Financial Report 30/11/2024

See attachments for the monthly reconciliations:

- ✧ Reconciliation to 30/11/2024
- ✧ Budget result to 30/11/2024
- ✧ Balance Sheet 30/11/2024

Cash Management

The table below provides a summary of internal borrowing currently being utilised to offset Cash Advance Debenture interest costs. Net internal lending \$323,437.65.

GRFMA and AND INTERNAL LENDING FROM 1 July 2024							
	Date	Dam capital Res	Internal lending	Withdraw internal lend	Capital Repayment	Interests pym	Balance
	30/06/2024		\$ 42,262.00				\$ 451,589.00
	30/06/2024	\$ 55,939.00					
	30/06/2024						\$ 353,388.00
	8/07/2024		\$ 200,000.00				\$ 153,388.00
Accrued inte at 30/6/ at 30 June CAD liability actually \$451,589	30/07/2024					\$ 5,714.44	\$ 159,102.44
	030/08/2024			\$ 30,000.00			\$ 189,102.44
	30/09/2024			\$ 20,000.00			\$ 209,102.44
	8/10/2024					\$ 3,109.91	\$ 212,212.35
	30/10/2024		\$ 180,000.00				\$ 32,212.35
	30/11/2024			\$ 40,000.00			\$ 72,212.35
	Total	\$ 55,939.00	\$ 422,262.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 72,212.35		
	Internal lending		\$ 332,262.00	Net of two			
	Less interest		\$ 8,824.35		\$ 323,437.65		
	Dam Capital Reserve	\$ 55,939.00			\$ 55,939.00		
			Actual CAD liability	\$ 451,589.00			

Budget Review 1

Regulation 9 of Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011 states:

'A report showing a revised forecast of its operating and capital investment activities for the relevant financial year compared with the estimates for those activities set out in the budget presented in a manner consistent with the note in the Model Financial Statements entitled Uniform Presentation of Finances'.

BR1 contains movement in both income and expenditure and results in a small adjustment to the 2023/2024 adopted budget forecast net loss.

Income

- State Grant now \$156,000 = Increase to reflect the DEW Business Case contribution of \$146,000 and \$10,000 grass roots grant (revegetation) from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

Expenses

- Honorarium Chairman now \$20,400 = Additional \$6,00 to reflect the agreed amount of \$20,000 for services of the newly appointed GRFMA Chairman.
- Maintenance BENPFM Dam now \$79,550 = Additional \$10,000 to reflect cost expenditures of grass roots grant (revegetation) from the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

See attached BR1 as per the Local Government Uniform Presentation of Finances which indicates a Net Operating Result (\$651,098*) deficit. *Rounding variations apply.

Separately attached is BR1 displayed in MYOB format to provide additional account details.

The variation between the BR1 net operating result of (\$651,098) in the Uniform Presentation of Finances and the BR1 net operating result in MYOB (\$706,096) is principally due to the cash accounting format of MYOB which reflects \$70,000 CAD finance costs as operating expenses and the Uniform Presentation of Finances presents the \$70,000 as \$15,000 finance payments, (operating) and \$55,000 repayment of borrowings.

I.e. Uniform Presentation of Finances net operating loss (\$651,098*) plus \$55,000 CAD repayment = \$706,06) MYOB result. *Rounding variations apply.

The deficit is the result of unfunded depreciation of \$706,098.

Balance Sheet

As of November 2024

ABN: 12 925 534 861

Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Bank SA Account	\$10,901.05		
LGFA Investment Account	\$2,541.69		
Total Bank Accounts		\$13,442.74	
Other Current Assets			
Trade Debtors	\$36,018.00		
Total Other Current Assets		\$36,018.00	
Total Current Assets			\$49,460.74
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			\$42,656,404.14
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST Liabilities			
GST Collected	\$38,198.86		
GST Paid	-\$10,528.36		
ATO Payments & Refunds	-\$32,812.00		
Total GST Liabilities		-\$5,141.50	
Other Current Liabilities			
Accrued Expense	\$16,965.46		
Cash Advance Debenture	\$72,212.27		
Total Other Current Liabilities		\$89,177.73	
Total Current Liabilities		\$84,036.23	
Total Liabilities			\$84,036.23
Net Assets			\$42,572,367.91
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus		\$15,974,461.00	
Asset Revaluation Reserves		\$30,364,320.11	
Retained Earnings		-\$4,035,117.07	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		\$268,703.87	
Total Equity			\$42,572,367.91

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Reconciliation Report

ID No.	Date	Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
Account: 1-1110 Bank SA Account				
Date Of Bank Statement: 30/11/2024				
Last Reconciled: 31/10/2024				
Last Reconciled Balance: \$15,690.69				
Cleared Cheques				
EFT	6/11/2024	CETPAR Pty Ltd		\$3,482.60
EFT	6/11/2024	HARC		\$7,733.55
EFT	6/11/2024	LUVROK Pty Ltd		\$8,574.49
EFT	6/11/2024	Water Technology		\$16,500.00
EFT	20/11/2024	URPS		\$8,426.00
GJ000195	29/11/2024	MYOB subscription Nov 24		\$68.00
SC301124	30/11/2024	Safe Deposit fee		\$5.00
Total:			\$0.00	\$44,789.64
Cleared Deposits				
GJ000196	29/11/2024	CAD repayment	\$40,000.00	
Total:			\$40,000.00	\$0.00
Reconciliation:				
AccountRight Balance On 30/11/2024:				\$10,901.05
Add: Outstanding Cheques:				\$0.00
SubTotal:				\$10,901.05
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:				\$0.00
Expected Balance On Statement:				\$10,901.05

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	15,690.69CR
Transaction period from	01/11/2024 to 30/11/2024

