



NOVEMBER 2024

Board Communiqué

Our Board is committed to best practice governance and values open and accountable communication with the Authority's stakeholders.

The Board held its meeting on 26 November 2024 online.

BOARD DECISIONS

Circular Resolutions

Endorsed:

The award of Public Toilet Cleaning Contract to Metrowide Pty Ltd for three zones, Torquay to Fairhaven, Lorne and Skenes Creek to Apollo Bay. This had been unanimously approved by the Board via circular resolution on 28 October 2024.

Endorsed:

The granting of a one-time exemption from meeting Requirement 6 of the Victorian Government Land Transactions Policy, so the Authority can enter a lease at 15 Arthur Court Apollo Bay despite the value being above the current market value determined by the Valuer General Victoria (while remaining compliant with the policy). This was unanimously approved by the Board via circular resolution on 12 November 2024.

Approved:

The award of the Contract for the Apollo Bay Recreation Reserve Camping Uplift – Stage 1a Construction to ACE Landscape Services Pty Ltd.

The scope of this project includes:

- Demolition of existing road, services, and ancillary items
- Civil and services
- New road and alignment
- 10 Deluxe eco tents
- Signage, park benches, bin enclosures
- Site grassing



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Approved:

Reform and Major Projects Committee Charter

At its 1 October 2024 meeting, the Board approved the establishment of an additional Board Committee; Reform and Major Projects, to be established in 2025. As outlined in the Charter, the purpose of this Committee is to track, monitor and provide assurance to the Board on the strategic risks related to the delivery of major infrastructure projects, as well as the transition and ongoing transformation of the Authority to its end state.

Approved:

12-month extension of External Member to Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee

Approved:

the Authority's Financial Reports for period ending 31 October 2024.

Approved:

the Authority's audited financial statements for the financial year 2023/24.

STRATEGIC ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Service Level Agreement National Parks

The Board discussed the draft service level agreement to formalise Park's Victoria's continuing provision of field management services and service delivery within National Parks after transfer to the Authority.

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

- The Board considered detailed updates on the Geelong City Deal projects (Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment, Point Grey Redevelopment and the Improvements to Tourism Infrastructure at Kennett River). It was noted that the proposed Reform and Major Projects Committee will provide oversight and review of project progress for each Geelong City Deal prior to coming to the Board.
- The Chair acknowledged this as the last meeting of the current board and thanked the outgoing directors Christine Wyatt, David Pope and Sarah Eccles
- Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) report for September - October 2024.





BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance, Audit & Risk Management Committee (FARMC)

The Chair of FARMC provided a brief update on the 14 November 2024 meeting.

The Board noted the minutes from the 14 November 2024 FARMC meeting and approved the following policies as reviewed and recommended by the FARMC:

1. Borrowing Policy
2. Instruments of Delegation (Crown Land (Reserves) (Great Ocean Road Coast and Perks) Interim Regulations 2023)

OTHER STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES

The Board approved audited financial statements for the FY 2023/24 and management's representation letter will be forwarded to the Victorian Auditor-General's Office who will send its independent auditor's report for inclusion in the Authority's 2023-24 annual report. It is likely that the 2023-24 annual report will be tabled in early 2025, noting that Parliament resumes sitting on 4 February.

