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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 17 April 2025

Time: 9:45am

Place: Host: Adelaide Hills Council
Fabrik
Lobethal Woollen Mill – Level 1 (Upper Workspace), 1 Lobethal Road, Lobethal



David E Hitchcock

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



The Barossa Council

Gawler



AGENDA

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

ORDINARY MEETING

9:45am Thursday 17 April 2025

**Lobethal Woollen Mill
Level 1 (Upper Workspace) – 1 Lobethal Road, Lobethal**

Host: Adelaide Hills Council

1. Meeting of the Board

- 1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson
- 1.2 Present
- 1.3 Apologies
- 1.4 Appointment of Observers
- 1.5 Declarations of Interest

2. Confirmation of Minutes

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3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Updates on Disaster Ready Fund Projects and short presentation from DEW and SES on the Gawler River Awareness and Preparedness Campaign

Shaun Fielding Senior Project Manager, Flood Management, Climate Change, Flood Risk and Coast Branch | Environment, Heritage and Sustainability Division,
Department for Environment and Water

- 5.2 Matters provided to SA State Government, Country Cabinet, Mallala

James Miller, GRFMA Board Member, CEO Adelaide Plains Council

6. Audit and Risk Committee

Nil

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

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9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Confidential

Nil

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time:

Thursday 19 June 2025, 9:45am

Host:

The Barossa Council

13. Closure

Agenda Item: 2.1
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 17 April 2025
Title: GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 20/02/2025 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

Refer to the attached minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board meeting held on 20/02/2025.

MINUTES

GAWLER RIVER FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY BOARD

9:45am Thursday, 20 February 2025

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

1. Meeting of the Board

1.1 Welcome by the GRFMA Chairperson

Mr Lino Di Lernia formally welcomed Board Members, Deputy Board Members and the Executive Officer and opened the 155th meeting of the Board.

1.2 Present

- Mr Lino Di Lernia, Independent Board Member, Chair
- Cr Terry-Anne Keen, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Mr James Miller, Adelaide Plains Council, Board Member
- Cr Malcolm Herrmann, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Mr David Collins, Adelaide Hills Council, Board Member
- Cr Bruce Preece, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Mr Jake McVicar, The Barossa Council, Board Member
- Cr Paul Koch, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Ms Whendee Young, Town of Gawler, Board Member
- Cr Clint Marsh, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr Greg Pattinson, City of Playford, Board Member
- Mr David Hitchcock, Executive Officer

1.3 Apologies

- Cr Michael Phillips-Ryder, Light Regional Council, Board Member
- Mr Richard Dodson, Light Regional Council, Board Member

1.4 Appointment of Observers

Nil

1.5 Declarations of Interest

David Hitchcock declared a material conflict of interest in Item 10.1 and will leave the meeting for that item.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 GRFMA Ordinary Meeting Minutes

GB1/25 **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 12/12/2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.2 GRFMA Confidential Meeting Minutes

GB2/25 **GRFMA Confidential Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Bruce Preece,
Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

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.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2.3 Actions on Previous Resolutions

The Board accepted the report as read.

2.4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nil

3. Questions on Notice

Nil

4. Motions on Notice

Nil

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Audit and Risk Committee

6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes

GB3/25 **Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Minutes**
Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann
Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Technical Assessment Panel

Nil

8. Reports

8.1 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

GB4/25 Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Mr David Collins

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.*
3. *Endorses GRFMA's application to the Disaster Ready Fund to assist completion of the Business Case on the basis that the GRFMA will contribute up to \$200,000.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

GB5/25 Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Moved: Cr Bruce Preece

Seconded: Mr James Miller

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.3 Financial Report and GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget Review 2

GB6/25 Financial Report and GRFMA 2024/2025 Budget Review 2

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

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 2024/2025 Budget Review 2 documents January 2025, and the variances contained as its amended and current budget for the period ended 30 June 2025.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.4 Executive Officer Report

GB7/25 Executive Officer Report

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That the GRFMA:

1. *Receives 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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 Draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/2026 Budget

GB8/25 Draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/2026 Budget

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Confidential

10.1 Executive Officer Services Review

10:56am David Hitchcock left the meeting.

GB9/25 Executive Officer Services Review

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

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.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:57am confidential session commenced.

10.1 Executive Officer Services Review

GB10/25 Executive Officer Services Review
– kept in confidence

10.1 Executive Officer Services Review

GB11/25 Executive Officer Services Review

Moved: Cr Terry-Anne Keen

Seconded: Ms Whendee Young

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.*
 - *Minutes for Item 10.1.*
2. *This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:03am confidential session concluded.

11:04am David Hitchcock returned to the meeting.

10.2 SMP Consultation

GB12/25 SMP Consultation

Moved: Mr David Collins

Seconded: Mr Greg Pattinson

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) of the Local Government Act 1999, an Order is made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting.*
In order to consider in confidence agenda item 10.2 SMP Consultation, pursuant to Section 90(3)(b)(i)(II) of the Local Government Act 1999 on the basis of information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting, or proposing to conduct, business, or to prejudice the commercial position of the GRFMA.
2. *This matter is confidential because the information herein provides information regarding consideration of commercial terms for services.*
3. *On the basis of this information, the principle that meetings of the GRFMA should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in this instance: the Committee consider it necessary to consider this matter in confidence.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:06am confidential session commenced.

10.2 SMP Consultation

GB13/25 SMP Consultation

Moved: Mr Greg Pattinson

Seconded: Cr Bruce Preece

That the GRFMA:

1. *Engages Ms Emma Pink to undertake community engagement on the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan in accordance with the proposal as per correspondence of 18 February 2025.*
2. *Acknowledges that estimated cost of the services is \$8,000.*
3. *Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to consult with and seek approval of the GRFMA Chairman, regarding any aspect of cost associated with printing material or the use of external designers for web assets.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10.2 SMP Consultation

GB14/25 SMP Consultation

Moved: Cr Malcolm Herrmann

Seconded: Cr Clint Marsh

That:

1. *Pursuant to Section 90(2) and Section 91(7) of the Local Government Act 1999, the GRFMA orders that the following aspects of item 10.2 SMP Consultation 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:*
 - *Report for Item 10.2.*
 - *Attachment for Item 10.2*
2. *This order shall operate until reviewed and determined as part of the annual review by the Authority in accordance with Section 91(9)(a) of the Local Government Act 1999.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11:12am confidential session concluded.

11. Urgent Matters Without Notice

Nil

12. Next Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday 17 April 2025, 9.45am

Host: Adelaide Hills Council

13. Closure

The Chairperson thanked the members for their attendance and contributions and closed the meeting at 11:13am.

Chair _____ Date _____

Agenda Item: 2.2
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 17 April 2025
Title: GRFMA Confidential Meeting Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority Board confidential meeting held on 20/02/2025 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 20/02/2025.