Date	Description	Serial number	Debit	Credit	Balance
07/11/2024	OSKO DEPOSIT 07NOV14:43 31185 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AUTHORIT			40,000.00	55,690.69CR
11/11/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 11NOV16:17 GRFMA Chair Hon Oct 24		3,482.60		52,208.09CR
11/11/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 11NOV16:17 DEW 6.3 Hydrology		7,733.55		44,474.54CR
11/11/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 11NOV16:17 GRFMA EO Oct 24		8,579.49		35,895.05CR
11/11/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 11NOV16:17 SMP inv 16421		16,500.00		19,395.05CR
20/11/2024	SAFE DEPOSIT FEE (INC GST)		5.00		19,390.05CR
25/11/2024	MYOB Australia MYOB 1-91355491336		68.00		19,322.05CR
25/11/2024	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 25NOV16:31 GARP submission		8,426.00		10,896.05CR
	TOTAL		44,794.64	40,000.00	10,896.05CR

Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]

July 2024 To June 2025

ABN: 12 925 534 861

	Selected Period	Budgeted	\$ Difference
Income			
Admin of GRFMA			
Member Subscriptions	\$138,686	\$277,373	-\$138,687
Interest LGFA	\$19	\$824	-\$805
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$138,705	\$278,197	-\$139,492
Operations Flood Mit Scheme			
Council Subscriptions	\$69,775	\$139,550	-\$69,775
State Grant	\$156,000	\$156,000	\$0
Total Operations Flood Mit Scheme	\$225,775	\$295,550	-\$69,775
Total Income	\$364,480	\$573,747	-\$209,267
Gross Profit	\$364,480	\$573,747	-\$209,267
Expenses			
Admin of GRFMA			
Executive Officer Contract	\$23,408	\$58,800	-\$35,392
Adv, printing, stationery post	\$0	\$1,300	-\$1,300
Travelling Expenses	\$882	\$4,200	-\$3,318
Insurance PL & PI	\$5,162	\$9,600	-\$4,438
Audit Committee	\$650	\$2,600	-\$1,950
Audit Fees	\$5,799	\$6,175	-\$376
Bank Fees	\$18	\$120	-\$102
Honorarium - Chairperson	\$8,381	\$20,400	-\$12,019
Other	\$4,906	\$10,800	-\$5,894
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$49,206	\$113,995	-\$64,789
GRFM Business Case			
Consultancies	\$11,198	\$20,000	-\$8,802
Business Case	\$23,409	\$290,000	-\$266,591
Total GRFM Business Case	\$34,607	\$310,000	-\$275,393
Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme			
BENPFM Dam repairs	\$1,892	\$79,550	-\$77,658
Rates & Levies	\$135	\$200	-\$65
Total Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme	\$2,027	\$79,750	-\$77,723
Depreciation			
Depreciation	\$0	\$706,098	-\$706,098
Total Expenses	\$85,840	\$1,209,843	-\$1,124,003
Operating Profit	\$278,640	-\$636,096	\$914,736
Total Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Expenses			
Interest Expense	\$3,110	\$70,000	-\$66,890
Total Other Expenses	\$3,110	\$70,000	-\$66,890
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$275,530	-\$706,096	\$981,626

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1
\$	INCOME	\$	\$
289,386	Subscriptions	416,921	416,921
-	Grants Subsidies and Contributions	-	156,000
762	Investment Income	824	824
270,520	Other	-	-
560,668	TOTAL REVENUES	417,745	573,745
	EXPENSES		
453,359	Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	347,745	503,745
23,069	Finance Costs	15,000	15,000
706,099	Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	706,098	706,098
1,182,526	Total Expenses	1,068,843	1,224,843
(621,858)	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS	(651,098)	(651,098)
21,699,347	Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	-	-
-	Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	-
-	Physical resources received free of charge	-	-
21,077,489	TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	(651,098)	(651,098)

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1
\$		\$	\$
Inflows (Outflows)		Inflows (Outflows)	Inflows (Outflows)
	CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
	RECEIPTS		
580,579	Operating Receipts	416,921	572,921
811	Investment Receipts	824	824
	PAYMENTS		
(459,576)	Operating payments to suppliers & employees	(347,745)	(495,745)
(22,979)	Finance Payments	(15,000)	(15,000)
98,835	Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	55,000	63,000
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
	RECEIPTS		
-	Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	-
0	Sale of Assets	0	0
	PAYMENTS		
-	Capital Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	-	-
-	Capital Expenditure on new/upgraded assets	-	-
-	Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	-	-
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
	RECEIPTS		
-	Proceeds from Borrowings	-	-
	PAYMENTS		
(87,021)	Repayment of Borrowings	(55,000)	(55,000)
(87,021)	NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(55,000)	(55,000)
	NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	-	8,000
11,814	CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	29,857	41,309
29,496			
41,309	CASH AT END OF YEAR	29,857	49,309

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025 Review 1

BALANCE SHEET

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1
	ASSETS		
\$	CURRENT ASSETS	\$	\$
41,309	Cash and cash equivalents	29,857	49,309
210,404	Trade & other receivables	91,125	56,404
-	Inventories	-	-
<u>251,713</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>120,982</u>	<u>105,713</u>
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
-	Financial Assets	-	-
42,606,944	Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	43,126,207	41,900,845
<u>42,606,944</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>43,126,207</u>	<u>41,900,845</u>
<u>42,858,657</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>43,247,190</u>	<u>42,006,559</u>
	LIABILITIES		
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
201,605	Trade & Other Payables	67,733	55,605
353,388	Borrowings	330,409	298,388
-	Short-term Provisions	-	-
<u>554,993</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>398,142</u>	<u>353,993</u>
	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
-	Long-term Borrowings	-	-
-	Long-term Provisions	-	-
<u>-</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>554,993</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>398,142</u>	<u>353,993</u>
<u>42,303,664</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>42,849,048</u>	<u>41,652,566</u>
	EQUITY		
11,939,344	Accumulated Surplus	11,643,167	11,288,246
30,364,320	Asset Revaluation	31,205,881	30,364,320
-	Other Reserves	-	-
<u>42,303,664</u>	TOTAL EQUITY	<u>42,849,048</u>	<u>41,652,566</u>

