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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 20 February 2025

Time: 9:45am

Place: Light Regional Council – Council Offices – 93 Main Street Kapunda



David E Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

AGENDA

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

ORDINARY MEETING

9:45am, Thursday 20 February 2025

Light Regional Council – Council Offices – 93 Main Street Kapunda Council Offices

1. Meeting of the Board

- 1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson
- 1.2 Present
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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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Nil

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11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time:

Thursday 17 April 2025, 9.45am

Thursday prior to Good Friday

Host:

Adelaide Hills Council

13. Closure

Agenda Item: 2.1
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 20 February 2025
Title: GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 12/12/2024 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 12/12/2024.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday 12 December 2024

City of Playford – Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth

9:56am the meeting commenced.

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 154th 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
- Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 Apologies

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

9:58am Ms Whendee Young arrived at the meeting.

1.4 Appointment of Observers

GB70/24 **Observers**
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That Shaun Fielding and Cr Brian Sambell be appointed as Observers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.5 Declarations of Interest

Nil

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB71/24 **GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 GRFMA Special Meeting Minutes

GB72/24 **GRFMA Special Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Mr Richard Dodson
Seconded: Mr James Miller

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Actions on Previous Resolutions

GB73/24 **Actions on Previous Resolutions**
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece
Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

That the actions on previous resolutions were noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

GB74/24 **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That the matters arising from the minutes were noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions Without Notice

4.1 Cr Terry-Anne Keen Contributions to the Board

GB75/24 Cr Terry-Anne Keen Contributions to the Board

Moved: Mr James Miller

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA formally acknowledges Cr Terry-Anne Keen's contribution to the Board over the last six years and instructs the Executive Officer to prepare a letter of thanks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 04/12/2024

GB76/24 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes 04/12/2024

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

GB77/24 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Mr James Miller

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Notes the report.*
- 2. Receives a verbal update.*
- 3. Notes the endorsement of the previous Gawler River Flood Management Steering Committee to replace it with an updated governance arrangement; and The Department for Environment and Water Chief Executive, in support of the GRFMA, has sent invitations to State Government agencies requesting nominations for members of the new committee focusing on the business case coordination and upgrading of the flood control dam.*
- 4. Notes the GRFMA should be able to convene the new governance arrangements in the first quarter of 2025 to refocus efforts on implementing the business case.*

5. *Notes that governance arrangements for other aspects of flood mitigation, including improving levee bank management and the Community Flood Awareness and Preparedness project, will meet in 2025.*
6. *Agrees that membership of the new Steering Committee includes the CEOs of Adelaide Plains Council, Town of Gawler and City of Playford.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GB78/24 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

Moved: Cr Paul Koch

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA notes that the GHD information will be provided to the ISA with supporting information seeking agreement to progress past Gate 2, subject to full investigation of the dam integrity being undertaken as part of the Gate 3 process.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Schedule of Meetings

GB79/24 Schedule of Meetings

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr James Miller

That the Schedule of ordinary GRFMA meetings, each commencing at 9:45am, 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 4 December 2025, City of Playford*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Financial Report and BR1

GB80/24 Financial Report and BR1

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives 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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Board noted that the amount of variance for the Chairman honorarium is \$6000 rather than \$600.

8.4 Executive Officer Report

GB81/24 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That the GRFMA:

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the GRFMA Strategic Plan and Business Plan 2024/2025 progress report.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence – Adelaide Hills Council Membership of GRFMA

GB82/24 Correspondence – Adelaide Hills Council Membership of GRFMA

Moved: Cr Paul Koch

Seconded: Mrs Whendee Young

That the GRFMA Board:

- 1. Receives the correspondence.*
- 2. Further discusses the Adelaide Hills membership of the GRFMA at Confidential item 10.3.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Confidential

10.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy Options and Funding Principles

GB83/24 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy Options and Funding Principles

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

That:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.
In order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.1 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy 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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:25am confidential session commenced.

GB84/24 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy Options and Funding Principles

Kept in confidence

GB85/24 Gawler River Flood Management Business Case – Funding Strategy Options and Funding Principles

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Mr Richard Dodson

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 10.3 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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:48am Confidential session concluded.

10.2 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

GB86/24 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

Moved: Cr Clint Marsh

Seconded: Mr James Miller

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*
 - (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

10:51am Confidential session commenced.

Review of the Register of Confidential Items

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

1. That this report 10.2 'Review of the Register of Confidential Items' be released from confidence immediately following this meeting.
2. That the GRFMA Board releases the following items from confidence:
All matters aside from the Chairperson matters be released.

Lapsed due to lack of a Second

GB87/24 Review of the Register of Confidential Items

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Cr Paul Koch

That:

1. *That this report 10.2 'Review of the Register of Confidential Items' be released from confidence immediately following this meeting.*
2. *That the GRFMA Board releases the following items from confidence:*

Meeting Date	Item No.	Order Motion No.	Item Title	Items Held Under Order	Legislative Section	Order Terms	Last Review	Action
15/06/2023	10.2	54/23	GRFMA Chairperson, Independent Member	Report and attachments	90(3)(d) (e)	Annual Review	Oct-23	Release
19/10/2023	10.1	91/23	Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam (BENPFM) Dam Maintenance	Report and attachments	90(3)(k)	Annual Review	N/A	Release
14/12/2023	10.2	119/23	Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan	Minutes, report and attachments	90(3)(k)	Annual Review	N/A	Release
15/02/2024	10.1	19/24	GRFMA Chairperson	Report	90(3)(a)	Annual Review	N/A	Release

15/08/2024	10.1	54/24	Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case - Funding Strategy	Discussion and presentation	90(3)(b)(i)(II)	Annual Review	N/A	Release
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CARRIED

11:04am Confidential session concluded.

10.3 Adelaide Hills Council – Membership of GRFMA**GB88/24 Adelaide Hills Council – Membership of GRFMA****Moved:** Mr Richard Dodson**Seconded:** Cr Clint Marsh*That:*

- 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.*
- 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*
- 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

11:05am Confidential session commenced.

11:12am Cr Malcolm Herrmann left the meeting.

GB89/24 Adelaide Hills Council – Membership of GRFMA**Kept in confidence****GB90/24 Adelaide Hills Council – Membership of GRFMA****Moved:** Cr Bruce Preece**Seconded:** Mrs Whendee Young*That:*

- Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item10.3 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.*
- 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

11:27am Confidential session concluded.

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

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

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:28am.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item: 2.2
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 20 February 2025
Title: GRFMA Confidential Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board confidential meeting held on 12/12/2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Refer to the confidential minutes circulated separately of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 12/12/2024.

Agenda Item: 2.3
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 20 February 2025
Title: Actions on Previous Resolutions

Number	Resolution	Action
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
75/24	<i>That the GRFMA formally acknowledges Cr Terry-Anne Keen's contribution to the Board over the last six years and instructs the Executive Officer to prepare a letter of thanks.</i>	Completed
77/24	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Notes the report.</i> <i>2. Receives a verbal update.</i> <i>3. Notes the endorsement of the previous Gawler River Flood Management Steering Committee to replace it with an updated governance arrangement.</i> <i>4. The Department for Environment and Water Chief Executive, in support of the GRFMA, has sent invitations to State Government agencies requesting nominations for members of the new committee focusing on the business case coordination and upgrading of the flood control dam.</i> <i>5. Notes the GRFMA should be able to convene the new governance arrangements in the first quarter of 2025 to refocus efforts on implementing the business case.</i> <i>6. Notes that governance arrangements for other aspects of flood mitigation, including improving levee bank management and the Community Flood Awareness and Preparedness project, will meet in 2025.</i> <i>7. Agrees that membership of the new Steering Committee includes the CEOs of Adelaide Plains Council, Town of Gawler and City of Playford.</i>	Refer Agenda item 8.1

Agenda Item: **6.1**
Committee: **Board**
Meeting Date: **20 February 2025**
Title: **GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes**

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA receives the minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 3/2/2025.

Refer to the attached copy of the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee minutes of the meeting held on 3/2/2025.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

11am, Monday 3 February 2025
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
- MS Whiney Sandow (DeanNewberry)
- Mr Anton Bure (DeanNewberry)

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Minutes from previous meeting

GAC24/06 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the minutes of the previous GRFMA Audit Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2024 as per copies supplied to members, be adopted as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Business arising from the Minutes

4.1 Actions on Previous Resolutions

Nil

The meeting discussed further matters relating to cyber security insurance and cost increases to MYOB subscriptions with a view to include expense provision in the 2025/26 GRFMA draft Budget.

5. General Business

5.1 Budget Review 2 (BR2)

GAC25/01 Budget Review 2 (BR2)

Moved: Cr M Herrmann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the Audit and Risk Committee notes GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget Review 2 as amended, and that the amended documents be provided to the 20th of February 2025 GRFMA meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items for consideration for amending BR2 were.

- The 2024/25 budget included expenditure of \$290,000 for completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case ISA Gate 2 recommendations, which is unlikely to be fully expended in 2024/25. The meeting requested that the current provision remain in the budget and any unspent balance be recognised as a liability at the 2024/25 EOFY balance statements. This will provide for unspent cash to be allocated to completion of Business Case requirements in the 2025/26 financial year.

5.2 2025/2026 GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and draft 2025/206 Budget

GAC25/02 2025/2026 GRFMA Draft Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/206 Budget

Moved: Mr G Pattinson

Seconded: Cr M Herrmann

That the Audit and Risk Committee endorses the Draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/2026 Budget as amended and that the amended documents be provided to the 20th of February 2025 GRFMA meeting for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Items for consideration for amending the 2025/2026 GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and draft 2025/206 Budget were.

2025/2026 GRFMA Draft Annual Business Plan

Amend the document to reflect:

- *The farm gate output of the Gawler River floodplain horticultural areas is estimated to be at least \$500 million. (Page 3)*
- *Mr S Fielding remains the constituent council representative, City of Playford. (Page 5)*
- *The GRFMA is experienced in flood management. (Page 2)*

2025/2026 GRFMA Draft Budget

- The meeting requested any unspent balance expenditure of \$290,000 for completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case ISA Gate 2 recommendations, be recognised as a liability at the 2024/25 EOFY balance statements. This will provide for unspent cash to be allocated to completion of Business Case requirements in the 2025/26 financial year.
- Provision of \$7,000 be included for GRFMA Cyber Security insurance.
- Provision of \$1,000 be included to accommodate MYOB subscriptions.
- Additional information to be provided in the report to the GRFMA Board that identifies:
 - 2025/2026 Constituent Councils have materially reduced, from 2024/2025, which is reflected by removal of the once off Business Case contributions of \$150,000.
 - Comparative data between 2024/2025 and 2025/206 GRFMA core/operation costs to identify that suitable cost escalators have been applied to meet the relevant increase in costs.
- The meeting noted resolution by Adelaide Hills Council to seek Ministerial approval to exit GRFMA membership and requested the GRFMA Executive Officer to further consider any impact this might have on the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 budget proposals.

5.3 External Audit Plan 2024/2025

Dean Newbery has recently been reappointed for a term of three years with a two-year option, effective 1 July 2024. Ms Samantha Creten is the Lead Audit Partner as from the 2024/2025 financial year. Mr Anton Bure, Senior Accountant, CA, Dean Newberry talked to the External Audit Plan 30 June 2025.