Agenda Item: 2.3
Committee: Board
Meeting Date: 17 April 2025
Title: Actions on Previous Resolutions

Number		Action
GB4/25	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Notes the report.</i> <i>2. Requests the GRFMA Chairman to undertake discussion with Constituent Councils and the State Government to facilitate further engagement of Federal Government funding opportunities.</i> <i>3. Endorses GRFMA's application to the Disaster Ready Fund to assist completion of the Business Case on the basis that the GRFMA will contribute up to \$200,000.</i>	Refer Agenda item 8.1
GB8/25	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Endorses the Draft 2025/2026 GRFMA Annual Business Plan and Draft 2025/2026 Budget.</i> <i>2. Following receipt of Constituent Council feedback, considers adoption of the GRFMA draft Annual Business Plan and Annual Budget at the June 2025 meeting.</i>	To be tabled at the 19 June 2025 GRFMA meeting
GB13/25	<i>That the GRFMA:</i> <i>1. Engages Ms Emma Pink to undertake community engagement on the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan in accordance with the proposal as per correspondence of 18 February 2025.</i> <i>2. Acknowledges that estimated cost of the services is \$8,000.</i> <i>3. Requests the GRFMA Executive Officer to consult with and seek approval of the GRFMA Chairman, regarding any aspect of cost associated with printing material or the use of external designers for web assets.</i>	Refer Agenda item 8.2

Agenda Item:	8.1
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	17 April 2025
Title:	Gawler River Flood Mitigation Business Case

Recommendation: 1

That the GRFMA Board authorises an application to the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 to finalise the Business Case for the Gawler River Floodplain Flood Mitigation based on a GRFMA cash contribution of \$290,000, which includes:

1. \$200,000 as per GB 4/25.
2. \$40,000 remaining unspent business case provisions in the 2024/25 GRFMA budget.
3. \$20,000 from the 2025/26 budget.
4. \$30,000 as forward estimates to be included in the 2026/27 GRFMA budget.

Recommendation: 2

That the GRFMA:

1. Receives the URPS report summarising the GRFMA's requests and analysis of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP).
2. Notes the report's important questions:
 - Will the Bruce Eastick Dam upgrade be prioritised as critical infrastructure?
 - Can an infrastructure scheme partially fund the dam?
 - Will a cost-sharing model support dam delivery?
 - Will flood mitigation receive planning priority like transport infrastructure?
3. Requests the GRFMA Chairman to include these questions in future discussions with State and Federal Government representatives, and Members of Parliament.

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.

Disaster Ready Fund

As advised at the February 2025 Board meeting, a grant funding opportunity has recently arisen through the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 (DRF); preparing a GRFMA application has been a key focus over the last 2 months.

The DRF application is a project entitled: Complete the Gawler River Flood Management Business Case to raise the Bruce Eastick North Para Dam by 10 metres and upgrade downstream levee banks.

Project activities will include implementing the recommendations of Infrastructure SA Gate 2 assurance review, field investigations, and concrete testing of the existing dam wall. The expected outcome is a final business plan ready to present to government investors.

The GRFMA Chairman and Executive Officer have received assistance from consultants Straight up Science for the submission application.

Refer to 14 March 2025 Circular Resolution Out of Session report (via email) to Board Members recommendation which received approval.

That, as a result of time constraints, the GRFMA Board approves out of session the engagement of grant consultants, Straight Up Science, at a cost of up to \$9,800 (plus GST), to assist the GRFMA to submit a grant application to the Disaster Ready Fund to complete the Gawler River Floodplain Mitigation Business Case.

The application has also garnered positive endorsements from local State and Federal Members of Parliament.

The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, 16 April 2025 and work is continuing to finalise the application, a copy of which will be provided to members following completion and lodgement of the submission.

At the time of writing this paper, the financials of the application are as follows.

Expenses	\$
Structural integrity investigations	660,000
Technical support	65,000
Legal review – land tenure	40,000
Stakeholder engagement – First Nations and other	40,000
Cost review	38,000
Infrastructure SA	35,000
Ethnographic studies	30,000
Financial modelling	20,000
Business case write-up	20,000
Flood mapping	16,000
Sub-total	964,000
10% contingency	96,400
Total Expenses	1,060,400
Funding	\$
Grant	770,400
GRFMA Cash	290,000
Total Funding	1,060,400

The above are based on cost estimates received, for example, from engineering firm GHD on the structural integrity investigations – and highlight the imperative of a successful grant application as, without the grant funding, we would need to defer the structural integrity investigations and still fund around \$400k to complete the other work. This will present its challenges.

Successful completion of the project will enable the GRFMA to confirm that a business case exists that justifies a funding commitment from the State and Federal Governments, complemented by Councils and the private sector.

The process of developing the budget and costings for the application involves several complexities, particularly in the criteria for recognising prior contributions from 1 July 2023. This includes both in-kind and cash contributions to match dollar for dollar the amount of funding sought and has required further strategic considerations to develop the final application budget and costings.

To maximise the funding opportunity, the application is based on a GRFMA cash contribution of \$290,000. The funding rationale is as follows:

- The 2024/25 GRFMA Business Case budget is \$290,000, of which \$50,000 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$240,000.
- Resolution GB 4/25 approved GRFMA's application to the Disaster Ready Fund, committing up to \$200,000, leaving \$40,000 uncommitted.
- The 2025/26 Draft Budget includes provision of \$20,000 for the business case and consultancy work, pending adoption in June 2025.

It is therefore proposed to source the funding contribution as follows:

4. \$200,000 as per GB 4/25.
5. \$40,000 remaining unspent business case provisions in the 2024/25 GRFMA budget.
6. \$20,000 from the 2025/26 budget.
7. \$30,000 as forward estimates to be included in the 2026/27 GRFMA budget.

In summary, this funding approach utilises current GRFMA funds and an additional \$30,000 from the 2026/27 budget.

Note that, the GRFMA cash contribution is conditional on a successful grant application. The grant application process is lengthy with implications on the timing of the business case work as a successful grant application will effectively defer work on the business case until March 2026.

The following is an indication of the timeline envisaged:

Activity	Date
Grant application lodgement	16 April 2025
Short-listing by SAFECOM	April/May 2025
Advice from SAFECOM that application has been recommended to NEMA (Federal Government agency)	June 2025
Advice from NEMA that application was successful	September/October 2025
Grant Agreements executed	January/February 2026
Project Start Date	1 March 2026

Outcomes of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan

The updated Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) was officially launched on 17 March 2025.

The GRFMA submitted a detailed submission to the draft GARP in September 2024 requesting several actions for the Government's consideration through the finalisation process.

URPS have been subsequently engaged to provide a paper that provides a recap of the GRFMA's requests and analyses how the GARP has considered these requests in its latest form or been updated more generally as it relates to the interests of the GRFMA.

In its submission to the draft GARP, the GRFMA strongly advocated for raising the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam by 10 metres.

The submission clearly demonstrated the benefits of this upgrade, including protection of approximately 2,300 hectares of land from major flooding, enabling urban development, and improving resilience for existing horticultural land.

The GRFMA highlighted that this infrastructure directly aligns with the GARP's strategic aims, unlocking housing land, supporting agriculture, and facilitating economic growth. Noting a cost-benefit assessment estimated that an investment of \$220 million could deliver an \$881 million value uplift, through increased land value, reduced flood recovery costs, and improved development potential.

While the final GARP recognises the critical role of infrastructure in supporting future growth, it stops short of specifically identifying the dam upgrade as a priority project.

The Plan does highlight infrastructure schemes as a key funding mechanism for delivering essential infrastructure in growth areas. These schemes could potentially be applied to the dam, especially in the outer north.

Below are questions to assist the GRFMA in future conversations with the Government:

1. Will the Bruce Eastick Dam upgrade be formally prioritised as critical enabling infrastructure?
2. Can an infrastructure scheme be used to partially fund the dam?
3. Will a cost-sharing model be supported to progress dam delivery?
4. Will flood mitigation receive the same planning priority as transport infrastructure?

The report and the questions mentioned will be used in future discussions with State Government and Federal Government representatives, as well as relevant Members of Parliament. Please refer to the attachment for a complete copy of the report.

Engagement with Parliamentarians

As indicated at the last Board meeting, we have stepped up our engagement with State and Federal parliamentarians, as shown in the following table.

The MPs identified with yellow shading have sent letters of support of the GRFMA's DRF grant application (others are being followed up).