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025 Review 1

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1
\$		\$	\$
	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
12,561,202	Balance at end of previous reporting period	12,294,265	11,939,344
-621,858	Net Result for Year	-651,098	-651,098
0	Transfer From Reserves	0	0
0	Transfer To Reserves	0	0
<u>11,939,344</u>	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>11,643,167</u>	<u>11,288,246</u>
	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE		
8,664,973	Balance at end of previous reporting period	31,205,881	30,364,320
21,699,347.00	Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00	0.00
0.00	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00	0.00
<u>30,364,320</u>	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	<u>31,205,881</u>	<u>30,364,320</u>
<u>42,303,664</u>	TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	<u>42,849,048</u>	<u>41,652,566</u>

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
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UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1
\$		\$	\$
560,668	Operating Revenues	417,745	573,745
(1,182,527)	less Operating Expenses	(1,068,843)	(1,224,843)
<u>(621,859)</u>	Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	<u>(651,098)</u>	<u>(651,098)</u>
	Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets		
	Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-	-
-		-	-
(706,099)	less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(706,098)	(706,098)
-	less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-	-
<u>(706,099)</u>		<u>(706,098)</u>	<u>(706,098)</u>
	Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets		
-	Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
-	less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-	-
-	less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	-	-
<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
84,240	Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	55,000	55,000

Profit & Loss [Budget Analysis]

July 2024 To June 2025

ABN: 12 925 534 861

	Selected Period	Budgeted	\$ Difference
Income			
Admin of GRFMA			
Member Subscriptions	\$138,686	\$277,373	-\$138,687
Interest LGFA	\$919	\$824	\$95
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$139,605	\$278,197	-\$138,592
Operations Flood Mit Scheme			
Council Subscriptions	\$69,775	\$139,550	-\$69,775
State Grant	\$156,000	\$156,000	\$0
Total Operations Flood Mit Scheme	\$225,775	\$295,550	-\$69,775
Total Income	\$365,380	\$573,747	-\$208,367
Gross Profit	\$365,380	\$573,747	-\$208,367
Expenses			
Admin of GRFMA			
Executive Officer Contract	\$23,408	\$58,800	-\$35,392
Adv, printing, stationery post	\$0	\$1,300	-\$1,300
Travelling Expenses	\$882	\$4,200	-\$3,318
Insurance PL & PI	\$5,162	\$9,600	-\$4,438
Audit Committee	\$650	\$2,600	-\$1,950
Audit Fees	\$5,799	\$6,175	-\$376
Bank Fees	\$23	\$120	-\$97
Honorarium - Chairperson	\$8,381	\$20,400	-\$12,019
Other	\$4,968	\$10,800	-\$5,832
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$49,272	\$113,995	-\$64,723
GRFM Business Case			
Consultancies	\$18,858	\$20,000	-\$1,142
Business Case	\$23,409	\$290,000	-\$266,591
Total GRFM Business Case	\$42,267	\$310,000	-\$267,733
Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme			
BENPFM Dam repairs	\$1,892	\$79,550	-\$77,658
Rates & Levies	\$135	\$200	-\$65
Total Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme	\$2,027	\$79,750	-\$77,723
Depreciation			
Depreciation	\$0	\$706,098	-\$706,098
Total Expenses	\$93,566	\$1,209,843	-\$1,116,277
Operating Profit	\$271,814	-\$636,096	\$907,910
Total Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Expenses			
Interest Expense	\$3,110	\$70,000	-\$66,890
Total Other Expenses	\$3,110	\$70,000	-\$66,890
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$268,704	-\$706,096	\$974,800

Reconciliation Report

PO Box 366
Seacliff Park SA 5049
ABN: 12 925 534 861
Email: eo@grfma.com

ID No.	Date Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
Account: 1-1130 LGFA Investment Account			
Date Of Bank Statement: 30/11/2024			
Last Reconciled: 31/10/2024			
Last Reconciled Balance: \$1,641.70			
Cleared Deposits			
IE301124	30/11/2024 Interest LGFA	\$899.99	
Total:		\$899.99	\$0.00
Reconciliation:			
AccountRight Balance On 30/11/2024:		\$2,541.69	
Add: Outstanding Cheques:		\$0.00	
SubTotal:		\$2,541.69	
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:		\$0.00	
Expected Balance On Statement:		\$2,541.69	

Reconciliation Report

PO Box 366
Seacliff Park SA 5049
ABN: 12 925 534 861
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ID No.	Date Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
Account: 1-1130 LGFA Investment Account			
Date Of Bank Statement: 30/11/2024			
Last Reconciled: 31/10/2024			
Last Reconciled Balance: \$1,641.70			
Cleared Deposits			
IE301124	30/11/2024 Interest LGFA	\$899.99	
Total:		\$899.99	\$0.00
Reconciliation:			
AccountRight Balance On 30/11/2024:		\$2,541.69	
Add: Outstanding Cheques:		\$0.00	
SubTotal:		\$2,541.69	
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:		\$0.00	
Expected Balance On Statement:		\$2,541.69	

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Consolidated Loans and Investments as at close of business 01/12/2024

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	62991	Council Loan-CAD Variable	02/12/2024	15/12/2031	6.15%	-\$72,212.27	\$700,000.00	\$627,787.73
Totals						-\$72,212.27	\$700,000.00	\$627,787.73