GAC25/03 External Audit Plan 2024/2025

Moved: Cr M Hermann

Seconded: Mr G Pattinson

That the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee receive the External Audit Plan 30 June 2025 and notes the Key Audit Milestones Timeframe as:

- *Submission of Audit Plan to the Audit & Risk Committee January 2025*
- *Balance Date Audit Requirements Checklist to be provided to the Administration June 2025*
- *Balance Date Audit Requirements to be provided to auditors July 2025*
- *Draft Financial Statements to be provided to auditors July 2025*
- *Balance Date Audit July 2025*
- *Issue of Audit Completion Report July/August 2025*
- *Meet with Audit & Risk Committee August 2025*
- *Audit Report and Independence Declaration to be issued by auditors August 2025*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Confidential Items

Nil

7. Other Business

The GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee Chairman, Mr Peter Brass, noted Ms Whitney Huston will be transitioning away from the GRFMA audit process with Mr Anton Bure now undertaking that position.

Mr Brass thanked Ms Sandow for her contributions, positive working relationships and welcomed Mr Bure in the ongoing process.

The GRFMA Executive Officer, Mr David Hitchcock reiterated the comments.

8. Next Meeting

Nominally June 2025.

Previously the Annual Budget and Business Plan Review; External Audit Plan and Schedule 2025 was held in April 2024. This meeting was scheduled early (February 2025) to accommodate earlier considerations of the 2025/2026 draft Budget.

Schedule of Meetings Table

Date	Audit Committee Meeting Schedule	Action
February 2025	Annual Budget and Business Plan Review; External Audit Plan and Schedule 2025.	
June 2025	Annual cost estimates and budget variations consideration.	
August 2025	Annual Financial Statements – Audit report; 2023/2024 – Auditor to attend.	
November 2025	Operation of the Regional Subsidiary – Business Plan progress. Annual cost estimates and budget variations consideration.	
February 2026	Annual Budget and Business Plan Review; External Audit Plan and Schedule 2026.	

9. Closure

The Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and contribution.
The meeting closed at 12pm.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item:	8.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	20 February 2025
Title:	Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

- 1. Notes the report.**
 - 2. Requests the GRFMA Chairman to undertake discussion with Constituent Councils and the State Government to facilitate further engagement of Federal Government funding opportunities.**
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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

Establishment of the new Gawler River Business Case Coordination and Flood Control Dam Steering Committee has now been completed with the inaugural meeting scheduled for 21 February 2025. Membership of the committee consists of GRFMA, DEW, DHUD, SES, DIT, SA Water and 3 Constituent Council CEOs.

The GRFMA Chairman, Mr Lino Di Lernia and GRFMA Executive Officer, Mr David Hitchcock have now initiated meetings with relevant local Federal and State Government MPs to discuss policy position on achieving support for the proposed Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam raise and levee bank improvements.

Additionally, aligning the funding policy will streamline efforts and address the critical infrastructure needs identified in the Business Case. This unified approach is vital for securing Federal Government support and ensuring the successful completion of the planned flood mitigation projects.

Summary of letters to MPS on update how the GRFMA is progressing toward flood mitigation initiatives in the Gawler River

Name	Details	Date sent	Action
Mr Nick Champion MP	Minister for Housing and Urban Development, Minister for Housing Infrastructure, Minister for Planning	16 December 2024	Next meeting 16 April 2025
Rebekha Sharkey, MP	Federal Member for Mayo Center Alliance	18 December 2024	Contact further following discussions with Minister Champion
Tony Pasin MP	Federal Member for Barker	18 December 2024	Working on suitable date
Rowan Ramsey MP Tom Venning preselected	Federal Member for Grey	18 December 2024	Meeting 21 February 2025
Matt Burnell MP	Federal Member for Spence	18 December 2024	Attended meeting 31 January 2025
Ashton Hurn MP	Member for Schubert	18 December 2024	To be scheduled
Tony Piccolo, MP	Member for Light	18 December 2024	To be scheduled
Senator the Hon Don Farrell	Special Minister of State Minister for Trade and Tourism Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate	28 January 2025	No short-term opportunity best to liaise with Matt Burnell MP
Senator the Hon Anne Ruston	Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate	28 January 2025	To be scheduled

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:

The current GRFMA position in supporting investment of the proposed dam raise and levee bank upgrades is based on achieving:

- Federal and State Government funding.
- Contributions from Constituent Councils of the GRFMA, and landowners/prospective developers through infrastructure schemes, possibly via a State Government Agency.
- Construction of the infrastructure works is managed by a State Government Agency.
- Ownership of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam is transferred to a State Government Agency (probably SA Water) at no cost.
- An investment decision by SA Government Cabinet.

See attached for explanation of the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) review process and GRFMA funding considerations.

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:

Below is a synopsis of actions to date:

- The fee estimates for the full-length borehole / on-site drilling exceeds GRFMA's current budget allowance.
- GRFMA has been investigating 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."* 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 with assistance from Bardavcol (who constructed the Dam) prepared a considered assessment report on the quality control documents recorded during the construction phase (2007) and this report was submitted to ISA
- ISA has advised *"We have reviewed the GHD response and consider appropriate action has been taken in response to recommendation 3.2 noting when the project moves to the next phase there is a plan to do more. There are 2 critical things which need to be clearly articulated in the BC update:*
 - *A testing / coring program is recommended to be undertaken at the next step before confirming further detailed design and cost estimates – this should be comprehensive.*
 - *GHD now state in writing that if any deficiencies discovered in this testing program, the concept design based on buttresses should be able to accommodate "with minimal budget impact to the Class 4 estimates" – ie it is flexible enough – again, best to ensure future contracts with GHD for design confirm this fact to avoid future cost impacts in worst case.*

- *Our understanding is completion of the ISA Gate 2 review recommendations are required to be finalised before any steps toward Gate 3. Ideally the Gate 2 recommendations would be finalised before Gate 3 but this depends upon the criticality and whether or not they have a material impact on next phase. We also need to understand the costs and potential budget impacts, procurement methodology and funding arrangements in order to assess what is required in-terms of a Gate 3 review.*
- *To close out the matters identified in the assurance recommendations an addendum document is suitable. It would also help if there was a more succinct and clearer Exec Summary / Recommended Way Forward.*

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.
- 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 has been considered and supported by the GRFMA Board.
- Establishment of the new Gawler River Business Case Coordination and Flood Control Dam Steering Committee has now been completed with the inaugural meeting scheduled around 17-19 February 2025.
- A GRFMA application has been submitted (1/11/2024) to the Urban Precincts and Partnership Program for grant funding of \$1.4M 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 CompletedRecommendation 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

Principles

Charter foundation“ *all catchment councils should contribute to some degree to flood mitigation activities even where the flooding activity may occur outside the geographic area*

Dam as built not to 100 ARI as designed
Business Case, ISA recommendations
new dam raise build beyond capacity of
GRFMA

Funding sources required

Expotential development post original
Dam build - Housing , GARP etc

Should funding strategy not be
achieved/acceptable by all parties
implementation of Business Case flood
mitigation infrastructure options will be
be unachievable

FUNDING STRATEGY

GRFMA commits to completion of
the Business Case.

Funding sources
required for
supported flood
mitigation
options
investment.

Landowners and
prospective
developers to
contribute to the
regional flood
mitigation
measures.

Ownership of
Dam to suitable
state authority

Councils
maintain
interests in levee
bank

GRFMA Membership

Funding contributions by all six councils
are being made

Business Case findings Dam raise and
levee repair funding beyond councils
capacity to finance

GRFMA committment to completion of
Business Case

GRFMA support principle relinquish
ownership of Dam to suitable state
authority

Councils maintain interests in levee
bank management

Gate 1: Options Analysis

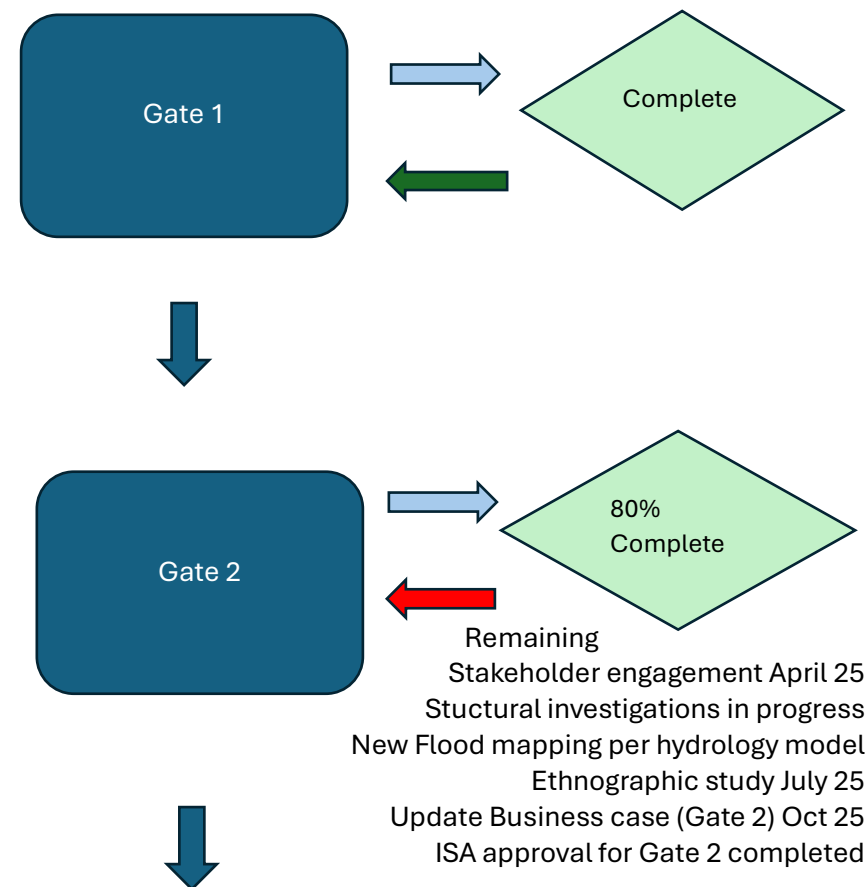
This review occurs once the Options Analysis phase is 95-100% complete. It investigates the following:

1. How well the project/program has analysed a range of options to meet the service need and maximise benefits at optimal cost.
2. How well the project/program is performing against the five key focus areas.
3. Whether the proposed way forward is achievable and will successfully support the business case.

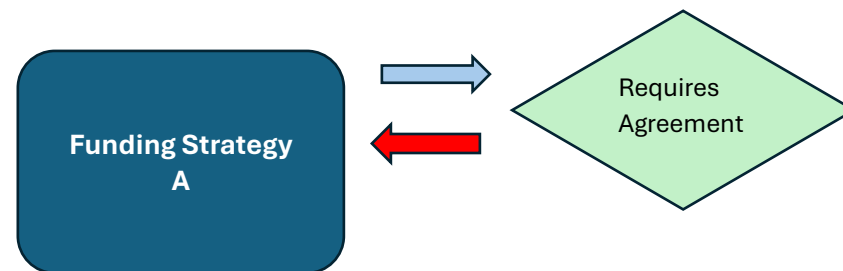
Gate 2: Business Case

This review occurs once the business case phase is 95-100% complete and prior to an investment decision by Cabinet and any other funding partners. It investigates the following:

1. How well the project/program has proven the recommended option best meets the service need and maximises benefits at optimal cost.
2. How well the project/program is performing against the five key focus areas.