Name	Details	Date update letter 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	Attended meeting 21 February 2025
Rowan Ramsey MP Tom Venning preselected	Federal Member for Grey	18 December 2024	Attended meeting 19 February 2025
Matt Burnell MP	Federal Member for Spence	18 December 2024	Attended meeting 31 January 2025
Penny Pratt MP	Member for Frome	27 February 2025	In contact and to be scheduled
Ashton Hurn MP	Member for Schubert	18 December 2024	Scheduled 21 May 2025

Name	Details	Date update letter sent	Action
Tony Piccolo, MP	Member for Light	18 December 2024	In contact and 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
Vincent Tazia	Leader of the Opposition	7 April 2025	
Michelle Lensink	Shadow Minister for Planning and Housing	In progress	

DEW Update – Community Awareness Program and Levies

DEW representatives will attend the April 2025 Board meeting to provide an update on the aspects of the Business Case delivery that DEW has responsibility.

Business Case Coordination and Flood Control Dam Steering Committee

A meeting of the Business Case Coordination and Flood Control Dam Steering Committee was held 1:00pm Friday 21 February 2025.

The Steering Committee:

1. Agreed to meet one week before each GRFMA Board meeting.
2. Adopted Terms of Reference.
3. Amended the goals to more accurately inform the role of the committee with reference to: *Finalised Business Case as described in the attached governance model - ie update the business case; secure funding bids for raising the Dam and delivering the levee bank works; and determine the long-term asset management of the Dam and levee banks.*
4. Agreed to receive a further paper from the Chair regarding the issues around the Disaster Ready Fund grant application.
5. The following was also noted:
 - a) All Councils and State Government agencies need to proactively engage with Planning and Land Use Services to influence planning policies.
 - b) The Department for Environment and Water is separately leading Levee Bank improvements and community flood awareness and preparedness.
6. Noted the status of the project and the high-level project plan.



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2 April 2025

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Dear David

Outcomes of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan

Introduction

The updated Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP) was officially launched on 17 March 2025. The Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority (GRFMA) submitted a detailed submission to the draft GARP in September 2024 requesting several actions for the Government's consideration through the finalisation process.

This paper provides a recap of the GRFMA's requests and analyses how the GARP has considered these requests in its latest form or been updated more generally as it relates to the interests of the GRFMA.

Submission recap to Draft GARP – September 2024

The GRFMA's submission to the draft GARP requested the following actions for the government's consideration:

- In delivering the GARP, and as part of any infrastructure scheme (or other funding mechanism), funds are sought from landowners/prospective developers to contribute to the regional flood mitigation measures, noting the cost of raising the Bruce Eastick North Flood Mitigation dam wall is well beyond the financial capacity of the GRFMA (and Constituent Councils).
- The GARP identifies and commits to the raising of the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam as a key priority for the outer north.
- The GARP acknowledges the opportunities/benefits these mitigations works will provide by way of opening urban growth lands and improving confidence for existing horticultural and farming activities.

We acknowledge the Kaurna People as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

https://urpsau.sharepoint.com/sites/Synergy/Shared Documents/Projects/24ADL/24ADL-1060 - Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority - GARP Submission/Reports/GARP Summary Paper - April 2025/20250402_GARP_Summary Paper_GRFMA V3.docx

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These requests were identified as aligning with the following ambitions of the GARP:

- Increase the supply of land available for housing across northern Adelaide.
- Provide greater protection to horticulture activities.
- Facilitate economic growth across northern Adelaide.
- Deliver the strategic directions of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan.

The GRFMA's submission contained a key map (**Attachment A**) which illustrated land within the floodplain that would become dry as a result of raising the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam by 10 meters.

The submission identified the mitigation works would protect up to 2,300 hectares of land, reducing damage from major flood events and creating a more stable environment to support anticipated housing developments and agricultural operations.

Further the submission also referenced a cost-benefit assessment for the mitigation works which demonstrated that the anticipated investment of approximately \$220 million in upgrading the dam could generate a broader value uplift of \$881 million. This increase is expected to result from factors such as land value appreciation, reduced clean-up costs, enhanced development potential, and improved amenities.

GARP Overview

The 17 March version of the GARP continues to identify long-term urban growth along four key corridors:

- North-western spine
- North-eastern spine
- Southern spine
- Eastern spine

Of these, the north-western and north-eastern spines are the most relevant to the GRFMA, as they encompass growth fronts near the North Para and Gawler Rivers. Within these areas, the GARP identifies several growth areas in the outer north that fall outside the Environment and Food Production Area (EFPA) including in:

- Concordia
- Kudla
- Riverlea Park / Virginia
- MacDonald Park

- Smithfield

In addition, the GARP also identifies three significant growth fronts around Two Wells and Roseworthy which are currently within the EFPA.

The EFPA boundary is anticipated to change to accommodate these growth areas, with a draft bill currently being progressed through parliament. This is discussed further below.

Between the draft and final versions of the GARP, several changes were made to the spatial application of identified growth areas that fall outside the EFPA. Two changes of particular interest are shown in the figures below and were in part likely influenced by the GRFMA's submission.