Council Deposits

Counterparty	Deal	Instrument	Maturity Date	Rate	Balance
Gawler River General	62666	Council Dep - 24HR Mthly	02/12/2024	4.65%	\$2,541.69
Totals					\$2,541.69

Summary as at close of business 01/12/2024

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Entity	Amount
Cash Advance Debentures	-\$72,212.27
CAD Limit Available	\$627,787.73
Council Deposits	\$2,541.69
Net Position	-\$69,670.58
Weighted Average Interest Rate % (Deposits)	4.65%
Weighted Average Interest Rate % (Loans)	6.15%

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Transaction Statement from 01/11/2024 to 29/11/2024 inclusive

Council Deposits

Deal	Action Date	Transaction	Interest Rate	Amount	Balance
Gawler River General					
Council Dep - 24HR Mthly - 62666					
	01/11/2024	Opening Balance	4.65%		\$1,641.70
62666	01/11/2024	Capitalise Interest	4.65%	\$6.51	\$1,648.21
62666	22/11/2024	SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION ON LOANS	4.65%	\$890.26	\$2,538.47
62666	22/11/2024	SPECIAL DISTRIBUTION ON DEPOSITS	4.65%	\$3.22	\$2,541.69
	29/11/2024	Closing Balance	4.65%		\$2,541.69
Accrued Interest for Selected Period				\$6.98	
Unpaid Accrued Interest for Interest Period				\$6.98	
Gawler River General Total for Selected Period				\$6.98	
Gawler River General Total Unpaid for Interest Period				\$6.98	

Summary

Council	Accrued Interest	Unpaid Accrued Interest
Gawler River General Total	\$6.98	\$6.98
Grand Total	\$6.98	\$6.98

Agenda Item: 8.4
Committee: GRFMA Board
Meeting Date: 12 December 2024
Title: Executive Officer Report

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA:

1. Receive the report.
 2. Notes the GRFMA Strategic Plan and Business Plan 2024/2025 progress report.
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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 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.

Schedule of meetings attended by EO for July/September 2024:

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

Schedule of meetings attended by GRFMA Chairperson for July/ September 2024:

Entity	GRFMA Chairperson
GRFMA Meetings	2
Business Case	2
SMP	
Meeting councils	4

GRFMA Strategic Plan and Business Plan 2024/2025 progress report

Progress and achievements of the 2024/2025 Annual Business Plan and GRFMA Strategic Plan priorities year are identified in attachment below - GRFMA Work Requirements November 2024.

ANCOLD Conference 2024

The Australian National Committee on Large Dams Inc. (ANCOLD) is an Australian based non-government, not-for-profit and voluntary association of organisations and individual professionals with a common technical interest in dams.

The annual ANCOLD Conference attracts a diverse and esteemed gathering of professionals, researchers, and stakeholders involved in the field of dam engineering and safety. Typically, attendees include dam owners, operators, engineers, geologists, hydrologists, and environmental scientists, all converging to share their expertise and insights.

The ANCOLD conference 2024 was held in Adelaide 11-14 November 2024.

Preconference site tours showcasing some of South Australia's dams' infrastructure were also provided.

The GRFMA Executive Officer hosted a site tour of 30 delegates at the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam on 10 November 2024. Significant interest was expressed in the Dam and its construction techniques, being a Roller Compacted Concrete Dams (RCC).

The GRFMA Chairman and Executive Officer attended a one-day preconference, ANCOLD 2024 Adelaide, Concrete Dams masterclass held in Adelaide 11 November 2024.

The masterclass was of specific interest to GRFMA as it provided detailed information on construction techniques and assessment of Roller Compacted Concrete Dams (RCC).

Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) – Gawler River

The GRFMA has been working toward completion of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan (SMP).

Report 8.4 of the 17 October 2024, amongst other things, advised that a copy of the draft SMP document had been provided to staff representatives of SMA, Green Adelaide (GA) and Northern and York Landscape Board (N&YLB) for review and assessment that the document now includes information previously requested.

Consolidated comments on the draft document were received from the SMA, Green Adelaide and Northern and Yorke Landscape Board on the 11/11/2024.

The key responses being:

It is clear that significant work has been done to reshape the report and that the previous feedback provided has been heard. As such we do not believe a working group (GRFMA, SMA Board reps and Landscape Boards) meeting is required.

As a minimum, it is requested the GRFMA make the changes highlighted in yellow (8 comments) before consultation is pursued. We believe the remaining comments are less critical to the interpretation of the text and relatively easily addressed. The SMA and the Landscape Boards do not feel it necessary to see the Plan again until it is ready to be submitted to the Landscape Boards and the Authority for final approval phase.

The Authority is supportive of the draft Plan progressing to community and council consultation (subject to the small number of minimum changes requested).

The GRFMA Executive Officer and Mr Shaun Fielding (City of Playford) met with Water Technology, SMP consultants, on 14/11/2024 and confirmed inclusion of the requested information be made.

Consultation on the draft SMP document will now be initiated. Consultation will be directed to communities along the Gawler River precincts of Gawler, Light, Playford and Adelaide Plains Councils. Constituent Councils will be provided a copy of this document for information and any comment. Note GRFMA is the principal proponent of the SMP.

Following conclusion of public consultation the SMP document, as amended, will be provided to the GRFMA for endorsement with subsequent provision to GA and N&YLB seeking approval of the plan.

Once the above approvals have been confirmed the document will then be provided to the SMA Board seeking final approval.

Urban Precincts and Partnership Program (uPPP)

As advised in item 8.1 application has been submitted (1/11/2024) to the Urban Precincts and Partnership Program for grant funding of \$1.4 M to complete all of the ISA Stage 2 recommendations, Gawler River Flood Management Business Case.