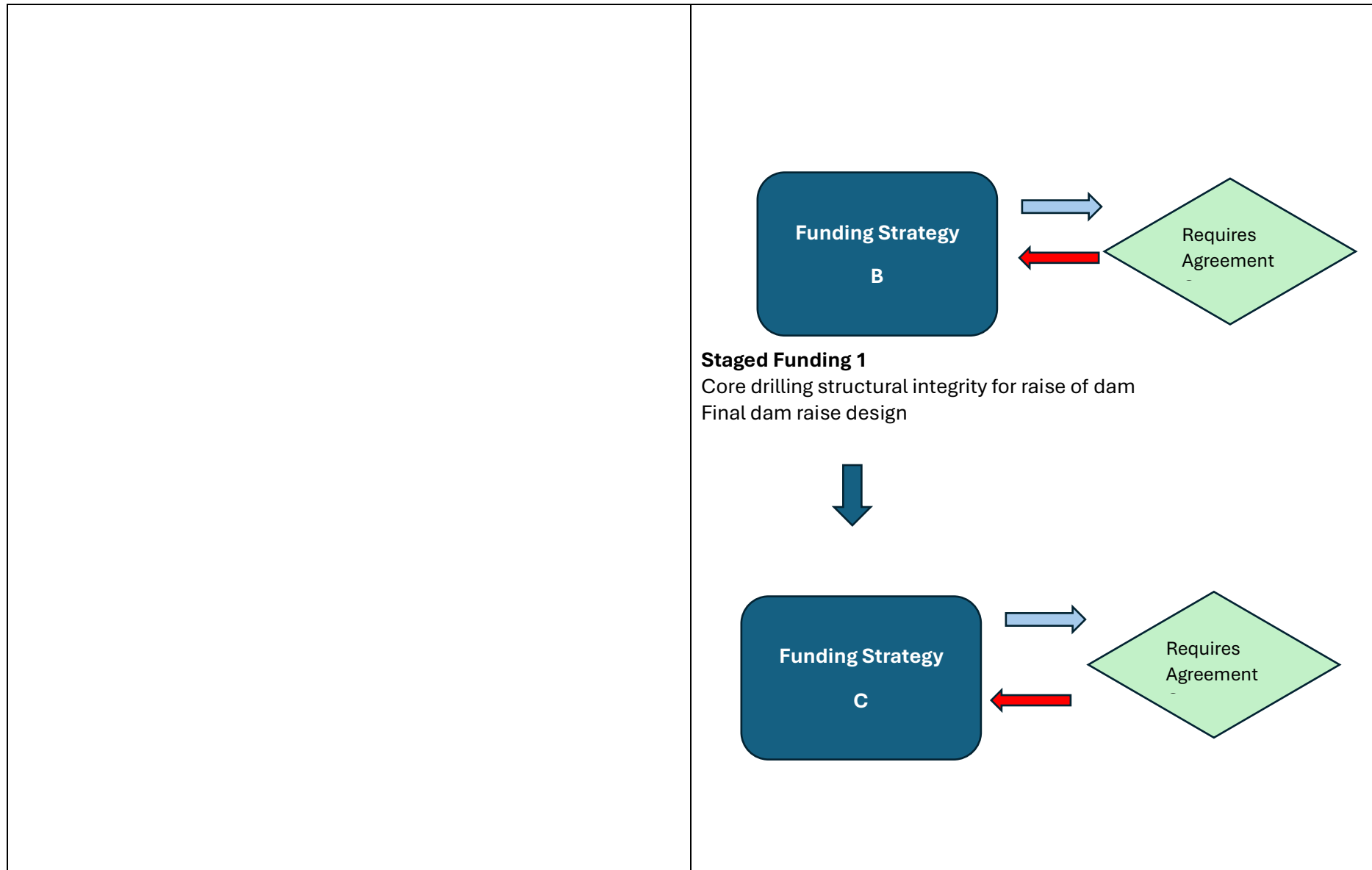
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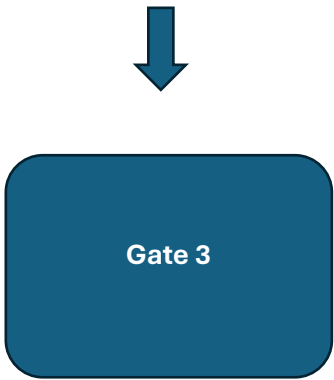


Funded from the following sources.
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Construction of the infrastructure works is managed by a State Government Agency.
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Councils may contribute to the on-going maintenance (excluding depreciation) of the extended dam

Investment decision by SA Government Cabinet
If the above (or similar) is not achieved, the GRFMA informs the State Government that some or all the flood mitigation measures are not affordable and cannot be delivered by the GRFMA.





3. If the project/program is ready for an investment decision by Cabinet. Gate 3: Procurement Review <i>This review occurs after the investment decision by Cabinet and prior to the main works procurement activity/phase.</i> Undertaking the review before or after the release of an EOI/ROI will be determined on a project-by-project basis. ISA may also undertake a Health Check following evaluation and negotiation and prior to contract(s) award. It investigates the following: 1. How well the project has developed a procurement and delivery approach to deliver the technical solution and realise the benefits outlined in the business case. 2. How well the project/program is performing against the five key focus areas. 3. If the project is ready to be released to market and delivered. <u>Gate 4: Service Readiness Review</u> This review occurs upon practical completion and prior to the operational phase. It investigates the following: 1. How well the project and asset owner and/or operator has planned the transition from project delivery to service/operations to ensure the benefits outlined in the final business case will be achieved. 2. If the asset/infrastructure is ready for service. 3. How well the project/program is performing against the five key focus areas. 4. If there is a basis for benefits realisation and evaluating ongoing performance.	Staged Funding 2 EO/ROI determined, released and evaluated  <pre> graph TD A[] --> B[Gate 3] style A fill:none,stroke:none style B fill:#1f4e79,color:#fff,stroke:#1f4e79,stroke-width:2px </pre>
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Gate 5: Benefits Realisation Review This review occurs approximately 12 months after Gate 4 and investigates the following: 1. How well the project has delivered the benefits identified in the business case and benefits management plan. 2. How well the project/program has performed against the five key focus areas. 3. What can be learned and how future projects/programs can be improved. Gate Reviews Gate Reviews are undertaken prior to key decision points in a project/program's lifecycle and inform key directions and decisions about how it should progress. Note: There is no formal Gate Review corresponding to Initiative Registration or the Strategic Assessment phase. ISA will undertake an internal review prior to the sponsor agency proceeding with the Options Analysis phase.	
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Agenda Item:	8.2
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	20 February 2025
Title:	Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA endorses the Community Engagement, Gawler River SMP, framework as provided Item 8.2 attachment of the 20/02/2025 GRFMA meeting.

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

The aim of Stormwater Management Plans (SMPs) is to develop and implement a coordinated and multi objective approach to stormwater management in the area being considered. This allows for consistent management that addresses existing problems and identifies opportunities for providing a range of benefits through multi-objective planning. SMPs investigate ways to alleviate existing stormwater and flooding problems and provides flood protection for public and private assets.

They also aim to assess flood mitigation options and investigate opportunities for stormwater reuse without compromising flow management or flood mitigation infrastructure. SMPs also explore opportunities for environmental enhancement in the design of stormwater infrastructure. Environmental enhancement may be in the form of improved water quality or increased biodiversity or amenity.

The Gawler River SMP is in relation to the Gawler River system which comprises the North Para and South Para Rivers which join at Gawler to form the Gawler River. The Project Steering Group in consultation with the Stormwater Management Authority (SMA), agreed that the development of the Gawler River SMP: *“would be confined to the lower reaches of the Gawler River downstream of the confluence with the North and South Para Rivers to its discharge into Gulf of St Vincent, and bank to bank of the channel” and “focus primarily on riverine flooding aspects and would draw upon existing work and complementary projects for additional catchment related information”*

This explains why there are differences within the Gawler River SMP compared to what might otherwise be contained in a “typical” SMP under the SMA Guidelines.

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).

A copy of the draft SMP document has previously been provided to GRFMA Board Members.

Consultation on the draft SMP document should now be initiated. With consultation to be directed to communities along the Gawler River precincts of Gawler, Light, Playford and Adelaide Plains Councils and First Nations. Constituent Councils to be provided a copy of this document for information and any comment.

First Nations, Kurna, engagement will seek to build on the previous engagement undertaken during the commencement of the SMP process.

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.

Community engagement on the SMP will be according to IAP2 Public Participation spectrum and it is recommended that the GRFMA engage resources to facilitate this process, and to provide a final report in accordance with the attached Community Engagement Plan, Gawler River SMP.

The GRFMA (and DEW) previously engaged an independent communications and engagement resource to assist in consultation at the commencement of the SMP and Business Case processes.

It is proposed that this arrangement continue.

Discussions are currently in progress with the preferred consultant to establish indication of cost of services and suitable timeframes for commencement and subsequent conclusion of the SMP consultation process.

It is anticipated that a further late report, with relevant details, will be separately provided prior to the 20/2/2025 GRFMA meeting.

The consultation plan contains the following framework.

Engagement Planning

An assessment should be conducted to identify decision-makers, past public participation approaches, the problem at hand, key stakeholders, and the level of participation needed, following the IAP2 Public Participation spectrum. Stakeholder roles and influence must be recognised to understand their impact on the project's outcome. This is managed through impact analysis, which evaluates the effects of decisions on stakeholders. The level of impact should be monitored throughout the engagement, adjusting for changes or new insights into the situation or outcomes.

Engagement Assessment

The engagement assessment of the Gawler River SMP in line with the IAP2 public participation spectrum should consider the following:

- Purpose of the engagement in line with the SMA requirements for community consultation
- Previous community engagement
- Analysis on the impact to community, community level of engagement and political sensitivity that will guide messaging
- Risk analysis
- Stakeholder mapping and analysis that will assist in how to engage and framing of the engagement
- What information do we want from the community:
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 - Community awareness of flood risk
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Community Engagement Plan – Gawler River SMP

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Engagement Background

This section should provide a summary of the engagement undertaken to date for the Gawler River.

Level of Community engagement within 1AP2 framework

Consult Consult the community and seek their feedback on specific topics

What are we Engaging on?

What we need information on and how we will use it	Negotiables	Non-Negotiables
Understanding the level of priority for objectives in the SMP.	What objectives the community feel are most important	The extent or effect of flooding or water quality
Community feedback may be used to refine SMP	Input into how growth will impact the management of stormwater	The stormwater management planning approach
Community objective priorities will be considered in governance of future projects		Individual measure identified
Community awareness of flood risk and benefit of mitigation		Objectives and levels of service

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – Gawler River SMP

Engagement Objectives

Engagement Scope

This engagement will consult and seek feedback on the draft Stormwater Management Plans for Gawler River.