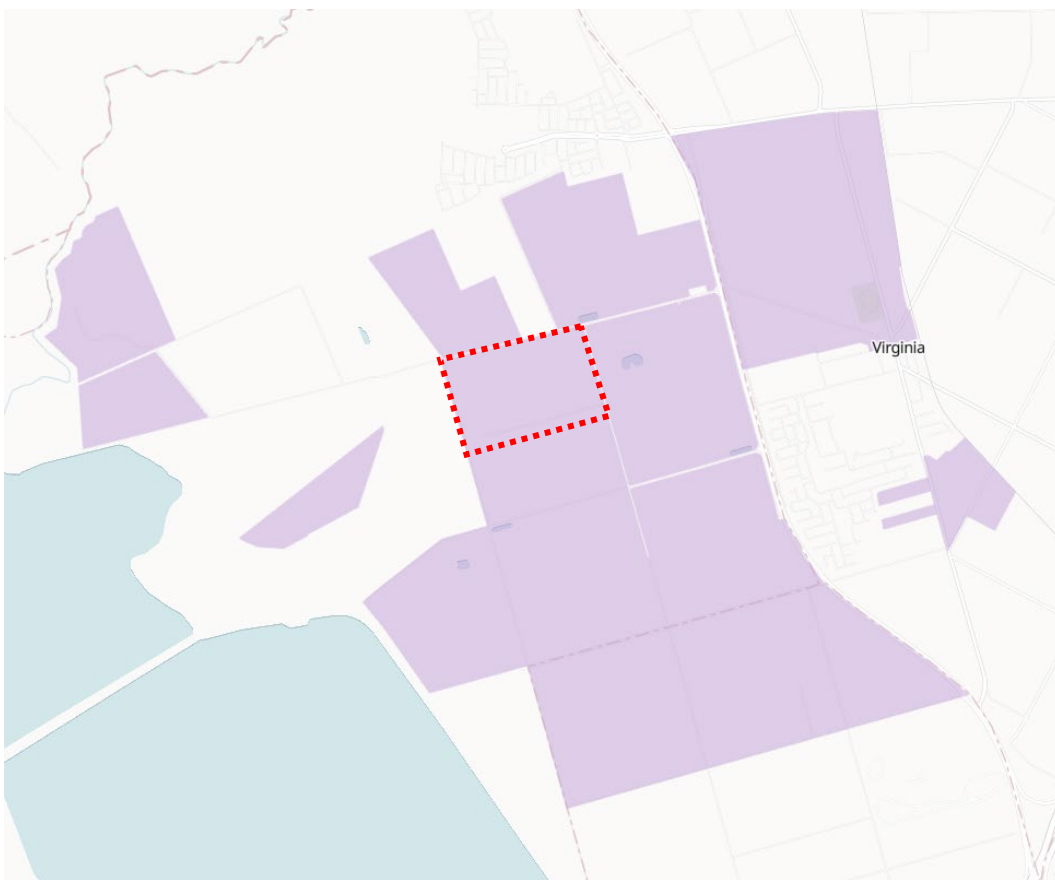


Figure 1: Identified growth area Riverlea Park

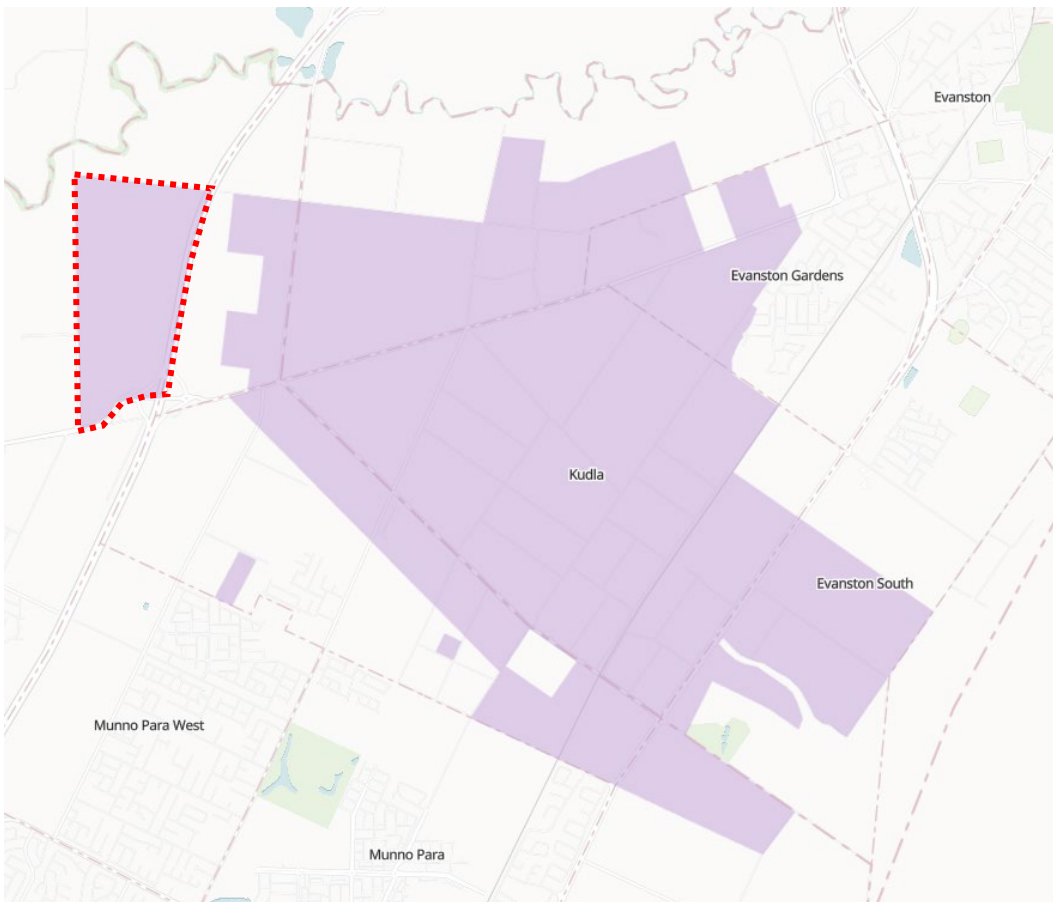


Figure 2: Identified growth area Angle Vale

The omission of the area identified in Figure 1 in the draft was likely a discrepancy, as the surrounding land was largely designated as a growth area.

Regarding Figure 2, although this area was not marked as a growth front in the spatial mapping tool, it was identified as a growth area in the detailed Kudla Growth Area Map which is within the GARP.

All spatial changes made between the draft and final GARP are identified in the GARP's *Section 73* (engagement) report. This document also summarises all submissions received and responses from the State Planning Commission (SPC).

Further it is noted the engagement report references Adelaide Plains Council's submission which also requested increasing the development potential of the outer north through raising the height of the Bruce Eastick Dam wall, as an area of investigation to be undertaken.

Growth Area Mass Transit Investigation Areas

At a macro level, the GARP provides a clear and strategic framework that not only identifies areas of future growth but also underscores the significant importance of aligning infrastructure planning, particularly transport, with this growth.

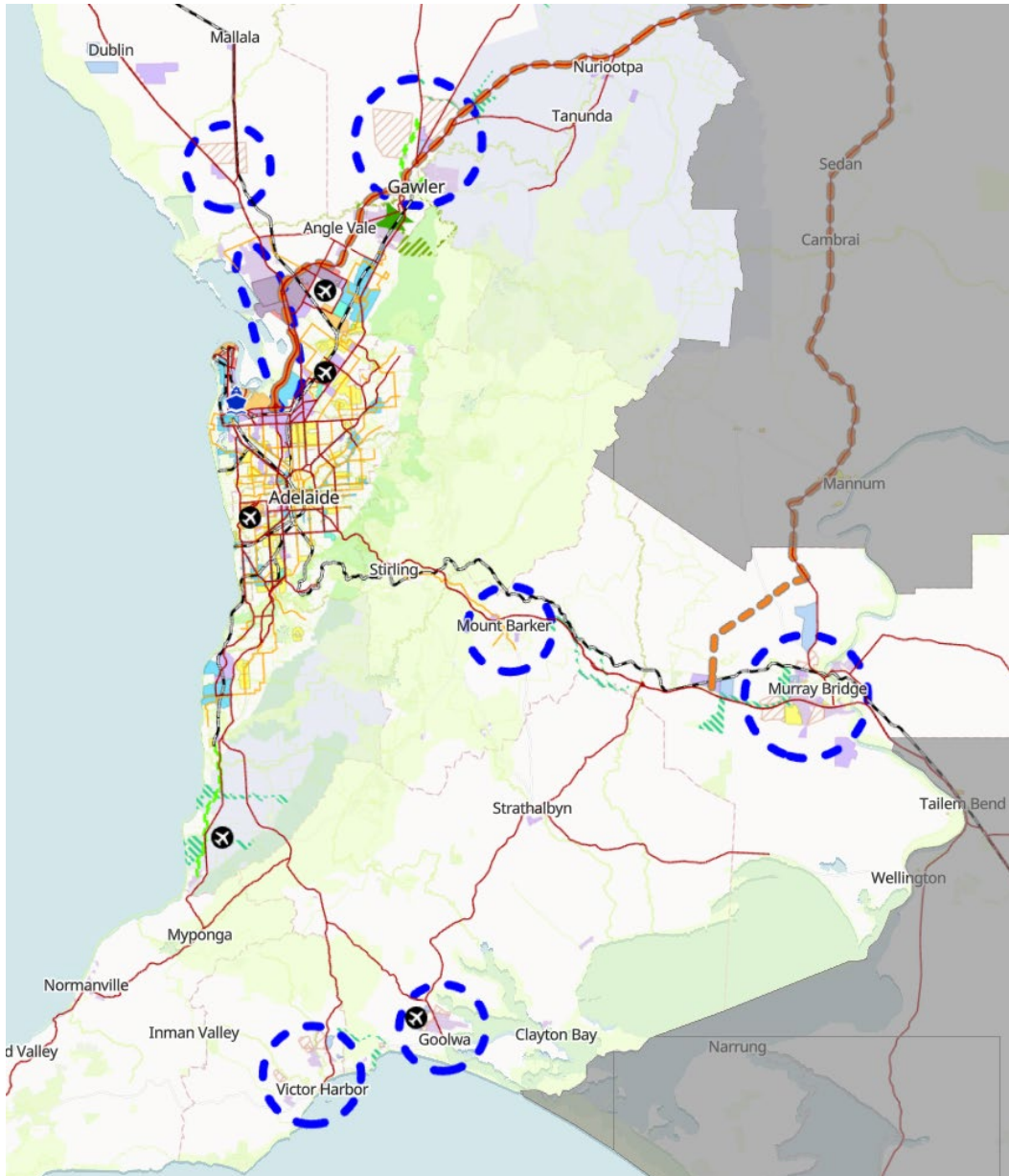


Figure 3: Growth Area Mass Transit Investigation Areas

The newly identified 'Growth Area Mass Transit Investigation Areas', highlighted in blue dotted zones on the plan, include:

- Roseworthy / Gawler
- Two Wells
- Mount Barker
- Murray Bridge
- Victor Harbor
- Goolwa

These regional centres have been identified in the GARP due to their significant growth potential. By recognising these locations now, the Plan demonstrates a deliberate effort to plan for population and economic expansion.