The application is currently being assessed in accordance with the program specifications. The date of announcement of successful applications is not known at this time.

Draft EIS for the Buckland Park – Precinct 2 Riverlea

In 2023 the GRFMA provided commentary on the draft EIS for the Buckland Park – Precinct 2 – amendment to the EIS report.

The GRFMA commentary noted the AEIS consistency with previous stormwater management statements, except for the discharge to the northern outlet of the Gawler River northwest of the site – which stated that wetlands in the northwest portion of the site in the MUSIC modelling will treat stormwater before discharge into the channel.

Walker Corporation (Riverlea Developer) have now submitted a Response Document arising from public comments and agency and council advice,

Regarding the GRFMA commentary, Walker Corporation have now responded that the northern wetlands and connection to the Gawler River has been removed and that there are now no outlets to the Gawler River.

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Agenda Item:	9.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	12 December 2024
Title:	Correspondence – Adelaide Hills Council Membership of GRFMA

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA Board:

- 1. Receives the correspondence.**
 - 2. Further discusses the Adelaide Hills membership of the GRFMA at Confidential item 10.3.**
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Correspondence of 30 October 2024 from Adelaide Hills Council CEO, Mr Greg Georgopoulos advises the Council is now actively exploring the implications of leaving the GRFMA and is preparing a report to that end. The GRFMA's views on this matter have been invited. Refer attached copy of the Council correspondence and attached Council report which includes legal implications of membership withdrawal.

GRFMA Chairman, Mr Lino Di Lernia responded to the correspondence on 12 November 2024 advising the letter and Council report will be tabled for discussion at the 12 December 2024 GRFMA Board meeting.

Mr Di Lernia also advised he would further contact Mr Georgopoulos once the Board's view is known.

On 2/12/2024 an Adelaide Hills Council representative subsequently verbally advised that the Council has now resolved to seek Ministerial approval to leave membership of the GRFMA and that formal correspondence relating to the matter will be provided to the GRFMA. Correspondence now received agenda refer item 10.3.

Extract - Adelaide Hills Council, minutes of the meeting Tuesday 26 November 2024:

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Membership

Council resolves: 419/24

- *That the report be received and noted.*
- *That the CEO formally write to the Minister, by 31 December 2024, seeking approval*
- *That the CEO write to the GRFMA and Constituent Councils, by 31 December 2024,*
- *to officially advise of its intention to withdraw from the GRFMA, as required by Clause 19 of the Charter.*
- *That the Council approve an initial budget allocation of \$20,000 for consultant fees, enabling Council to obtain expert advice and effectively manage the negotiations required to exit the GRFMA.*

Carried Unanimously

Refer to Confidential Item 10.3 for a further report regarding this matter.

30 October 2024

Mr Lino Di Lernia
Chair Person
Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority
PO Box 366
Seacliff Park, SA 5049

Via email: eo@grfma.com

Dear Mr Di Lernia

Adelaide Hills Council – GRFMA Membership

I refer to my previous correspondence dated 6 August 2024 in which Adelaide Hills Council advised that our dispute with the GRFMA had ceased.

In that correspondence I advised that further correspondence would be sent advising of Adelaide Hills Council's decision about our ongoing membership in the GRFMA.

I wish to advise that at its ordinary meeting held on 23 July 2024, Adelaide Hills Council resolved as follows:

1. *That this report Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Membership Report be received and noted.*
2. *In light of the risks and opportunities of continued membership of GRFMA as outlined in this report, the CEO undertake a detailed examination of the implications of leaving the GRFMA, to be brought back to the Council for consideration by October 2024, noting that the CEO will seek additional budget to progress this project based on a cost estimate.*
3. *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.*
4. *That the CEO may, if appropriate, seek the views of the Minister or his office about Adelaide Hills Council staying or leaving the GRFMA.*

I have attached the Agenda report, which provides background context to this resolution.

Whilst no formal decision has been made, Council is now actively exploring the implications of leaving the GRFMA and is preparing a report to that end. I welcome the GRFMA's views on

Adelaide Hills Council staying or leaving the GRFMA. I am also happy to meet to discuss this matter in person. Please contact Rebekah Lyons on rlyons@ahc.sa.gov.au should you wish to meet.

As per the resolution, I have also notified the constituent Councils and sought their views on the matter.

Yours sincerely

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

Greg Georgopoulos
Chief Executive Officer

**ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 23 July 2024
AGENDA BUSINESS ITEM**

Item:	12.3
Responsible Officer:	Zoë Gill Governance and Risk Coordinator CEO's Office
Subject:	Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Membership Report
For:	Decision

SUMMARY

Council is a Constituent Council of the regional subsidiary, the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority ('GRFMA'). At the 23 April 2024 Council Meeting it was resolved that the CEO provide a report to Council detailing the risks and opportunities associated with ongoing membership of the GRFMA.

This report details these risks and opportunities of ongoing membership of the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

Council resolves:

Council resolves:

1. That this report *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Membership Report* be received and noted.
 2. In light of the risks and opportunities of continued membership of GRFMA as outlined in this report, the CEO undertake a detailed examination of the implications of leaving the GRFMA, to be brought back to the Council for consideration by October 2024, noting that the CEO will seek additional budget to progress this project based on a cost estimate.
 3. 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.
 4. That the CEO may, if appropriate, seek the views of the Minister or his office about Adelaide Hills Council staying or leaving the GRFMA.
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1. BACKGROUND

The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority ('GRFMA') is a regional subsidiary established under section 43 of and Schedule 2 to the *Local Government Act 1999* by the

Constituent Councils of Adelaide Hills Council, Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council, Town of Gawler, the Light Regional Council and the City of Playford.