Objectives		Success Criteria
1	Inform the wider community about the draft SMP and build awareness of their role in guiding future decisions related to stormwater management.	Are the community aware of flooding and risks Determine criteria
2	Consult the community on the draft SMP, seeking views on the objectives of each SMP which have informed the priorities.	Do the community feel engaged - Level of feedback received

Engagement Timeframes

Engagement planning	
Endorsement by GRFMA	
Engagement	
Engagement analysis	
Feedback report	
Endorsed by GRFMA	
Review by SMA	
Publish plans and update stakeholders	

Resourcing

Identify the resource to deliver the community engagement program.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – Gawler River SMP

Engagement Program

Activity	Description	Purpose	Responsibility	Date	Status
GRFMA resolution	Resolution by the GRFMA board to engage the community on the Gawler River SMP	To inform the board on consultation purpose, approach, key messages, timeframes, feedback mechanisms and community feedback portal.			
Council notification	Advising of engagement to the relevant councils.	To inform relevant councils of community engagement			
Development of materials	Social media tiles, Engagement Hub (overview image), website image, E-Newsletter image, poster to promote Drop-Ins	To ensure consistency of look/feel across entire consultation. Recall post consultation when closing the loop.			
Letters	Personalised letters distributed to relevant stakeholders such as SMA and Green Adelaide describing the plans and inviting feedback	To inform of draft SMPs engagement activities and how to provide feedback			
Online information	An online engagement listing that provides SMP information, SMP and feedback form. All promotions direct people to online portal	To provide community members with access to information and feedback mechanisms			
Survey	Set up an online survey such as YourSAY.	To provide community members with a structured feedback mechanism.			
Website	Determine how the information will hosted.	To outline engagement activities and feedback opportunities through a host website.			
Social Media	Determine if dedicated social media posts are required to communicate the commencement of community consultation.	To inform the community of Council's draft SMPs To raise awareness of engagement activities and feedback opportunities			
Other media outlets	Are community engagements advertised in other media	To raise awareness of engagement activities and feedback opportunities			
Face-to-face engagement: Drop Ins	Opportunity for community members to meet with subject matter experts to ask questions and provide feedback in person.	To provide the opportunity for community members to discuss feedback and share thoughts and preferences			
First nations community	Given the connection of water with first nations people, how are we engaging them?	To ensure the opportunity to engage is available to this segment of our community			
Translation services	Survey (auto) Engagement Hub (auto), Drop-In sessions, summary document? & drop in promotion poster Easy English	To ensure information is accessible to everyone.			

Appendix 1: Engagement Risk Assessment

Potential Engagement Risk	Engagement Risk Category	Engagement Risk Classification	Likelihood	Consequence	Initial Risk Rating	Risk Mitigation Action*	Responsible Officer	Due Date	Residual Likelihood	Residual Consequence	Residual Risk Rating

Appendix 1: Survey Questions

About You Survey questions	Select your suburb (drop down list with 'other' option for free text). - Rank the following from 1-5, with 1 being the most important to you. Flood management: The protection of buildings and properties from flooding through the construction of Dams, levees and detention basins and open channel upgrades. Improve water quality: Reducing pollution of stormwater from various sources such as roads and farming activities. Water reuse: The collection of stormwaters in our wetlands system that is then treated and reused for irrigating our reserves Protect the environment: Ensuring that our creek and waterways are free of rubbish, erosion is reduced and free of weeds Asset management: An asset management system for our stormwater network to ensure it is renewed appropriately. - How do you usually find out information about flooding and other stormwater issues? - Have you experienced flooding from the Gawler river in the past? - Are you aware of the infrastructure in place that assist with managing flooding in the Gawler river - Do you have a personalised flood plan for your property - Any additional feedback.
Thank you	Thank you for taking the time to participate. Your feedback will be used to refine our plans and help us understand what we need to consider in any future planning around stormwater management for the Gawler river. A summary of our community's feedback and the refined plans will be shared to The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority for their consideration and endorsement. The plans will then be published on the Authority's website. How to submit this form (if hard copy) - Drop it off - Post it back to us: - Email it to us at Need more information? If you need further information or have questions, you are welcome to call us Want to stay in the loop? Please leave your details below: Name, Email, Phone

Agenda Item:	8.3
Committee:	GRFMA Board
Meeting Date:	20 February 2025
Title:	Financial Report and GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget Review 2

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

1. **Receives the financial report as of 31 January 2025 showing a cash at bank balance of \$17,636.60.**
2. **Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$349,376.65.**
3. **Adopts the GRFMA 2024/20245 Budget Review 2 documents January 2025, and the variances contained as its amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2025.**

Financial Report 31 January 2025

See attachments for the monthly reconciliations:

- ✧ Reconciliation to 31/01/2025
- ✧ Budget result to 31/01/2025
- ✧ Balance Sheet 31/01/2025

Cash Management

The table below provides a summary of internal borrowing currently being utilised to offset Cash Advance Debenture interest costs. Net internal lending \$349,376.65

GRFMA and AND INTERNAL LENDING FROM 1 July 2024								
	Date	Dam capital Res	Internal lending	Withdraw internal lend	Capital Repayments	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	
	03/08/2024			\$ 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	
	18/11/2024			\$ 40,000.00			\$ 72,212.35	
	29/11/2024			\$ 20,000.00			\$ 92,212.35	
	23/12/2024			\$ 10,000.00			\$ 102,212.35	
	Total	\$ 55,939.00	\$ 422,262.00	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 8,824.35		
	Internal lending		\$ 358,201.00					
	Less interest		\$ 8,824.35		\$ 349,376.65		Net internal lending	
	Dam Capital Reserve	\$ 55,939.00						
				Current Balance	\$ 102,212.35			
				Actual CAD liability	\$ 451,589.00			

Budget Review

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'.

Budget Review 2

The final BR2 documents (v2) as presented do not contain any movement in income or expenditure and result in the same 2024/2025 adopted budget forecast as BR1.

In explanation:

- The 2024/2025 budget includes expenditure of \$290,000 for completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case ISA Gate 2 recommendations which is unlikely to be fully expended in 2024/2025.
- The BR2 v1 document proposed that estimated unspent budget costs \$230,000, be removed from the 2024/2025 budget to be carried over into the 2025/2026 budget expenditure estimates.
- The "early call" on this reduction was proposed so that a suitably considered 2025/2026 draft budget can be submitted to each Constituent Council before 31 March 2025 for approval.

In considering BR2v1 the 3/2/2025 GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee determined:

Items for consideration for amending BR2.

The 2024/2025 budget included expenditure of \$290,000 for completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case ISA Gate 2 recommendations, which is unlikely to be fully expended in 2024/2025. The meeting requested that the current provision remain in the budget and any unspent balance be recognised as a liability at the 2024/2025 EOFY balance statements. This will provide for unspent cash to be allocated to completion of Business Case requirements in the 2025/2026 financial year.

See attached BR2 as per the Local Government Uniform Presentation of Finances which indicates a Net Operating Result (\$651,098*) deficit. *Rounding variations apply.

Separately attached is BR2 displayed in MYOB format to provide additional account details.

See explanation further below for variations between uniform presentation of finances and MYOB presentation.

Budget Review 1 (BR1) for information

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 \$6,000 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.

The Local Government Uniform Presentation of Finances indicates a Net Operating Result (\$651,098*) deficit. *Rounding variations apply.

BR1 displayed in MYOB format provides 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). This 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 a result of unfunded depreciation of \$706,098.

Reconciliation Report

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

ID No.	Date	Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
Account: 1-1110 Bank SA Account				
Date Of Bank Statement: 31/01/2025				
Last Reconciled: 31/12/2024				
Last Reconciled Balance: \$22,399.46				
Cleared Cheques				
EFT	23/12/2024	CETPAR Pty Ltd		\$2,383.20
EFT	23/12/2024	LUVROK Pty Ltd		\$5,817.93
EFT	23/12/2024	HARC		\$4,132.70
748	14/01/2025	SA Bushcare and Biodiversity Services Pty Ltd		\$3,300.00
SC311224	20/01/2025	safe deposit fee		\$5.00
GJ000202	27/01/2025	MYOB monthly subs direct debit		\$68.00
Total:			\$0.00	\$15,706.83
Cleared Deposits				
GJ000203	27/01/2025	ATO Dec BAS reconciliation payment	\$8,385.00	
Total:			\$8,385.00	\$0.00
Reconciliation:				
AccountRight Balance On 31/01/2025:				\$15,077.63
Add: Outstanding Cheques:				\$0.00
SubTotal:				\$15,077.63
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:				\$0.00
Expected Balance On Statement:				\$15,077.63

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	22,399.46CR
Transaction period from	01/01/2025 to 31/01/2025

Date	Description	Serial number	Debit	Credit	Balance
08/01/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JAN15:56 GRFMA Chair Dec 24		2,383.20		20,016.26CR
08/01/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JAN15:56 Revegetation BENPFM Dam		3,300.00		16,716.26CR
08/01/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JAN15:56 Hydrology Model 6.5		4,132.70		12,583.56CR
08/01/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 08JAN15:56 GRFMA EO Dec24		5,817.93		6,765.63CR
16/01/2025	ATO ATO129255348611001			8,385.00	15,150.63CR
20/01/2025	SAFE DEPOSIT FEE (INC GST)		5.00		15,145.63CR
24/01/2025	MYOB Australia MYOB 1-91555777674		68.00		15,077.63CR
	TOTAL		15,706.83	8,385.00	15,077.63CR

Transaction Statement from 01/01/2025 to 31/01/2025 inclusive

Council Deposits

Deal	Action Date	Transaction	Interest Rate	Amount	Balance
Gawler River General					
Council Dep - 24HR Mthly - 62666					
	01/01/2025	Opening Balance	4.65%		\$2,549.00
62666	02/01/2025	Capitalise Interest	4.65%	\$9.97	\$2,558.97
	31/01/2025	Closing Balance	4.65%		\$2,558.97
Accrued Interest for Selected Period				\$10.18	
Unpaid Accrued Interest for Interest Period				\$10.18	
Gawler River General Total for Selected Period				\$10.18	
Gawler River General Total Unpaid for Interest Period				\$10.18	

Summary

Council	Accrued Interest	Unpaid Accrued Interest
Gawler River General Total	\$10.18	\$10.18
Grand Total	\$10.18	\$10.18

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: 31/12/2024			
Last Reconciled: 31/12/2024			
Last Reconciled Balance: \$2,549.00			
Cleared Deposits			
IE311224	31/12/2024 Interest LGFA	\$9.97	
Total:		\$9.97	\$0.00
Reconciliation:			
AccountRight Balance On 31/12/2024:		\$2,558.97	
Add: Outstanding Cheques:		\$0.00	
SubTotal:		\$2,558.97	
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:		\$0.00	
Expected Balance On Statement:		\$2,558.97	

Local Government Finance Authority of SA

Consolidated Loans and Investments as at close of business 03/02/2025

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	04/02/2025	15/12/2031	6.00%	-\$104,064.42	\$700,000.00	\$595,935.58
Totals						-\$104,064.42	\$700,000.00	\$595,935.58

Council Deposits

Counterparty	Deal	Instrument	Maturity Date	Rate	Balance
Gawler River General	62666	Council Dep - 24HR Mthly	04/02/2025	4.65%	\$2,569.15
Totals					\$2,569.15

Summary as at close of business 03/02/2025

Entity	Amount
Cash Advance Debentures	-\$104,064.42
CAD Limit Available	\$595,935.58
Council Deposits	\$2,569.15
Net Position	-\$101,495.27
Weighted Average Interest Rate % (Deposits)	4.65%
Weighted Average Interest Rate % (Loans)	6.00%

