

Gawler River Floodplain Management Authority

*Adelaide Hills Council, Adelaide Plains Council, The Barossa Council,
Town of Gawler, Light Regional Council, City of Playford*

KEY OUTCOMES SUMMARY GRFMA Board Meeting – 17 April 2025

Gawler River Flood Management Business Case

The meeting included presentations from the Department for Environment and Water and SA State Emergency Services on Disaster Ready Fund Projects and the Gawler River Awareness and Preparedness Campaign. Mr. James Miller (GRFMA Board Member, CEO Adelaide Plains Council) discussed topics from the SA State Government's Country Cabinet in Mallala.

Business Case Gawler River Floodplain Flood Management

The meeting:

- Authorised an application to the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund Round 3 to finalise the Business Case for the Gawler River Floodplain Flood Management based on a GRFMA cash contribution of \$290,000, which includes:
 - \$200,000 as per GB 4/25.
 - \$40,000 remaining unspent business case provisions in the 2024/25 GRFMA budget.
 - \$20,000 from the 2025/26 budget.
 - \$30,000 as forward estimates to be included in the 2026/27 GRFMA budget.
- Received the URPS report summarising the GRFMA's requests and analysis of the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan (GARP); Noting 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?

The GRFMA will include these questions in future discussions with State and Federal Government representatives, and Members of Parliament.

Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan

The community engagement program for the Gawler River Stormwater Management Plan has commenced. Drop-in sessions will be held, Tuesday, 29 April 2025 – Gawler Civic Centre, 3pm to 6pm and Thursday, 1 May 2025 – Angle Vale Community Sports Centre, 3pm to 6pm. GRFMA Constituent Councils are aiding the engagement process by providing information about consultation. A broader community consultation is being undertaken between 14 April 2025 and 11 May 2025 on the City of Playford Engagement Hub.

Financial Report

The financial report as of 31 March 2025 provided a cash at bank balance of \$ 162,277.54 with internal cash lending for CAD offset of \$399,376.

Schedule of Meetings

The schedule of ordinary GRFMA meetings, each commencing at 9:45am, is:

- 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