The purpose of GRFMA is to coordinate the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of flood mitigation infrastructure for the Gawler River. It has 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.

The Gawler River catchment is fed predominantly by the North and South Para Rivers. It is via the South Para River that AHC has an interest in the Authority. It is to be noted that only a very small portion of the overall Gawler River catchment is within the Adelaide Hills Council district and most of that land is held by various government agencies (such as Forestry SA and SA Water).

All of the water from AHC's portion of the catchment flows into the South Para Reservoir and all water releases from that reservoir are entirely the responsibility of and regulated by SA Water. In fact, it is understood that there are only occasional releases of water from the South Para Reservoir. In short, the Council does not have any control or influence over the catchment and no part of its district is impacted by downstream flooding.

23 April 2024 Resolution

At the 23 April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council considered a draft GRFMA budget and business plan for 2024-25. Following consideration of the matter, Council resolved:

Council resolves:

- 1. That the report be received and noted.**
 - 2. To advise the Board of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) that it has reviewed the GRFMA Draft 2024-25 Annual Business Plan and Budget and that Council does 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.**
 - 3. That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to participate in any dispute resolution process arising from this decision, noting that any decisions about funding allocations will need to be considered and approved by the Council.**
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- 4. That the Chief Executive Officer provide a report to Council by 31 July 2024 which examines the risks and opportunities associated with the Council's ongoing membership of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority, including details of the process for withdrawing from the Authority.**

Carried Unanimously

This Agenda Report deals only with part 4. of the above resolution.

Correspondence to the GRFMA

On 1 May 2024, Council sent correspondence to the Chair of the GRFMA advising of the resolution of the 23 April 2024. In this correspondence Council advised that initial steps were being taken to examine its ongoing membership of the GRFMA. The correspondence emphasised that no decision about ongoing membership had been made. This correspondence also addressed the first parts of the above resolution in relation to the Annual Business Plan and Budget, though this matter is not discussed further in this Agenda Report, aside from noting that there are ongoing discussions with GRFMA (see Agenda item 12.4 for a discussion of this matter).

Council sent further correspondence to the GRFMA Chair on the 2 July 2024, advising that it is exploring the option of withdrawal from the GRFMA.

Administration has met twice with the executive officer and presiding member of the GRFMA to discuss, amongst other things, the possibility of exiting the GRFMA.

2. ANALYSIS

➤ Strategic Management Plan/Functional Strategy/Council Policy Alignment

Goal 5	A Progressive Organisation
Objective 03	Our organisation is financially sustainable for both current and future generations
Priority 03.2	Ensure that renewal of assets and the associated maintenance is based on current asset management plans which consider reviewed service levels and whole of life costing

➤ Legal Implications

GRFMA is a regional subsidiary established under section 43 and Schedule 2 to the *Local Government Act 1999* (LG Act).

By way of background, it is noted that each of the Adelaide Plains (**APC**) and Barossa (**Barossa**) Councils have, in the recent past, also contemplated withdrawal from the GRFMA. The APC proceeded with a formal application to Minister Brock (in 2018 when he was the then LG Minister) to withdraw from the GRFMA but this was refused by him, based upon an expectation that APC would raise its concerns with the Authority, the other Constituent Councils and as part of the then ‘flagged’ review of the GRFMA Charter.

The Barossa Council has, similarly, actively considered the issue of withdrawal from the GRFMA but has not proceeded in any formal manner.

At this point in time, the APC has also not reagitated its withdrawal objective.

However, there have been ‘other’ relevant developments in the activities and operations of the GRFMA, in particular, the review and updating of the Charter, the identification of significant capital projects and the preparation of the Stormwater Management Plan. These are all matters that would, most likely, be relevant considerations in any application by a Constituent Council to the Minister to withdraw from the GRFMA.

The issue of an actual or potential withdrawal by the Council from the GRFMA is, therefore, an issue which is to be considered in the context of the previous APC application to withdraw and relevant developments since that time. It is also a consideration that, in all likelihood, would benefit from an expert report about the implications (if any) of the Council ceasing its membership and what implications would flow therefrom for the GRFMA and the other Constituent Councils.

Relevantly, clause 29 of Schedule 2 to the LG Act recognises that a constituent council of a regional subsidiary may, in accordance with the charter of the subsidiary and with the approval of the Minister, cease its membership. It is clause 19 of the GRFMA Charter that reflects clause 29 of Schedule 2 to the LG Act and provides that a Constituent Council must give at least six (6) months’ notice to the other Councils and to the GRFMA (to the Executive Officer) of its intention to withdraw. Withdrawal is then effective from 30 June following the expiry of the six (6) months’ notice period – subject, of course, to the approval of the Minister. Until withdrawal is effective, the Constituent Council remains liable for all financial contributions that, as a Constituent Council, it is liable to make to the GRFMA – relevant in this regard will be the operating expense (OPEX) and capital expense (CAPEX) contributions as set out in the approved budget.

The associated (and concurrent) primary consideration for the Council is the viability of remaining as a Constituent Council of the GRFMA in circumstances where its membership is of a minor nature (as demonstrated by its CAPEX contribution level – but subject to proposed capital expenditure for significant capital works) but its exposure to the OPEX is, at least potentially, significant at all times. Whilst the Minister might be cautious about approving the withdrawal of a Constituent Council that has a significant role in the GRFMA, the Council membership is at the minor end of the spectrum of membership and its position vis-à-vis withdrawal allows for a much more compelling (financial, at least) case to be presented than that which was refused for the APC when it applied to withdraw.

The impact on Council's equity stake in the GRFMA (see financial section below) of exiting the GRFMA is not clear.