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	\$936	\$824	\$112
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$139,622	\$278,197	-\$138,575
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	\$365,397	\$573,747	-\$208,350
Gross Profit	\$365,397	\$573,747	-\$208,350
Expenses			
Admin of GRFMA			
Executive Officer Contract	\$32,178	\$58,800	-\$26,622
Adv, printing, stationery post	\$0	\$1,300	-\$1,300
Travelling Expenses	\$882	\$4,200	-\$3,318
Insurance PL & PI	\$7,111	\$9,600	-\$2,489
Audit Committee	\$1,300	\$2,600	-\$1,300
Audit Fees	\$5,799	\$6,175	-\$376
Bank Fees	\$98	\$120	-\$22
Honorarium - Chairperson	\$10,997	\$20,400	-\$9,403
Other	\$5,175	\$10,800	-\$5,625
Total Admin of GRFMA	\$63,540	\$113,995	-\$50,455
GRFM Business Case			
Consultancies	\$7,660	\$20,000	-\$12,340
Business Case	\$47,053	\$290,000	-\$242,948
Total GRFM Business Case	\$54,713	\$310,000	-\$255,288
Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme			
BENPFM Dam repairs	\$6,120	\$79,550	-\$73,430
Rates & Levies	\$135	\$200	-\$65
Total Maint Flood Mitigation Scheme	\$6,255	\$79,750	-\$73,495
Depreciation			
Depreciation	\$0	\$706,098	-\$706,098
Total Expenses	\$124,507	\$1,209,843	-\$1,085,336
Operating Profit	\$240,890	-\$636,096	\$876,986
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)	\$237,780	-\$706,096	\$943,876

Balance Sheet

As of January 2025

ABN: 12 925 534 861

Assets		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Bank SA Account	\$15,077.63	
LGFA Investment Account	\$2,558.97	
Total Bank Accounts		\$17,636.60
Other Current Assets		
Trade Debtors	\$36,018.00	
Total Other Current Assets		\$36,018.00
Total Current Assets		\$53,654.60
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		\$42,660,598.00
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
GST Liabilities		
GST Collected	\$38,198.86	
GST Paid	-\$13,795.70	
ATO Payments & Refunds	-\$24,427.00	
Total GST Liabilities		-\$23.84
Other Current Liabilities		
Accrued Expense	\$16,965.46	
Cash Advance Debenture	\$102,212.27	
Total Other Current Liabilities		\$119,177.73
Total Current Liabilities		\$119,153.89
Total Liabilities		\$119,153.89
Net Assets		\$42,541,444.11
Equity		
Accumulated Surplus	\$15,974,461.00	
Asset Revaluation Reserves	\$30,364,320.11	
Retained Earnings	-\$4,035,117.07	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit	\$237,780.07	
Total Equity		\$42,541,444.11

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**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025 Review 2**

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS \$		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET \$	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1 \$	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 2 \$
	INCOME			
289,386	Subscriptions	416,921	416,921	416,921
-	Grants Subsidies and Contributions	-	156,000	156,000
762	Investment Income	824	824	824
270,520	Other	-	-	-
560,668	TOTAL REVENUES	417,745	573,745	573,745
	EXPENSES			
453,359	Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	347,745	503,745	503,745
23,069	Finance Costs	15,000	15,000	15,000
706,099	Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	706,098	706,098	706,098
1,182,526	Total Expenses	1,068,843	1,224,843	1,224,843
	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS			
(621,858)		(651,098)	(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)	(651,098)

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 2
\$		\$	\$	\$
Inflows		Inflows	Inflows	Inflows
(Outflows)		(Outflows)	(Outflows)	(Outflows)
	CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
	RECEIPTS			
580,579	Operating Receipts	416,921	572,921	572,921
811	Investment Receipts	824	824	824
	PAYMENTS			
(459,576)	Operating payments to suppliers & employees	(347,745)	(495,745)	(495,745)
(22,979)	Finance Payments	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)
98,835	Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	55,000	63,000	63,000
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
	RECEIPTS			
-	Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets	-	-	-
0	Sale of Assets	0	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	-	-	-
(87,021)	PAYMENTS	(55,000)	(55,000)	(55,000)
	Repayment of Borrowings			
(87,021)	NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(55,000)	(55,000)	(55,000)
11,814	NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	-	8,000	8,000
29,496	CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	29,857	41,309	41,309
41,309	CASH AT END OF YEAR	29,857	49,309	49,309

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BALANCE SHEET

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 2
	ASSETS			
	CURRENT ASSETS			
\$		\$	\$	\$
41,309	Cash and cash equivalents	29,857	49,309	49,309
210,404	Trade & other receivables	91,125	56,404	56,404
-	Inventories	-	-	-
<u>251,713</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>120,982</u>	<u>105,713</u>	<u>105,713</u>
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
-	Financial Assets	-	-	-
42,606,944	Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	43,126,207	41,900,845	41,900,845
<u>42,606,944</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>43,126,207</u>	<u>41,900,845</u>	<u>41,900,845</u>
<u>42,858,657</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>43,247,190</u>	<u>42,006,559</u>	<u>42,006,559</u>
	LIABILITIES			
	CURRENT LIABILITIES			
201,605	Trade & Other Payables	67,733	55,605	55,605
353,388	Borrowings	330,409	298,388	298,388
-	Short-term Provisions	-	-	-
<u>554,993</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>398,142</u>	<u>353,993</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>-</u>
<u>554,993</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>398,142</u>	<u>353,993</u>	<u>353,993</u>
<u>42,303,664</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>42,849,048</u>	<u>41,652,566</u>	<u>41,652,566</u>
	EQUITY			
11,939,344	Accumulated Surplus	11,643,167	11,288,246	11,288,246
30,364,320	Asset Revaluation	31,205,881	30,364,320	30,364,320
-	Other Reserves	-	-	-
<u>42,303,664</u>	TOTAL EQUITY	<u>42,849,048</u>	<u>41,652,566</u>	<u>41,652,566</u>

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025 Review 2**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS \$		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET \$	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1 \$	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 2 \$
	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
12,561,202	Balance at end of previous reporting period	12,294,265	11,939,344	11,939,344
-621,858	Net Result for Year	-651,098	-651,098	-651,098
0	Transfer From Reserves	0	0	0
0	Transfer To Reserves	0	0	0
11,939,344	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	11,643,167	11,288,246	11,288,246
	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE			
8,664,973	Balance at end of previous reporting period	31,205,881	30,364,320	30,364,320
21,699,347.00	Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00	0.00	0
0.00	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
30,364,320	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	31,205,881	30,364,320	30,364,320
42,303,664	TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	42,849,048	41,652,566	41,652,566

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED BUDGET 2024/2025 Review 2**

UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

2023/2024 FULL YEAR ACTUALS		2024/2025 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 1	2024/2025 BUDGET REVIEW 2
\$		\$	\$	\$
560,668	Operating Revenues	417,745	573,745	573,745
(1,182,527)	less Operating Expenses	(1,068,843)	(1,224,843)	(1,224,843)
<u>(621,859)</u>	Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	<u>(651,098)</u>	<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)	(706,098)
<u>-</u>	less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>(706,099)</u>		<u>(706,098)</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	-	-	-
<u>-</u>	less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
84,240	Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	55,000	55,000	55,000

Agenda Item:	8.4
Committee:	GRFMA Board
Meeting Date:	20 February 2025
Title:	Executive Officer Report

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

1. Receive the report.
2. Authorises GRFMA Chairman, Mr Lino Di Lernia and GRFMA Executive Officer, Mr David Hitchcock to attend the 2025 FMA conference to be held at Pullman Melbourne on the Park from 13 – 16 May 2025.

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. See table further below.

Schedule of meetings attended by EO for January 2025

Entity	GRFMA Executive Officer
SMP project management meeting	
Business Case	1
GRFMA management/operations	3
GRFMA meetings	
Meeting Councils	

Schedule of meetings attended by GRFMA Chairperson for January 2025

Entity	GRFMA Chairperson
GRFMA Meetings	
Business Case	1
SMP	
Meeting councils	

FMA Conference

The GRFMA is a full member of Flood Managers Australia (FMA).

FMA is a network of trusted flood professionals – engineers, land use planners, emergency responders, technicians and decision makers – dedicated to working with all states and territories to raise awareness and the priority of flooding. The association has links to flood related organisations in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and New Zealand.

The FMA Conference has been held annually for over 60 years and is the most respected flood risk management event held in Australia. Then GRFMA Chairman Mr Ian Baldwin and the GRFMA Executive Officer Mr David Hitchcock attended the Sydney conference in 2022.

Current GRFMA Chairman Mr. Lino Di Lernia and GRFMA Executive Officer Mr David Hitchcock have indicated interest in attending the 2025 conference to be held at Pullman Melbourne on the Park from 13 – 16 May 2025.

The Conference is for anyone interested in making communities more flood safe. It will bring together over 350 flood professionals and community members with interests in flood risk management. Attendees will include Commonwealth, State and Local Government representatives, research organisations and education providers as well as consultants, engineers, land-use planners, emergency responders and community volunteer organisations. The Conference will include outstanding Australian and International speakers, plenary and concurrent presentations, field trips addressing floodplain issues in Melbourne and surrounding areas, as well as great networking events. Optional Conference workshops on topical issues will be held on the Tuesday.

Costs of attendance the 2025 conference are \$2,680

- Early Bird Registration @ \$990 for two persons = \$1,880
- Return Airflights for two persons = \$800 (Est)

Both Mr Di Lernia and Mr Hitchcock would arrange private accommodation at no cost and would not seek recompense of time in attending.

The 2024/2025 GRFMA budget currently has provision of \$3,318 for GRFMA travel and accommodation.