The growth area identified around Two Wells notably includes some land that, according to GRFMA mapping, would shift from flood-prone to developable ('wet to dry') if the dam were constructed.

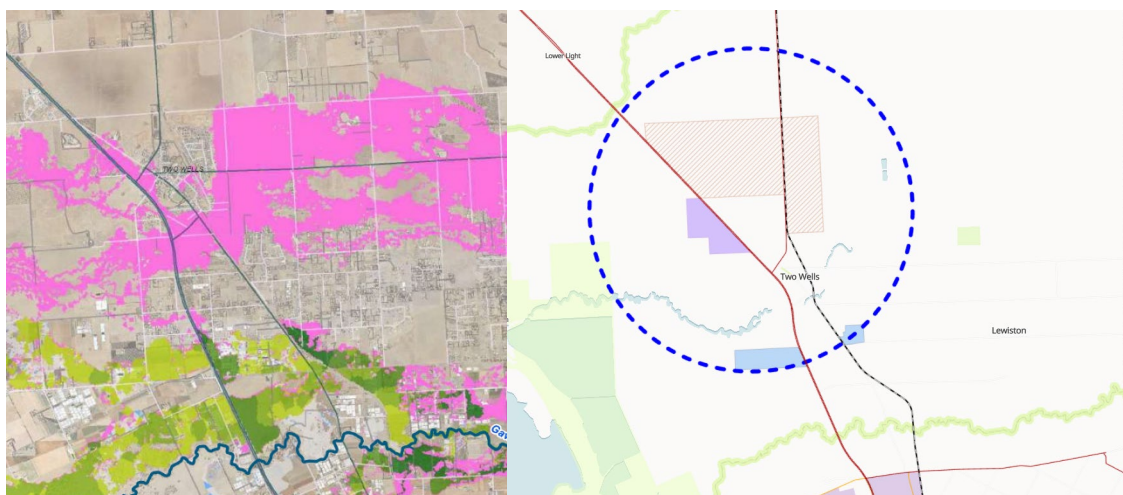


Figure 4: Comparative map

The GARP explicitly acknowledges that infrastructure, especially mass transit, must be planned early to shape long-term development patterns. It states these areas are “*identified for future transport investigations, to respond to expected growth or to earmark corridor reserves*”. This recognition reinforces the idea that growth cannot be effectively supported without forward-thinking infrastructure planning.

Importantly, the GARP highlights that transport patterns established during the formative stages of a community tend to persist. As such, early planning and provision of mass transit corridors is not just beneficial, it is essential. This proactive approach ensures public transport is embedded into the fabric of these future communities, supporting sustainability, connectivity, and resilience from the outset.

The emphasis on mass transit planning also invites a broader question: Shouldn't other critical infrastructure, such as stormwater, utilities, education, health etc. receive the same level of prioritisation and coordination? The answer, as implied by the GARP's integrated planning ethos, is yes. Coordinated infrastructure and land use planning must be a central pillar of growth management to deliver liveable, efficient, and future-ready communities.

Infrastructure schemes

The GARP continues to identify infrastructure schemes and key mechanisms for delivering essential infrastructure.

Basic infrastructure schemes can be applied to designated growth areas and serve as a mechanism to ensure the delivery of critical infrastructure required to make new neighbourhoods liveable, such as water, sewerage, and electricity. These schemes typically operate as a charge on the land at the point of development.

It is considered that a dam falls within the definition of essential infrastructure, consistent with its classification under the *Water Industry Act 2012*.

Given the strong emphasis in the GARP on the use of infrastructure schemes to support development in growth areas, both greenfield and infill, it is reasonable to consider that partial funding for the Bruce Eastwick Dam could be sourced through such a scheme. However, it is important to note that infrastructure schemes must be directly linked to an identified growth area to be eligible.

Environment and Food Protection Area

The review of the Environment and Food Production Areas (EFPAs) is being closely aligned with the release of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP), as part of a coordinated effort to unlock additional land for future housing development.

The state government has announced a bill to amend the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*, enabling EFPA boundaries to be adjusted in line with the GARP's strategic direction. This change will support the early planning and development of key greenfield growth areas.

The proposed amendments reflect the GARP's identification of land within existing EFPA boundaries, including areas in Roseworthy, Two Wells, Murray Bridge, Victor Harbor, and Goolwa as suitable for future greenfield development. The government has confirmed that these locations were selected following detailed land suitability assessments, which considered both environmental and agricultural values. It is noted that the proposed realignment of EFPA boundaries represents less than one per cent of

Greater Adelaide's agricultural land and is viewed as critical to addressing the state's ongoing housing shortfall.

Proposed changes to the EFPA boundaries in the outer north region are illustrated in the figure below and are highlighted in pink.

The draft bill, which is currently progressing through Parliament, also proposes several amendments to the legislation. Most notably, it would enable the regional plan to serve as a tool for identifying potential EFPA boundary changes, where land is considered appropriate or required for future urban development.