➤ **Risk Management Implications**

In considering the option of withdrawal from the GRFMA and, relatedly, convincing the Minister to provide his consent to the withdrawal, the Council must consider associated risks including:

- (i) whether the GRFMA would continue to exist as an entity – this is not a significant consideration in circumstances where the Council, whilst being a Constituent Council, is a minor partner in the subsidiary. In addition some of the constituent councils are “growth Councils” that may have access to resources to support the GRFMA and have a much more significant interest in doing so.
- (ii) loss of capacity to influence the capital works of the GRFMA – this is not a major risk to Adelaide Hills Council given our community will not be significantly impacted by flood risks and/or the benefits of capital works.
- (iii) actual/potential financial impacts from remaining or withdrawing – In relation to the annual costs (CAPEX and OPEX), AHC will receive a benefit by exiting the GRFMA. In addition, AHC would also not have liability to contribute to any future capital works, which could be significant depending on the outcome of the proposed flood mitigation works business case. Further work needs to be undertaken to understand the financial impacts of leaving the GRFMA in relation to the current interest AHC has in the assets of GRFMA.
- (iv) whether there would be any potential for increased flooding infrastructure costs for the Council's community – No, there is no requirement for infrastructure work in the AHC portion of the catchment area.
- (v) any reputational risks, including from an adverse Ministerial response to the application or relationships with other Councils – There is minimal risk to reputation for an adverse decision by the Minister. There is some risk of damaging relationships with other constituent councils from leaving the GRFMA as this will increase their annual liabilities. There may be a reputational risk if AHC is seen as not supporting the GRFMA, which is considered by some to be protecting one of Adelaide's food bowls.

Other risks are discussed further below.

➤ **Financial and Resource Implications**

Councils current liability as a member of the GRFMA is disproportionate to the benefit derived from membership as a constituent council.

Contributions for operational costs are shared at a rate of 16.66% between the Constituent Councils. Maintenance costs vary as per the table below.

Constituent Council	Capital Works	Maintenance of Assets	Operational Costs
	Percentage Share	Percentage Share	Percentage Share
Adelaide Hills Council	1.73%	1.73%	16.66%
Adelaide Plains Council	28.91%	28.91%	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%
City of Playford	34.68%	34.68%	16.66%
Total	100%	100%	100%

The proposed 2024-25 contributions below, show a significant increase in costs for Council.

	2023-24 Operating	2023-24 Asset maint	2023-24 Total	2024-25 Operating	2024-25 Asset maint	2024-25 Total	Total increase
Adelaide Hills Council	\$ 24,938	\$ 2,418	\$ 27,356	\$ 46,228	\$ 2,414	\$ 48,642	78%
Adelaide Plains Council	\$ 24,938	\$ 40,390	\$ 65,328	\$ 46,228	\$ 40,330	\$ 86,558	32%
The Barossa Council	\$ 24,938	\$ 12,117	\$ 37,055	\$ 46,228	\$ 12,099	\$ 58,327	57%
Town of Gawler	\$ 24,938	\$ 24,234	\$ 49,172	\$ 46,228	\$ 24,198	\$ 70,426	43%
Light Regional Council	\$ 24,938	\$ 12,117	\$ 37,055	\$ 46,228	\$ 12,099	\$ 58,327	57%
City of Playford	\$ 24,938	\$ 48,482	\$ 73,420	\$ 46,228	\$ 48,410	\$ 94,638	29%
TOTAL	\$ 149,628	\$ 139,758	\$ 289,386	\$ 277,368	\$ 139,550	\$ 416,918	44%

Adelaide Hills Council recognises an equity stake in GRFMA which at the end of 2022/23 was 5.14%. This equated to a value in 2022-23 of \$1,091,000. Council also records an operating income of 5.14%, which for 2022-2023 was a \$20,000 loss. The share of interest is recalculated every year by GRFMA based on the individual Councils contribution to GRFMA.

It is not common practice for Council's to leave subsidiaries. There is a lack of clarity in the governing documents about leaving subsidiaries. Expert advice will be needed to understand the full financial implications of staying or leaving the GRFMA. This project is not currently budgeted for and there is no discretionary budget to cover these costs. Administration will seek a cost estimate for this work and report back to Council in due course.

➤ **Customer Service and Community/Cultural Implications**

There is a community expectation that any decision to remain or leave the GRFMA will be well considered.

➤ **Sustainability Implications**

Whilst the flood mitigation works undertaken by the GRFMA address environmental concerns within the lower Gawler River floodplain, there are limited direct implications for the Adelaide Hills Council district.

➤ **Engagement/Consultation conducted in the development of the report**

Consultation on the development of this report was as follows:

<i>Council Committees:</i>	Nil
<i>Council Workshops:</i>	Nil
<i>Advisory Groups:</i>	Nil
<i>External Agencies:</i>	Nil
<i>Community:</i>	Nil

➤ **Additional Analysis**

Risks of Ongoing Membership

There are financial and non-financial risks of ongoing Council membership of GRFMA

Financial

This financial year, should Council decide to approve the Annual Business Plan and Budget (see Agenda item 12.4), there will be an increase in the costs to Council, with the proposed budget for 2024-25, increasing Councils costs by 78% from 2023-24.

In addition, there is an ongoing financial burden of ongoing membership of GRFMA due to the following factors:

- Asset depreciation
- Potential large capital works.

Asset depreciation

GRFMA incurs a depreciation expense associated with the Bruce Eastick Dam, but does not fund this. Constituent Councils do however reflect their net equity share of the depreciation expense in their own financial statements.

Based on a recent external revaluation of the dam, GRFMA's annual depreciation amount has roughly doubled from \$328,561 in 2022-23 to forecast \$706,098 in 2024-25, which will be included in GRFMA's financial results going forward and in turn proportionately reflected in Adelaide Hills Councils financial result based on Councils calculated Interest in Operating Result (5.14% in 2022/23).