GRFMA Executive Officer Work Management Program 2025

GRFMA work requirements		Powered by 						
Add your board's description here								
EO Service requirements								
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3	
Maintain the business office of the Authority		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11	2025-04-11	2025-06-20	2025-08-15	
Prepare Agendas & Minutes / Board meetings		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20	2025-04-17	2025-06-20	2025-08-15	
Attend the minute actions as required		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-27	2025-04-24	2025-06-27	2025-08-22	
Management of the GRFMA strategic management documents	Strategic Plan/Asset Management Plan/Long Term Financial Plan	David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11				
Subitems	Name	Owner	Status	Date				
	Strategic Plan	David Hitchcock	In Progress	2024-11-20				
	Asset Management Plan	David Hitchcock	Done	2024-10-08				
	Long Term Financial Plan	David Hitchcock	Done	2024-10-08				
Prepare the Annual Report.		David Hitchcock	To be scheduled	2025-07-25			2025-12-12	
Prepare the Annual Business Plan, Budgets and reports		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20				
Issue with constituent councils, Green Adelaide, Northern Yorke Landscape Board, Stormwater Management Authority		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11				
Engage with relevant federal and state ministers/MPs & CEOs		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11				
Actively pursue grant funding		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-01-17				
Proactively promote the works and activities of the Authority		David Hitchcock	To be scheduled					
Report annually on progress with implementation of the SMP			Done	2025-02-20				
Develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the SMP			In Progress	2025-02-20	2024-10-07			
				2025-01-17 to 2025-07-25	2024-10-07 to 2025-04-24	2025-06-20 to 2025-06-27	2025-08-15 to 2025-12-12	
Meeting agenda process								
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3	
Draft Agenda reports		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-08-13	2024-08-09	2024-10-10	2024-12-05	
Forward drafts to Admin to format and compile		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-08-13	2024-08-09	2024-10-10	2024-12-05	
Send Agenda to Board, Councils, Town of Gawler webpage		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2024-08-14	2024-08-09	2024-10-11	2024-12-13	
Draft minutes / AGOS send to Admin to format		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-08-21	2024-08-23	2024-08-16	2024-12-20	
Send minutes and AGOS to Board, Councils, Town of Gawler webpage		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-08-21	2024-08-23	2024-08-16	2024-12-20	
Action minute resolutions and directions		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-08-21	2024-08-23	2024-08-16	2024-12-20	
				2024-08-13 to 2024-08-21	2024-08-09 to 2024-08-23	2024-08-16 to 2024-10-11	2024-12-05 to 2024-12-20	
Strategic Plan Priority Actions								
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3	
Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11				
Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11				
In conjunction with the Constituent Councils, develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Gawler River referencing the Gawler River Stormwater Ma		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11				
Working with the Constituent Councils, develop a framework to clearly articulate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Authority and the Councils and suitable partnering arrange		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11				
Continue to advocate for improved governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance, resilience, and mitigation in South Australia		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11				
Assist the Constituent Councils in communicating with general communities and specific interest groups in relation to flood mitigation for the Gawler River		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11				
				2025-02-11				
GRFMA Projects								
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3	
Deliver Stormwater Management Plan		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20	2025-04-17			
Engage with DEW with Business Case completion		David Hitchcock	In Progress	2025-02-11	2025-12-12			
Market Test, and appointment GRFMA Chairperson position		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-05-01				
Transition EO services to corporate status		David Hitchcock	Done	2023-08-30				
Deliver quarterly GRFMA Audit Committee meetings	August 2022 Meeting/December 2022/March 2023/June 2023	David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-03	2025-08-14	2025-12-12	2025-06-12	
Subitems	Name	Owner	Status	Date				
	August 2022 Meeting	David Hitchcock	Done	2022-08-09				
	December 2022	David Hitchcock	Done	2023-12-12				
	March 2023	David Hitchcock	Done	2023-03-09				
	June 2023	David Hitchcock	Done	2023-06-08				
Prepare and finalise 24/25 Financial Statements		David Hitchcock	To be scheduled	2025-08-21				
				2023-06-08 to 2025-08-21	2025-04-17 to 2025-12-12	2025-12-12	2025-06-12	
Maintenance and Operations								
Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1	Date 2	Date 3	
Delivery of scheduled maintenance at Dam as per Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.	Access roads/Gates and Fences/Seals/ jumps and culverts/signage/Removal debt/Engineer 5 yr inspection/Survey monument/	David Hitchcock	Done	2024-04-30	2024-06-28	2024-10-07		
Subitems	Name	Owner	Status	Date				
	Inspections		Done	2025-02-11				
	Access roads		To be scheduled	2025-02-11				
	Gates and Fences		In Progress	2025-02-11				
	Seals/ jumps and culverts		In Progress	2025-02-11				
	Signage		In Progress	2025-02-11				
	Removal debt		In Progress	2025-02-11				
	Engineer 5 yr inspection		To be scheduled	2028-09-01				
	Survey monument check		To be scheduled	2027-02-10				
	Weeds		In Progress	2025-02-11				
Scheduled inspections and environmental management of land associated with the Dam location		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11	2025-03-04	2025-04-16		
Rehabilitation of the Bruce Castle North Para Flood Mitigation Dam (5 year program		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-02-01				
Continuation of the revegetation program		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11		2025-06-25		
Implementation of an Information Management Framework for a digital environment		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-06-26				
				2024-02-01 to 2025-02-11	2024-06-26 to 2025-03-04	2024-10-07 to 2025-06-25		

Agenda Item:	8.5
Committee:	GRFMA Board
Meeting Date:	20 February 2025
Title:	Draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/2026 Budget

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

- 1. Endorses the Draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/2026 Budget.**
 - 2. Following receipt of Constituent Council feedback, considers adoption of the GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget at the June 2025 meeting.**
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2025/2026 Draft GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/2026 Budget

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

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

The Budget must:

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

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

The Annual Business Plan must:

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

Based on the above report the following information relates to action taken to draft the 2025/2026 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and development of the 2025/2026 draft GRFMA budget.

2025/2026 GRFMA Draft Annual Business Plan

The format of the Annual Business Plan has been constructed referencing the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026, the GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23-2031/32 and the GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032. It also refers to anticipated options identified by the Draft Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

Priority actions contained in the 2025/2026 draft Annual Business Plan identify:

- The Department for Environment and Water (DEW), in partnership with the GRFMA, has facilitated development of a Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to identify a shared vision and objectives to improve flood management in the Gawler River region.
- The Gawler River Flood Management initiative was included in Infrastructure SA's (ISA) Capital Intentions Statement in 2021 as a priority for business case development. Further work was undertaken in conjunction with ISA, project partners and stakeholders throughout 2021 and 2022 to provide additional information and details regarding the initiative. The work culminated in DEW completing the ISA Assurance Framework (ISAAF) Gate 1 review in May 2022 and the Business Case and Gate 2 review process on 4 December 2023.
- The Business Case recommends a portfolio of actions to improve flood protection in the Gawler River.

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

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

The GRFMA has identified that it lacks resources alone, to progress the options recommended by the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case, particularly the proposed dam raising and levee bank works.

A revised intergovernmental Gawler River Flood Control Dam Steering Committee, chaired by the GRFMA, has now been established to focus on coordinating delivery of the Business Case outcomes in partnership with relevant State Government agencies.

Issues and opportunities to be resolved include:

- Asset ownership and long-term financing and maintenance arrangements for upgraded levees, the current Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam, and the future raised dam.
- Leveraging the recent levee bank pilot projects to develop and attract funding for a broader levee bank repair and upgrade program along the lower Gawler River.
- Implementing community awareness and preparedness funding received under the Disaster Resilience Fund Round 2, and embedding the outcomes into long term community engagement by the Bureau of Meteorology, the SASSES and Councils.

- Input into Planning and Design Code amendments and Regional Plan development, specifically the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, to ensure future proposed greenfield and infill developments that may be affected by Gawler River flooding are more resilient, reducing damage, community impacts and recovery costs.

The draft Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) was completed in December 2024 with consultation directed early 2025 to communities along the Gawler River precincts of Gawler, Light, Playford and Adelaide Plains Councils.

The main findings and recommendations from the development of the Gawler River SMP are:

- The flood risk remains and the recommended approach to mitigate that flood risk is to repair / reinstate the existing levees (and ensure ongoing maintenance) and raise the height of the Bruce Eastick Flood North Para Mitigation Dam.
- Revisit and determine the most effective way forward regarding the complicated land ownership and responsibility arrangements along the length of the Gawler River including the channel itself and the associated levee banks.
- The communities are continually changing within the catchment area and there are many opportunities (and needs) for ongoing community education and awareness programs covering many topics including flooding, climate change, benefits of river systems and opportunities to be involved in the protection and enhancement of the local environment.

The Gawler River Flood Management Business Case and Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan are complementary documents and the GRFMA will direct endeavours to facilitate delivery of recommendations within. Clearly sufficient resourcing and funding will be required from local, state and federal Governments to do so.

GRFMA Strategic Plan Priorities

Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan. The Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, and the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case are the key GRFMA documents to assist in determining physical and other works required to reduce the risks and impacts of flooding.

Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits. The GRFMA is currently progressing a default flood mitigation funding strategy to progress discussion and agreement on design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits. The Gawler River Flood Management Business Case and Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan documents will inform priority infrastructure works.

In conjunction with the Constituent Councils, develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Gawler River referencing the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan. Engagement on progressing the raise of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam and addressing long term flood management issues and opportunities will occur through the new Gawler River Flood Control Dam Steering Committee.

Working with the Constituent Councils, develop a framework to clearly articulate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Authority and the Councils and suitable partnering arrangements to maintain a low-cost base for the Authority. The GRFMA receives strong partnering support from Constituent Councils which assist in keeping the administrative costs low.

Continue to advocate for improved governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance, resilience, and mitigation in South Australia. GRFMA has flood management experience and maintains focus on narrative about changes that are required to improve governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance and mitigation.

Assist the Constituent Councils in communicating with general communities and specific interest groups in relation to flood mitigation for the Gawler River. Communication with communities is actively maintained between the Constituent Councils and the Authority.

Maintenance and operations of the scheme during 2025 to 2026

- Work identified in the previously established, Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.
- Scheduled inspections and environmental management of land associated with the Dam location. Routine (monthly), Intermediate (annually), Comprehensive (every 5 years due 2028/2029).
- In partnership with the Landscape SA Northern and York, implement year 1(of 3) of the revegetation program upon land associated with the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.
- Consultation on and completion of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

2025/2026 Draft Budget

The scope of the GRFMA annual budget is small in comparison to the extensive undertakings by Constituent Councils.

Drafting of the 2025/2026 GRFMA Budget has been constructed by referencing the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026, the GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23 – 2031/32 and the GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032.

Revenue

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

Grant income of \$10,000 for implementation of the partnership with Landscape SA Northern and York, of year 1(of 3) of the revegetation program upon land associated with the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.

Bank/LGFA interest on cash reserves \$1,000.

Expenditure

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

Recently work has been progressed to facilitate the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case.

This is an important and complementary project to the GRFMA Stormwater Management Plan and collaborative approaches will be of benefit to all parties.

Important note: The 2024/2025 budget included expenditure of \$290,000 for completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case ISA Gate 2 recommendations. Any unspent funds (2024/2025) will be recorded as a short term liability within the 2024/2025 financial statements which will facilitate completion of the business case in 2025/2026 from unspent cash.

Operational Contributions (Member subscriptions)

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

Key Budget Outcome Operational Items

- Administration of the GRFMA \$127,420. Includes \$6,000 for provision of Cyber Security insurance as requested by the GRFMA Audit and Risk Committee.
- Provision for consultation on and finalisation of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, consultancies feasibility or initial design studies, \$20,000 = Member Subscriptions \$140,920.
- Remaining requirements for completion of the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case as recommended by ISA Gate 2 review funded by cash reserves.

Total Operation cost = \$370,920

Maintenance Contributions (Council subscriptions)

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

Key Budget Outcome Maintenance Items

Maintenance and operations of the scheme during 2025 to 2026 will include:

- Provision of \$69,550 for programmed work identified in the previously established, Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.
- Provision of \$10,000 for implementation of the partnership with Landscape SA Northern and York, of year 1 (of 3) of the revegetation program upon land associated with the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.
- Repayment (Principal and Interest) of \$70,000 for the Cash Advance Debenture previously raised to fund Dam repairs in 2022.
- Rates and Levies \$200.

Total Maintenance cost = \$149,750

Depreciation of Assets

URS Australia Pty Ltd, Dam Designers, have previously advised that a concrete RCC dam wall (as per the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam) can be expected to have a life of 80 years after completion.

On that basis the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam wall has been depreciated at the rate of 1.25% annually.

The GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032 provides:

Funding (cash allocation) of annual depreciation calculations is not undertaken, rather the policy is ensuring the GRFMA is provided with sufficient cash flow to maintain the Dam at required service provision levels.

This plan covers the infrastructure assets that provide Flood Mitigation comprising of:

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

The projected outlays necessary to provide the services covered by this Asset Management Plan (AM Plan) includes operations, maintenance, renewal and upgrade of existing assets over the 10-year planning period is \$1,233,642.

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

The 2023/2024 revaluation process involved estimating the value of the existing dam based on 2023/2024 market conditions to determine the Current Valuation and estimating the value of the depreciation since construction to determine to its Written Down Value.

The Current Valuation for the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam is \$54,036,053 based on 2023/2024 market conditions and the Written Down Value at 30/6/2024 is \$42,129,943.

Annual depreciation of the Dam, land and road access is \$706,098.