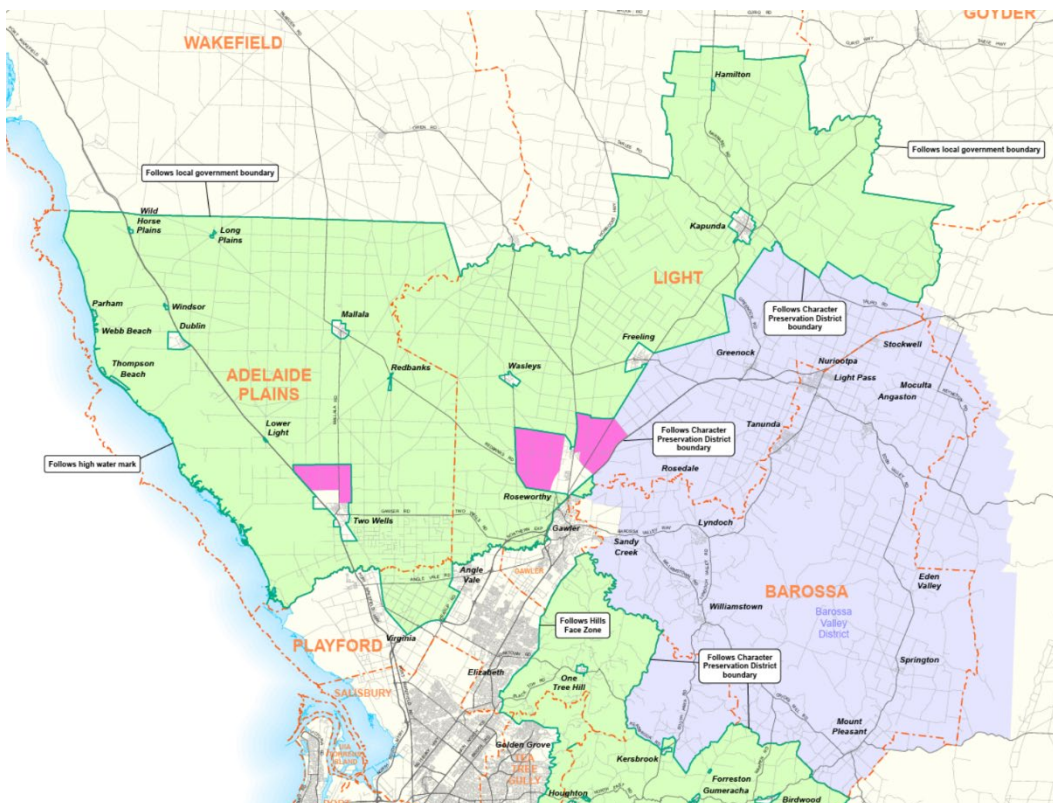


Figure 5: Proposed changes to the EFPA boundary

Implementation Plan

Each theme within the GARP includes a range of actions assigned to relevant government agencies for follow-up. The online tool also features a consolidated implementation plan, presenting all actions in one place. Of relevance to the GRFMA are the following actions:

Projects of Interest to GRFMA

Title: Long-term Infrastructure Planning

Sub Theme: Coordination and delivery

Action Type: Investigation

Description: State infrastructure agencies and utility providers to undertake capacity analysis and long-term infrastructure planning to align with the Greater Adelaide Regional Plans projections and identified areas for future infill and greenfield residential and employment growth.

Region Name: Greater Adelaide

Responsible Party: State agencies and utility providers

Timeline: 03/2025 - 06/2026

Status: In Progress

Title: Northern Suburbs Infrastructure

Sub Theme: Coordination and delivery

Action Type: Strategy

Description: Prepare a Northern Suburbs Infrastructure Strategy to inform structure plans over the six major northern growth areas with recommendations for infrastructure delivery and funding, including water, sewer, transport, stormwater, energy, staging and delivery.

Region Name: Greater Adelaide

Responsible Party: Department for Housing and Urban Development

Timeline: 03/2025 - 03/2027

Status: In Progress

Title: Stormwater Management

Sub Theme: Coordination and delivery

Action Type: Infrastructure

Description: Update the Stormwater Management Planning Priority Areas for South Australia in consideration of the future growth areas set out in the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan.

Projects of Interest to GRFMA
Region Name: Greater Adelaide Responsible Party: DEW – SMA Timeline: 03/2025 - 03/2027 Status: Planned
Title: Greenfield Growth Sub Theme: Greenfield and Township Development Action Type: Investigation Description: Identify a greenfield growth schedule of priority locations to be considered for removal and retention from the Environment and Food Production Area (EFPA), to inform future reviews of the spatial application of the EFPA, adopting and incorporating any amendments made to EFPA legislation. Region Name: Greater Adelaide Responsible Party: State Planning Commission Timeline: 03/2025 - 03/2027 Status: Planned

While details regarding stakeholder input and consultation opportunities for the above projects remain unclear, they are expected to be of relevance to the GRFMA, potentially offering an opportunity to further advocate for the importance of the dam extension.

Conclusion

The GARP, released in March 2025, outlines key growth areas across Greater Adelaide, with a significant focus on the outer north.

In its submission to the draft GARP, the GRFMA strongly advocated for raising the Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam by 10 metres. The submission clearly demonstrated the benefits of this upgrade, including protection of approximately 2,300 hectares of land from major flooding, enabling urban development, and improving resilience for existing horticultural land.

The GRFMA highlighted that this infrastructure directly aligns with the GARP's strategic aims, unlocking housing land, supporting agriculture, and facilitating economic growth. Noting a cost-benefit assessment estimated that an investment of \$220 million

could deliver an \$881 million value uplift, through increased land value, reduced flood recovery costs, and improved development potential.

While the final GARP recognises the critical role of infrastructure in supporting future growth, it stops short of specifically identifying the dam upgrade as a priority project. It is however noted, the Plan does highlight infrastructure schemes as a key funding mechanism for delivering essential infrastructure in growth areas. These schemes could potentially be applied to the dam, especially in the outer north.

Below are several questions to assist the GRFMA in future conversations with the Government:

1. Will the Bruce Eastick Dam upgrade be formally prioritised as critical enabling infrastructure?
2. Can an infrastructure scheme be used to partially fund the dam?
3. Will a cost-sharing model be supported to progress dam delivery?
4. Will flood mitigation receive the same planning priority as transport infrastructure?

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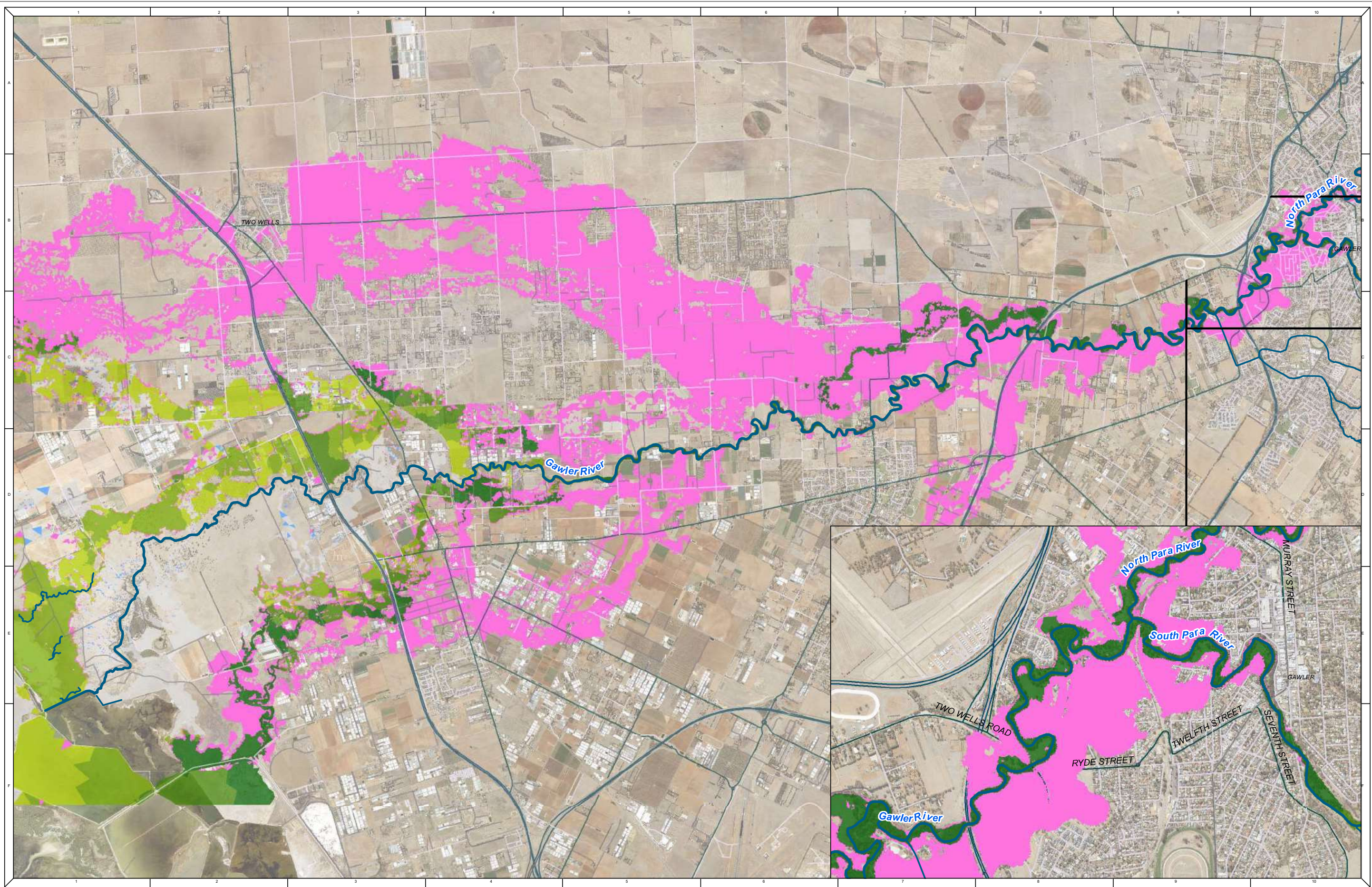
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Attachment A – Flood Mapping