Potential large capital works

Of particular note this year is that GRFMA is proposing to increase contributions from each Constituent Council by \$21,290, largely in relation to an anticipated \$150,000 spend on furthering the development of a business case for works to improve flood mitigation in the Gawler River region.

Council Members will recall that GRFMA has been working on a business case for some years and during the current financial year, asked its Constituent Councils for special financial contributions (outside of the usual budget process) for same. The business case progress and

was reviewed by Infrastructure SA under an assurance process. As an outcome of that review, further work was identified to finalise the business case.

GRFMA's current focus is on continuation of the business case and, should the business case support it, pursuing funding for major works, including raising the height of the Bruce Eastick Dam and other flood mitigation projects, to mitigate the risk of flooding in the Gawler River floodplain. This will likely be an expensive capital works project should it go ahead. Even at the lower capital works contribution of 1.78%, Council will likely be required to contribute a significant amount of money.

As outlined elsewhere in this report, Adelaide Hills Council district's contribution to flows through the basin are negligible and there is no obvious direct benefit to Adelaide Hills Council community arising from any of the proposed flood mitigation works. Given the fact the GRFMA's primary focus will be on a matter of little relevance and impact to the Adelaide Hills Council community, it may be appropriate for the Council to consider its ongoing membership of the regional subsidiary.

Non-Financial

There is also a risk that community expectations around council expenditure is not met, as the GRFMA Board are strongly focused on mitigating flood risks in the Gawler River region which does not directly impact Adelaide Hills Council residents.

Opportunities of Ongoing Membership

Maintaining membership of the GRFMA will allow Council to preserve the strong relationships developed with the other constituent councils and the GRFMA Board. The impact on other constituent councils may have the potential to contribute to conflict and less appetite for cross-council collaboration on other projects or regional subsidiaries.

The financial costs to council from withdrawing from the GRFMA have the potential to be significant and will impact resources. There are potential short-term budget advantages to maintaining membership.

3. OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- I. Continue to explore withdrawing from the GRFMA.
- II. Decide to seek to withdraw from the GRFMA.
- III. Decide to remain with the GRFMA.

4. APPENDICES

Nil

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Dear Greg

Adelaide Hills Council – GRFMA Membership

Thank you for your correspondence dated 30 October 2024 regarding Adelaide Hills Council's membership of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA).

I will table your letter and Council report for discussion at the 12 December 2024 GRFMA Board meeting and will contact you once I have the Board's view.

Yours sincerely



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Agenda Item:	10.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	12 December 2024
Title:	Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy Options and Funding Principles

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 Options and Funding Principles, 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 the consideration of Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy Options and Funding Principles
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 10.3 Adelaide Hills Council membership of GRFMA 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.
 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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The purpose of the report is to:

- Provide an update on the Business Case.
- Recommend key funding principles that will guide the Business Case and discussions with stakeholders, including State Government Ministers and bureaucracy, the Federal Government and bureaucracy, other politicians, and Council Elected Members and Administrations.

Agenda Item:	10.2
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	12 December 2024
Title:	Review of the Register of Confidential Items

Recommendation:

That:

1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, the meeting orders that the public be excluded from attendance at this part of the meeting relating to Item 10.2 Review of the Register of Confidential Items, excepting the following persons:

- Executive Officer; and
- Observers

to enable the meeting to consider in confidence agenda Item 10.2 on the basis that the meeting considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting the persons listed above) pursuant to Sections 90(3)(a)(b)(d)(e)(i)(k) of the Local Government Act 1999 in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the information or matter relating to Item 10.2:

- (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead)
- (b) information the disclosure of which — (i) 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 council; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest
- (d) commercial information of a confidential nature (not being a trade secret) the disclosure of which — (i) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, or to confer a commercial advantage on a third party; and (ii) would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda 28 September 2021
- (e) matters affecting the security of the council, members or employees of the council, or council property; or the safety of any person
- (i) information relating to actual litigation, or litigation that the council or council committee believes on reasonable grounds will take place, involving the council or an employee of the council
- (k) tenders for the supply of goods, the provision of services or the carrying out of works

2. Accordingly, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA Board should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information or matter confidential.
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The Local Government Act 1999 (the Act) specifies circumstances in which the GRFMA can order the public to be excluded from a meeting so it can receive, discuss or consider matters in confidence. Minutes, reports and documents from items considered in confidence can also be ordered to remain confidential under section 91(7) of the Act.

The GRFMA maintains a register that details items that are currently held under confidentiality orders and the conditions under which they are kept. Section 91(9)(a) of the Act requires confidentiality orders operating for a period exceeding 12 months to be reviewed at least once in every year. The last review was considered at the Ordinary Meeting of the GRFMA Board held on 19 October 2023.

A review of the Register of Confidential Items has been undertaken.

Refer to Confidential Item 10.2 for recommendations regarding the Register of Confidential Items Review 2024.

Agenda Item:	10.3
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	12 December 2024
Title:	Adelaide Hills Council – Membership of GRFMA

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 10.3 Adelaide Hills Council membership of GRFMA , 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 the consideration of Adelaide Hills Council advice of its resolution to seek withdrawal of membership of the GRFMA
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 10.3 Adelaide Hills Council membership of GRFMA 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 10.3.
 - Report for Item 10.3.
 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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Correspondence of 30th October 2024 from Adelaide Hills Council CEO, Mr Greg Georgopoulos advises the Council is now actively exploring the implications of leaving the GRFMA and is preparing a report to that end. The GRFMA's views on this matter have been invited.

Refer to confidential Item 10.3.