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

Cost Escalator

GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23-2031/32

The basic assumptions in relation to the major drivers of GRFMA expenditure including inflation (Consumer Price Index), as well as a number of expenditure influencers and capital expenditure projections are detailed below.

The underlying assumption is that the levels of service being provided are relatively unchanged. As indicated above some of these levels are externally determined. Others depend on GRFMA policy. For instance, if GRFMA wishes to increase the level of expenditure on renewal of assets or to construct new assets then that is an increase in service level. This increase must be accompanied by an increase in funding either from an increase in income such as Constituent Council contributions, State or Federal Government funding or borrowings.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is regarded as Australia's key measure of inflation. It is designed to provide a general measure of price inflation for the Australian household sector as a whole. The CPI measures changes over time in a wide range of consumer goods and services acquired by Australian metropolitan households and is measured quarterly.

The All-groups CPI, Adelaide, index numbers and percentage changes September Qtr. 2023 to September Qtr. 2024 for Adelaide equals 3.2 %.

The Local Government Price Index is the measure of price movements faced by Local Government in South Australia. Changes for the September Qtr. 2023 to September Qtr. 2024 equals 3.4%.

Rather than a blanket escalator application, the draft Budget has been adjusted to account for known administrative costs and fees. Other items are considered provision allocations.

Refer Table 3 *Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Budget - Functions & Items* which provides "line of sight," comparison of movement between 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 applied for income and expenditure items.

Summary

The 2025/2026 draft Budget has been constructed referencing the GRFMA Strategic Plan 2021-2026, the GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23-2031/32, the GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032 and the 2025/2026 GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan.

Adjustment will be made to the GRFMA Long Term Financial Plan 2022/23-2031/32, the GRFMA Asset Management Plan 2023-2032. The Long-term Financial Plan following endorsement of the 2025/2026 draft Budget. The updated documents will be provided to Constituent Councils and at the June 2025 GRFMA meeting.

The draft Budget proposal has been formulated with an inclusive approach to identified service and project requirements for 2025/2026. This has been affected with allocation of capital and maintenance expense estimates.

The Authority has endeavoured to minimise cost increases in delivering the functions, operations and project management required.

There are ongoing annual commitment costs of \$69,550 toward the 10-year Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam maintenance program and \$70,00 for annual payback reduction of the existing Cash Advance Debenture which was secured to facilitate capital repair to the Bruce Eastick North Para Mitigation Dam in 2022.

A provision of \$20,000 has been included to provide capacity for the Authority to undertake consultation and completion of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan and for relevant other consultancy studies and projects associated with matters relating to Gawler River flood management.

Revenue requirement calculations for Constituent Council contributions, shown at Table 1, have been based on this inclusive approach. Any budget amendments directed by meeting considerations will subsequently be reflected in the quantum of revenue to be sought from Constituent Councils.

Constituent Council contributions for 2025/2026 are \$290,670 being a reduction of \$125,621 from 2024/2025 contributions of \$416,921. Principally from no additional Council contributions for the Business Case. As occurred in 2024/2025

A net Operating Loss of (\$646,598), as per the uniform presentation of finances, is forecast for 2025/2026. This is materially the amount of unfunded depreciation less a small surplus income contingency.

Reconciliation with the MYOB presentation is a net operating loss of (\$701,598) less \$55,000 repayment of borrowings for CAD = (\$646,598).

See below Table 1 - Constituent Council shares proposed as per draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Budget and further copy of details (MYOB format) of the GRFMA Budget functions which identifies the current 2024/2025 Budget BR2 against Year to Date (22/01/2025) income and expenditure and the 2025/2026 Draft Budget income and expenditure proposals.

See separate attachment copies of GRFMA 2025/2026 budgeted financial statements presented, in a manner consistent with the uniform presentation of finances, pursuant to section 123(10)(b) of the Local Government Act 1999.

Table 1

Constituent Council shares proposed as per draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Budget - Refer 1.1 Member Subscriptions (\$140,920) and 3.1 Council Subscriptions (\$149,750).

Council	2024/25 Operatio	2024/25 Maint	2024/25 TOTAL	2025/26 Operational	2025/26 Maint	2025/26 TOTAL
Adelaide Plains Council	46,228	40,330	\$86,558	\$ 23,486	\$ 43,293	\$ 66,779
Adelaide Hills Council	46,228	2,414	\$48,643	\$ 23,486	\$ 2,591	\$ 26,077
The Barossa Council	46,228	12,099	\$58,327	\$ 23,486	\$ 12,983	\$ 36,469
Town of Gawler	46,228	24,198	\$70,426	\$ 23,486	\$ 25,967	\$ 49,453
Light Regional Council	46,228	12,099	\$58,327	\$ 23,486	\$ 12,983	\$ 36,469
City of Playford	46,229	48,410	\$94,639	\$ 23,490	\$ 51,933	\$ 75,423
Total	277,371	139,550	\$416,921	\$ 140,920	\$ 149,750	\$ 290,670

Table 2 Percentage Share

Constituent Council	Capital Works	Maintenance of Assets	Operational Costs
	Percentage Share	Percentage Share	Percentage Share
Adelaide Plains Council	28.91%	28.91%	16.66%
Adelaide Hills Council	1.73%	1.73%	16.66%
The Barossa Council	8.67%	8.67%	16.66%
Town of Gawler	17.34%	17.34%	16.66%
Light Regional Council	8.67%	8.67%	16.66%
City of Playford	34.68%	34.68%	16.66%
Total	100%	100%	100%

Table 3

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Budget - Functions & Items 2024/245 and draft for 2025/2026

Code		2024/2025			2025/2026
	REVENUE	Budget	YTD		Budget
	Administration of the GRFMA				
1,1	Member Subscriptions	277,373	138,686		140,920
1,3	Interest LGFA	824	926		1000
1,4	Interest BankSA				
1,5	Other				
	Total	278,197	139,612		141,920
	Operations Flood Mitigation Scheme				
2,1	Council Subscriptions				
2,3	State Grant	156,000	156,000		10,000
2,4	Commonwealth Grant				
2,5	Sale of Land				0
2,6	Other				0
	Total	156,000	156,000		10,000
	Maintenance Flood Mitigation Scheme				
3,1	Council Subscriptions	139,550	69,775		149,750
3,3	Other				
	Total	139,550	69,775		149,750
	TOTAL INCOME	573,747	365,387		301,670
	EXPENDITURE	2024/2025			2025/2026
		Budget	YTD		Budget
	Administration of the GRFMA				
6,1	Executive Officer Contract	58,800	32,178		62,000
6,2	Advt, Print, Stat, Postage	1,300	0		1,000
6,3	Travelling Expenses	4,200	882		4,200
6,4	Insurance - PL & PI	9,600	7,111		16,000
6,41	Audit Committee	2,600	1,300		2,600
6,5	Audit Fees	6,175	5,799		6,500
6,6	Bank Fees	120	94		120
6,7	Legal Advice	0	0		2,000
6,8	Honorarium Chairperson	20,400	10,997		20,000
6,10	Other	10,800	5,114		13,000
	Total	113,995	63,473		127,420

	Business Case				
9,7	Consultancies SMP	20,000	7,660		20,000
9,8	EO Supervision				
9.9	Business Case	290,000	47,053		
	Total	310,000	54,713		20,000
	Maintenance Flood Mitigation Scheme				
10,2	Maintenance Contractors	10,000	0		10,000
10,3	BENPFM Dam Maintenance	69,550	3,120		69,550
10,31	Rates - GST Free	200	135		200
10,4	Depreciation Dam	706,098			706,098
	Total	785,848	3,255		785,848
	Other Expense Finance **	70,000	3,110		70,000
	ALL EXPENDITURE	\$1,279,843	\$124,551		\$1,003,268
	SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-706,096	240,836		-701,598

** MYOB cash format representing Interest and principal payments.

Local Government Model Financial Statements represent interest payments of \$15,000 as operational expenditure and finance repayment \$55,000, CAD, as reduction in liability (Balance Sheet).

*Rounding

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026**

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

2024/2025 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2025/2026 DRAFT BUDGET
\$	INCOME	\$
416,921	Subscriptions	290,670
156,000	Grants Subsidies and Contributions	10,000
824	Investment Income	1,000
-	Other	-
573,745	TOTAL REVENUES	301,670
	EXPENSES	
503,745	Materials, Contracts and Other Expenses	227,170
15,000	Finance Costs	15,000
706,098	Depreciation, amortisation & impairment	706,098
1,224,843	Total Expenses	948,268
	OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE CAPITAL AMOUNTS	
(651,098)		(646,598)
-	Net gain (loss) on disposal or revaluation of assets	-
-	Amounts specifically for new or upgraded assets	-
-	Physical resources received free of charge	-
 (651,098)	TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	 (646,598)

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026**

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

2024/2025 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2025/2026 DRAFT BUDGET
\$		\$
Inflows		Inflows
(Outflows)		(Outflows)
	CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
	RECEIPTS	
572,921	Operating Receipts	300,670
824	Investment Receipts	1,000
	PAYMENTS	
(495,745)	Operating payments to suppliers & employees	(227,170)
(15,000)	Finance Payments	(15,000)
<u>63,000</u>	Net Cash provided by (or used in) Operating Activities	<u>59,500</u>
	CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
	RECEIPTS	
-	Grants specifically for new or upgraded assets	-
0	Sale of Assets	0
	PAYMENTS	
-	Capital Expenditure on renewal/replacement of assets	-
-	Capital Expenditure on new/upgraded assets	-
<u>-</u>	Net Cash provided by (or used in) Investing Activities	<u>-</u>
	CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
	RECEIPTS	
-	Proceeds from Borrowings	-
	PAYMENTS	
(55,000)	Repayment of Borrowings	(55,000)
<u>(55,000)</u>	NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(55,000)</u>
	NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD	<u>4,500</u>
8,000	CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>49,309</u>
<u>41,309</u>	CASH AT END OF YEAR	<u>53,809</u>
<u>49,309</u>		<u>53,809</u>

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026**

BALANCE SHEET

2024/2025 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2025/2026 DRAFT BUDGET
	ASSETS	
	CURRENT ASSETS	
\$		\$
49,309	Cash and cash equivalents	53,809
56,404	Trade & other receivables	56,404
-	Inventories	-
<u>105,713</u>	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>110,213</u>
	NON-CURRENT ASSETS	
-	Financial Assets	-
41,900,845	Infrastructure, Property, Plant & Equipment	41,194,747
<u>41,900,845</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	<u>41,194,747</u>
<u>42,006,559</u>	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>41,304,961</u>
	LIABILITIES	
	CURRENT LIABILITIES	
55,605	Trade & Other Payables	55,605
298,388	Borrowings	243,388
-	Short-term Provisions	-
<u>353,993</u>	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>298,993</u>
	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
-	Long-term Borrowings	-
-	Long-term Provisions	-
<u>-</u>	TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>
<u>353,993</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>298,993</u>
<u>41,652,566</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>41,005,968</u>
	EQUITY	
11,288,246	Accumulated Surplus	10,641,648
30,364,320	Asset Revaluation	30,364,320
-	Other Reserves	-
<u>41,652,566</u>	TOTAL EQUITY	<u>41,005,968</u>