We acknowledge the Kaurna People as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

https://urpsau.sharepoint.com/sites/Synergy/Shared Documents/Projects/24ADL/24ADL-1060 - Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority - GARP Submission/Reports/GARP Summary Paper - April 2025/20250402_GARP_Summary Paper_GRFMA V3.docx

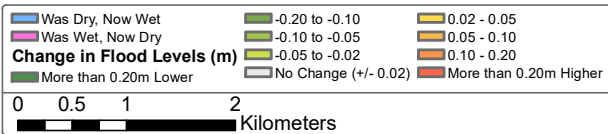
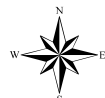




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Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

1% AEP - BE Dam Extension - Flood Difference

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DATE: 3/08/2022

Agenda Item:	8.2
Committee:	Board
Meeting Date:	17 April 2025
Title:	Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA notes progress of community engagement on the final draft Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan.

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.

On 20 February 2025, the GRFMA resolved to engage consultant Ms Emma Pink for community engagement on the final draft Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan, according to the proposal dated 18 February 2025.

The consultation process has been initiated and is progressing well.

Key elements established to date are:

- Completion of a SMP summary document.
- Email to participants from the 2021 stakeholder workshops.
- Email to GRFMA Constituent Councils informing of the consultation and asking for support with promotion.
- Preparation of Facebook post and images.
- Development of documents for the consultation Engagement Hub.
- Completion of survey questions to accompany Engagement Hub content.

Drop-in sessions:

- Tuesday, 29 April 2025 – Gawler Civic Centre, 3pm to 6pm.
- Thursday, 1 May 2025 – Angle Vale Community Sports Centre, 3pm to 6pm.

A broader community consultation is being undertaken between 14 April 2025 and 11 May 2025 on the City of Playford Engagement Hub.

A special thanks to the City of Playford in assisting with hosting the online engagement process.

Agenda Item:	8.3
Committee:	GRFMA Board
Meeting Date:	17 April 2025
Title:	Financial Report

Recommendation:**That the GRFMA:**

- 1. Receives the financial report as of 31 March 2025 showing a cash at bank balance of \$ 162,277.54.**
 - 2. Notes internal cash lending for CAD offset is \$399,376.05.**
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Financial Report 31 January 2025

See attachments for the monthly reconciliations:

- ✧ Reconciliation to 31/03/2025
- ✧ Budget result to 31/03/2025
- ✧ Balance Sheet 31/03/2025

Cash Management

The table below provides a summary of internal borrowing currently being utilised to offset Cash Advance Debenture interest costs. Net internal lending \$ 399,376.05.

**** Note:** Bank SA Account 31/3/2025 balance of \$162,277.54:

- CAD principle of \$50,000 was subsequently repaid 7/4/2025 which reduces actual CAD liability to \$401,589.00.
- \$70,000 was also deposited into the GRFMA cash investment account = bank balance of \$42,277.54 as at 7/4/4025.

GRFMA and AND INTERNAL LENDING FROM 1 July 2024							
Date	Dam capital Resv	Internal lending	Withdraw internal lend	Capital Repayments	Interets pymts	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
30/07/2024					\$ 5,714.44	\$	159,102.44
actually \$451,589							
030/08/2024			\$ 30,000.00			\$	189,102.44
30/09/2024			\$ 20,000.00			\$	209,102.44
8/10/2024					\$ 3,109.91	\$	212,212.35
30/10/2024		\$ 180,000.00				\$	32,212.35
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
5/02/2025			\$ 10,000.00			\$	112,212.35
3/03/2025		\$ 60,000.00				\$	52,212.35
Total	\$ 55,939.00	\$ 482,262.00	\$ 130,000.00		\$ 8,824.35		
Internal lending		\$ 408,201.00					
Less interest		\$ 8,824.35		\$ 399,376.65	Net internal lending		
Dam Capital Reserve		\$ 55,939.00					
			Current Balance	\$ 52,212.35			
		Actual CAD liability		\$ 451,589.00			

Reconciliation ReportPO Box 366
Seacliff Park SA 5049

ABN: 12 925 534 861

Email: eo@grfma.com

ID No.	Date Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
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Account: 1-1110 Bank SA Account
Date Of Bank Statement: 31/03/2025
Last Reconciled: 28/02/2025
Last Reconciled Balance: \$102,779.53

Cleared Cheques

EFT	3/03/2025	CETPAR Pty Ltd	\$2,756.60
EFT	3/03/2025	Dryside Engineering Pty Ltd	\$610.50
EFT	3/03/2025	LGFA	\$60,000.00
EFT	3/03/2025	LUVROK Pty Ltd	\$9,930.36
EFT	3/03/2025	LGA Mutual Liability Scheme	\$2,143.54
EFT	13/03/2025	East Cosat Conferences	\$1,980.00
EFT	13/03/2025	Think Purple Solutions	\$1,388.29
SC310325	31/03/2025	Safe deposit fee	\$5.00
GJ000206	31/03/2025	MYOB Subs March	\$82.00
Total:			\$0.00 \$78,896.29

Cleared Deposits

CR000211	13/03/2025	Payment; Adelaide Plains Council	\$47,606.90
CR000212	13/03/2025	Payment; Town of Gawler	\$38,734.30
CR000210	31/03/2025	Payment; City of Playford	\$52,053.10
Total:			\$138,394.30 \$0.00

Reconciliation:

AccountRight Balance On 31/03/2025:	\$162,277.54
Add: Outstanding Cheques:	\$0.00
SubTotal:	\$162,277.54
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:	\$0.00
Expected Balance On Statement:	\$162,277.54

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	102,779.53CR		
		Transaction period from	01/03/2025 to 31/03/2025		
Date	Description	Serial number	Debit	Credit	Balance
03/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 03MAR17:05 GRFMA Tech support 808		610.50		102,169.03CR
03/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 03MAR17:05 Insurance inv 95115503		2,143.54		100,025.49CR
03/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 03MAR17:05 GRFMA Chair Feb 25		2,756.60		97,268.89CR
03/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 03MAR17:05 GRFMA EO Feb 25		9,930.36		87,338.53CR
03/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 03MAR17:05 CAD repay Int Lend		60,000.00		27,338.53CR
04/03/2025	INTERNET DEPOSIT 04MAR12:39 Savings			2,000.00	29,338.53CR
05/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 05MAR14:56 repay incorrect ext dep		2,000.00		27,338.53CR
12/03/2025	Town of Gawler TOWN OF GAWLER			38,734.30	66,072.83CR
13/03/2025	Adelaide Plains Adelaide Plains Co			47,606.90	113,679.73CR
13/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 13MAR17:54 Admin Feb 25		1,388.29		112,291.44CR
13/03/2025	INTERNET WITHDRAWAL 13MAR17:54 2568 & 2569 FMA 25 Conf		1,980.00		110,311.44CR
20/03/2025	SAFE DEPOSIT FEE (INC GST)		5.00		110,306.44CR
24/03/2025	MYOB Australia MYOB 1-91805759288		82.00		110,224.44CR
28/03/2025	City of Playford CITY OF PLAYFORD			52,053.10	162,277.54CR
	TOTAL		80,896.29	140,394.30	162,277.54CR

Reconciliation Report

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ID No.	Date Memo/Payee	Deposit	Withdrawal
Account: 1-1130 LGFA Investment Account			
Date Of Bank Statement: 31/03/2025			
Last Reconciled: 28/02/2025			
Last Reconciled Balance: \$2,569.15			
Cleared Deposits			
IE310325	31/03/2025 LGFA Interest	\$9.01	
Total:		\$9.01	\$0.00
Reconciliation:			
AccountRight Balance On 31/03/2025:		\$2,578.16	
Add: Outstanding Cheques:		\$0.00	
SubTotal:		\$2,578.16	
Deduct: Outstanding Deposits:		\$0.00	
Expected Balance On Statement:		\$2,578.16	

Transaction Statement from 01/03/2025 to 31/03/2025 inclusive

Council Deposits

Deal	Action Date	Transaction	Interest Rate	Amount	Balance
Gawler River General					
Council Dep - 24HR Mthly - 62666					
	01/03/2025	Opening Balance	4.40%		\$2,569.15
62666	03/03/2025	Capitalise Interest	4.40%	\$9.01	\$2,578.16
	31/03/2025	Closing Balance	4.40%		\$2,578.16
Accrued Interest for Selected Period				\$9.61	
Unpaid Accrued Interest for Interest Period				\$9.61	
Gawler River General Total for Selected Period				\$9.61	
Gawler River General Total Unpaid for Interest Period				\$9.61	

Summary

Council	Accrued Interest	Unpaid Accrued Interest
Gawler River General Total	\$9.61	\$9.61
Grand Total	\$9.61	\$9.61

Balance Sheet

As of March 2025

ABN: 12 925 534 861

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Assets			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
Bank SA Account	\$162,277.54		
LGFA Investment Account	\$2,578.16		
Total Bank Accounts		\$164,855.70	
Other Current Assets			
Trade Debtors	\$30,518.00		
Total Other Current Assets		\$30,518.00	
Total Current Assets		\$195,373.70	
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			\$42,802,317.10
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
GST Liabilities			
GST Collected	\$59,044.96		
GST Paid	-\$17,155.43		
ATO Payments & Refunds	-\$24,427.00		
Total GST Liabilities		\$17,462.53	
Other Current Liabilities			
Accrued Expense	\$16,965.46		
Cash Advance Debenture	\$52,212.27		
Total Other Current Liabilities		\$69,177.73	
Total Current Liabilities		\$86,640.26	
Total Liabilities			\$86,640.26
Net Assets			\$42,715,676.84
Equity			
Accumulated Surplus		\$15,974,461.00	
Asset Revaluation Reserves		\$30,364,320.11	
Retained Earnings		-\$4,035,117.07	
Current Year Surplus/Deficit		\$412,012.80	
Total Equity			\$42,715,676.84

This report includes Year-End Adjustments.

Agenda Item:	8.4
Committee:	GRFMA Board
Meeting Date:	17 April 2025
Title:	Executive Officer Report

Recommendation:

That the GRFMA receives the report.

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

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

SA Water

SA Water is upgrading and realigning water mains that will include crossing GRFMA land at Bruce Eastick North Para Flood Mitigation Dam, Kingsford. The GRFMA Executive Officer has discussed this with SA Water to ensure the works do not compromise the Dam's structural integrity and to understand how the proposed pipe location could affect future planning, such as raising the Bruce Eastick Dam.

SA Water has provided 30% design drawings and the location of works. Currently, there do not appear to be any critical risk matters for the GRFMA. The proposed pipeline route will necessitate establishing a suitable easement across GRFMA land.

The current pipeline near the dam will be required to be relocated should the Dam be raised. SA Water will work with GRFMA once funding for the dam works is secured, to coordinate upgrades and timing.

At the time of writing this report, SA Water has further communicated with the GRFMA regarding the ongoing works to install a new water main along Martin Road and within a section of private property. This installation aims to connect to the existing main that runs under the North Para River.

SA Water will conduct hydrostatic testing on the new water main, followed by a water discharge for which they are applying for a water affecting permit. They assure compliance with the permit's parameters to prevent environmental impact. The discharge is scheduled for late May 2025.

Schedule of meetings attended by GRFMA Chairperson and Executive Officer for February and March 2025:

Entity	GRFMA Chairman	GRFMA Executive Officer
SMP project management meeting		2
Business Case	5	4
GRFMA management/operations	2	3
GRFMA meetings		
Meeting Councils		

See attached for the GRFMA Executive Officer Work Management March Program 2025.

GRFMA work requirements

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EO Service requirements

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1
Maintain the business office of the Authority		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-11	2025-04-11
Prepare Agendas & Minutes Attend meetings		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20	2025-04-17
Attend the minute actions as required		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-27	2025-04-24
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	
Prepare the Annual Business Plan, Budgets and reports		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-20	
liaise 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	2025-04-07
Actively pursue grant funding		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-01-17	2025-04-07
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	2025-04-07
				2025-01-17 to 2025-07-25	2025-04-07 to 2025-04-24

Meeting agenda process

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1
Draft Agenda reports		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2025-06-14
Forward drafts to Admin to format and compile		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2025-06-14
Send Agenda to Board, Councils Town of Gawler webpage		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-04-07	2025-06-14
Draft minutes , KOS send to Admin to format		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-18	2025-06-20
Send minutes and KS to Board, Councils, Town of Gawler webpage		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-18	2025-06-20
Action minute resolutions and drections		David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-18	2025-06-20
				2025-04-07 to 2025-04-18	2025-06-14 to 2025-06-20

Strategic Plan Priority Actions

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1
Work to facilitate delivery of the objectives of the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-04-07
Review, with Constituent Councils and stakeholders, design standards for infrastructure works including costs and benefits		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-04-07
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		David Hitchcock	In progress	2025-02-11	2025-04-07
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.		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	2025-04-07
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	2025-04-07
				2025-02-11	2025-04-07

GRFMA Projects

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1
Deliver Stormwater Management Plan		David Hitchcock	In progress	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	2023-06-30	
Deliver quarterly GFMA Audit Committee meetings	August 2022 Meeting,December 2022,March 2023,June 2023	David Hitchcock	Done	2025-02-03	2025-08-14
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	2023-06-06	
Prepare and finalise 24/25 Financial Statements		David Hitchcock	To be scheduled	2025-08-21	
				2023-06-30 to 2025-08-21	2025-04-17 to 2025-12-12

Maintenance and Operations

Name	Subitems	Person	Status	Date	Date 1
Delivery of scheduled maintenance at Dam as per Maintenance Cost Analysis 2023-2032.	Inspections,Access roads,Gates and Fences,Swales ,sumps and culverts,signage,Removal debri,Engineer 5 yr inspection,Survey monument check,Weeds	David Hitchcock	Done	2025-04-07	2024-08-06
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	
	Swales ,sumps and culverts		In Progress	2025-02-11	
	signage		In Progress	2025-02-11	
	Removal debri		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	2025-04-07	2024-08-06
Revaluation of the Bruce Eastick 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	2025-06-19
Implementation of an Information Management Framework for a digital environment		David Hitchcock	Done	2024-06-26	
2024-02-01 to 2025-04-07 2024-08-06 to 2025-06-19					