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

2024/2025 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2025/2026 DRAFT BUDGET
\$		\$
	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	
11,939,344	Balance at end of previous reporting period	11,288,246
-651,098	Net Result for Year	-646,598
0	Transfer From Reserves	0
0	Transfer To Reserves	0
11,288,246	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	10,641,648
	ASSET REVALUATION RESERVE	
30,364,320	Balance at end of previous reporting period	30,364,320
0	Gain on revaluation of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00
0.00	Transfer to Accumulated Surplus on sale of infrastructure, property, plant & equipment	0.00
30,364,320	BALANCE AT END OF PERIOD	30,364,320
41,652,566	TOTAL EQUITY AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD	41,005,968

**GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
CONSOLIDATED DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026**

UNIFORM PRESENTATION OF FINANCES

2024/2025 FULL YEAR REVISED ESTIMATE		2025/2026 DRAFT BUDGET
\$		\$
573,745	Operating Revenues	301,670
(1,224,843)	less Operating Expenses	(948,268)
<u>(651,098)</u>	Operating Surplus / (Deficit) before Capital Amounts	<u>(646,598)</u>
	Less Net Outlays in Existing Assets	
	Capital Expenditure on renewal and replacement of Existing Assets	-
-	less Depreciation, Amortisation and Impairment	(706,098)
(706,098)	less Proceeds from Sale of Replaced Assets	-
<u>-</u>		<u>(706,098)</u>
(706,098)		
	Less Net Outlays on New and Upgraded Assets	
-	Capital Expenditure on New and Upgraded Assets	-
-	less Amounts received specifically for New and Upgraded Assets	-
-	less Proceeds from Sale of Surplus Assets	-
<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
-		
55,000	Net Lending / (Borrowing) for Financial Year	59,500

GRFMA ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN

2025-2026

Draft January 2025

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

Constituent Councils:

Adelaide Hills Council

Adelaide Plains Council

The Barossa Council

Town of Gawler

Light Regional Council

City of Playford

Business Plan 2025-2026

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA)

The Gawler River

The Gawler River is formed by the confluence of the North Para and South Para in the town of Gawler and is located in the Adelaide Plains district of South Australia. The district surrounding the river produces cereal crops and sheep for both meat and wool, as well as market gardens, almond orchards and vineyards. The farm gate output of the Gawler River floodplain horticultural areas is estimated to be at least \$500 million.

History

The river is subject to periodic flood events.



Desirable Levels of Protection Cost of Flooding

Flood Frequency (ARI)	Total Estimated Damages Direct and Indirect
1 in 20	\$66.7m
1 in 50	\$189m
1 in 100	\$439.2m
1 in 200	\$627.1m
Average Annual Damage	\$14.7m

GRUMP Mitigation Options Analysis Report, Table 7 January 2022

Properties at Risk

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

Purpose of the GRFMA

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

The Authority has been established for the following purposes:

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

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

These include:

- Arrangements for managing stormwater in South Australia are very complicated, reflecting incremental changes over time in legislation, guidelines, structures, and funding arrangements. For the Authority, specific concerns are:
 - There is no clear definition of the responsibilities of levels of government for managing stormwater.
 - Floodplain management is not well recognised in the current framework for stormwater management.
 - Responsibilities for different aspects of managing the Gawler River sit with various (mostly SA Government) agencies, yet there is no overarching structure, body, or plan to ensure an integrated approach to managing it.
 - Most of the Gawler River is located on private land (a common situation in South Australia) which restricts the ability of the Authority (and other bodies) to carry out its functions.
 - Most flood management initiatives within the Gawler River catchment and floodplain are beyond the capacity of Constituent Councils to fund and State and Federal Government engagement and funding support will be required before any such initiatives are to be realised.
- The effects of flooding on intensive food production and residential properties on the Northern Adelaide Plains.
- Impacts of climate change on the timing, frequency, and volumes of flows into the river.
- Changes in stormwater flows and the risks of flooding associated with new residential development in the Gawler River catchment.

- The level of community understanding of the risks of flooding within the entire catchment and how individuals can reduce the risks.
- Signs of growing interest in the concept of water cycle management with greater integration of different aspects of water management, including stormwater and floodwater.
- Differences in perspectives and priorities between upstream and downstream Constituent Councils in relation to beneficiaries, funding arrangements, and priorities.
- The limited resource base of the Authority, which is supplemented on an ad-hoc basis through partnering with Constituent Councils.

Governance

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

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

The Board

The Members of the Board are:

Council	Board Members	Deputy Board Members
Chairperson and Independent Member	Mr Lino Dilernia	
Adelaide Hills Council	Cr Malcolm Herrmann Mr David Collins	Ms Jess Charlton
Adelaide Plains Council	Cr Mel Lawrence Mr James Miller	Cr Dante Mazzio Mr Tom Jones
The Barossa Council	Cr Bruce Preece, Mr Jake McVicar	Mr Ben Clark
Town of Gawler	Cr Paul Koch Ms Whendee Young	Cr Brian Sambell
Light Regional Council	Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder Mr Richard Dodson	
City of Playford	Cr Clinton Marsh Mr Greg Pattinson	Cr Peter Rentoulis

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

The Members of the Panel are:

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Chair
- Ms Ingrid Franssen, Manager Flood Management, DEW
- SA Water representative (vacant)
- 1 Constituent Council representative, Mr Shaun Fielding, City of Playford
- 1 Constituent Council representative, Mr Ben Clark, The Barossa Council
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

An Audit and Risk Committee has been appointed to review:

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

The Members of the Audit and Risk Committee are:

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

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

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



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

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

Dean Newbery Pty Ltd was appointed as GRFMA External Auditor for a term of three plus two years, effective 1 July 2024.

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

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

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

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

Cost of Operations

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

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

Work, in partnership with the Department for Environment and Water, to facilitate the Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case continues to progress. This is an important and complementary project to the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan and collaborative approaches will be of benefit to all parties. There is an expectation by the state Government that the GRFMA (including constituent councils) will contribute to the development and completion of the business case.

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

Constituent Council Shares for Contributions

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

Theme 1: Design, build, and maintain physical flood mitigation infrastructure. Objective: To have in place an agreed extent of physical flood mitigation infrastructure that is fit for purpose and achieves the targeted levels of performance.

Theme 2: Develop and evolve key relationships. Objective: To maintain key relationships that are most important to the Authority achieving its purpose.

Theme 3: Ensure good governance and ongoing financial sustainability. Objective: To ensure that the Authority meets legislative requirements and contemporary standards of governance and is financially sustainable for the long term.

Priority Actions 2025/2026

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

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

The Business Case recommends a portfolio of actions to improve flood protection in the Gawler River. These initiatives provide complementary benefits for the management of flood in the Gawler River, and comprise:

1. raising the height of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam
2. improvements and ongoing maintenance of existing levee banks
3. improved planning controls to improve resilience of future developments to flooding
4. flood awareness campaign to improve community resilience to flooding.

The GRFMA has identified that it lacks resources alone, to progress the options recommended by the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case, particularly the proposed dam raising and levee bank works.

A revised intergovernmental Gawler River Flood Control Dam Steering Committee, chaired by the GRFMA, has now been established to focus on coordinating delivery of the Business Case outcomes in partnership with relevant state government agencies.

Issues and opportunities to be resolved include:

- Asset ownership and long-term financing and maintenance arrangements for upgraded levees, the current Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam, and the future raised dam.
- Leveraging the recent levee bank pilot projects to develop and attract funding for a broader levee bank repair and upgrade program along the lower Gawler River.
- Implementing community awareness and preparedness funding received under the Disaster Resilience Fund Round 2, and embedding the outcomes into long term community engagement by the Bureau of Meteorology, the SASES and Councils.
- Input into Planning and Design Code amendments and Regional Plan development, specifically the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan, to ensure future proposed greenfield and infill developments that may be affected by Gawler River flooding are more resilient, reducing damage, community impacts and recovery costs.

The draft Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) was completed in December 2024 with consultation directed early 2025 to communities along the Gawler River precincts of Gawler, Light, Playford and Adelaide Plains Councils.

The main findings and recommendations from the development of the Gawler River SMP are:

- The flood risk remains and the recommended approach to mitigate that flood risk is to repair / reinstate the existing levees (and ensure ongoing maintenance) and raise the height of the Bruce Eastick Flood North Para Mitigation Dam.
- Revisit and determine the most effective way forward regarding the complicated land ownership and responsibility arrangements along the length of the Gawler River including the channel itself and the associated levee banks.
- The communities are continually changing within the catchment area and there are many opportunities (and needs) for ongoing community education and awareness programs covering many topics including flooding, climate change, benefits of river systems and opportunities to be involved in the protection and enhancement of the local environment.

The Gawler River Flood Management Business Case and Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan are complementary documents and the GRFMA will direct endeavours to facilitate delivery of recommendations within. Clearly sufficient resourcing and funding will be required from Local, State and Federal Governments to do so.

GRFMA Strategic Plan Priorities

- **Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.** The Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, and the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case are the key GRFMA documents to assist in determining physical and other works required to reduce the risks and impacts of flooding.
- **Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits.** The GRFMA is currently progressing a default flood mitigation funding strategy to progress discussion and agreement on design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits. The Gawler River Flood Management Business Case and Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan documents will inform priority infrastructure works.
- **In conjunction with the Constituent Councils, develop and implement a schedule of flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Gawler River referencing the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.** Engagement on progressing the raise of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam and addressing long term flood management issues and opportunities will occur through the new Gawler River Flood Control Dam Steering Committee.
- **Working with the Constituent Councils, develop a framework to clearly articulate the respective roles and responsibilities of the Authority and the Councils and suitable partnering arrangements to maintain a low-cost base for the Authority.** The GRFMA receives strong partnering support from constituent councils which assist in keeping the administrative costs low.
- **Continue to advocate for improved governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance, resilience, and mitigation in South Australia.** The GRFMA is experienced in flood management and maintains focus on narrative about changes that are required to improve governance and funding arrangements for flood avoidance and mitigation.
- **Assist the Constituent Councils in communicating with general communities and specific interest groups in relation to flood mitigation for the Gawler River.** Communication with communities is actively maintained between the constituent councils and the Authority.

Maintenance and operations of the scheme during 2025 to 2026

- Work identified in the previously established, Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.
- Scheduled inspections and environmental management of land associated with the Dam location. Routine (monthly), Intermediate (annually), Comprehensive (every 5 years due 2028/2029).
- In partnership with the Landscape SA Northern and York, implement year 1(of 3) of the revegetation program upon land associated with the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam.



Agenda Item:	10.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	20 February 2025
Title:	Executive Officer Services Review

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, with the exception of:

- Observers

in order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.1 Executive Officer Services Review pursuant to Section 90(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of : containing information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead).

2. This matter is confidential because the information herein provides matters relating to the Independent Contractor Agreement for GRFMA EO.
3. On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA Board should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Board consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.

Recommendation:

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 Executive Officer Services Review be kept confidential in accordance with the GRFMA Boards reasons to deal with this item in confidence pursuant to section 90(3) (d) (e) of the Local Government Act 1999:

- Report for Item 101.

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.

David Hitchcock has provided Executive Officer services to the GRFMA since 1 January 2017 initially as an individual via an employment contract and then, from 1 July 2023, as director/principal of LUVROK Pty Ltd.

An Independent Contractor Agreement between the GRFMA and LUDVOK Pty Ltd took effect on 1 July 2023 with an Expiry Date of 31 December 2025.

Review of the Service Charge as of 1 July 2024 has been delayed until the February 2025 Board Meeting.

Refer Confidential Item 10.1 for further information.
