

Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the lands of the Hills and Fleurieu region are the traditional lands for the Kaurna, Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri Nations. We respect the Kaurna, Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri people as the custodians of these lands, and that their cultural and heritage beliefs, and spiritual relationships with Country, are still important to their people today.

Meeting Title:	Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board Meeting# 10		
Date:	Wednesday 24 March 2021		
Start Time:	10:00am	Finish Time:	12:15pm
Location:	Mount Barker Officer – Cnr Mann & Walker St, Mount Barker SA 5251	Room:	Conference room
Attendees:	<i>Board Members:</i> D Greenhough (Chair), J Klein, A Lowe, C Schofield, D Smith, C West <i>Staff:</i> M Garrod (General Manager), W Telfer (Manager Planning, Engagement & Partnerships), B Della Torre (Manager, Landscape Operations), N Bennett (Team Leader, Partnerships & Engagement), P Wainwright (Team Leader, Water Resources), O Prohoroff (A/Executive Officer)		
Apologies:	A Williams		

Item	Meeting Items
1. Preliminary and Procedural Matters Item	
1.1	Welcome and Apologies The Chair opened the meeting acknowledging it was being held on traditional lands of the Peramangk Nation. All attendees were welcomed to the meeting acknowledging the current COVID-19 restrictions reiterating for those present to adhere to social-distancing guidelines. <i>Apologies were received from A Williams.</i>
1.2	Conflict of Interest Disclosures There were no additional conflict of interest disclosures arising from the agenda declared at the meeting.
1.3	Consent Schedule <i>The board approved and agreed all items remaining on the Consent Schedule be adopted.</i> Moved: C Schofield; Seconded: Andy Lowe <div style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</div>
1.4	Any Other Business Item(s) added for discussion in 4.0 Other Business:

1.5	Minutes from the previous meeting <p>The board confirmed the minutes of meeting number 9 held on 25 February 2021 as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Moved: D Smith; Seconded: C West</p>	CARRIED
1.6	Actions arising from previous meetings <p>The General Manager informed the board that the Protocol for Landscape Board staff in DEW Fire Management Brigade is still in progress and apologised for the delay.</p> <p>The board noted the current status of the actions arising from the previous meetings.</p> <p>Moved: C Schofield; Seconded: C West</p>	CARRIED
1.7	Resolutions Register <p>The board noted the resolutions register.</p>	CARRIED
2. Items		
2.1	Community led approach to securing environmental (low) flows in Inman Valley Catchment <p>The recommended way of managing low flows has been to install a customised low flow device that is designed to provide low flows to the downstream environment at priority sites in catchments. A group of landholders in the Inman Valley Catchment area, Western Mount Lofty Ranges, have a range of concerns with this method and have proposed an alternative model where they will release flows using their own infrastructure. This model will be far cheaper and works collaboratively with landholders to deliver the flows.</p> <p>In order to recognise the contributions made by landholders to provide the environment flows, this 'proof of concept' would make payments to participating landholders. The landholders' preference was to have water levy payments waived but this is not possible due to legislative and administrative barriers. Individual <i>ex-gratia</i> payments for their participation in the trial is instead proposed (on a per annum basis) and landholders will provide evidence of providing low flow releases.</p> <p>The board was supportive of a trial of the community-led approach to provision of low flows in the Inman catchment. There was discussion about whether the payments will set a precedent for future payments for low flows, and it was agreed that this is to be a grant for participation in the trial. The board noted it's appreciation of the proactive approach taken by this community, and discussed the importance of reviewing the success of the trial annually and of monitoring the environmental flow outcomes.</p> <p>The board:</p> <p>2.1.1 endorsed the proposal put forward by Inman Valley landholders to test a three year community-led 'proof of concept' to provide environmental flows, with an annual review of the trial;</p> <p>2.1.2 approved the <i>ex-gratia</i> payments to landholders participating in the Inman Valley trial for the next three financial years on a per annum basis equal to the amount paid by participants in surface water and watercourse water levy or an amount of \$750 if levy payments are less than \$750 per annum.</p> <p>Moved: A Lowe; Seconded: D Smith</p>	CARRIED

Grassroots Grants Program 2021-22

The 2021-22 Grassroots Grants will be launched in mid-April 2021. Feedback was received from the 2020-21 round that volunteer groups sometimes only require a low level of funding for basic project expenses (such as personal protective equipment, tools, herbicide, basic propagation and revegetation materials), and the Grassroots Grants applications process is too lengthy for volunteer groups requesting small amounts. The paper proposes two tiers of funding:

1. Small Grassroots Grant (up to \$1,000): to service the needs of the community volunteer groups for basic requirements;
2. Larger Grassroots Grants: to support landholder/groups that are seeking funding for projects.

It is proposed that the total grant funding remains \$220,000 for 2021-22. In 2020-21 the maximum limit for funding of applications was \$50,000 and it is recommended this is reduced given the total amount of funding available.

- 2.2 The board supported the two tier approach and suggested \$20,000 as the maximum limit for funding, with a note that if a project requires more than this amount, it should be discussed with the program manager and will need to demonstrate additional justification and evidence.

The board:

- 2.2.1 **provided** feedback on the proposed tiered structure and assessment process for the 2021-22 Hills and Fleurieu Grassroots Grants Program;
- 2.2.2 **approved** the proposed budget allocation of \$220,000 for the Grassroots Grants Program for tier 1 (up to \$1000) and tier 2 from \$1001 to \$20,000;
- 2.2.3 **nominated** C West and A Lowe to participate in the 2021-22 Assessment Panel with D Smith as a proxy.

Moved: C West; Seconded: J Klein

CARRIED

Little Corella Management within Hills and Fleurieu

A number of enquiries from local councils have been made regarding the management of Little Corellas (*Cacatua sanguinea*) and the status of the Draft South Australian Little Corella Management Strategy 2020-2025. A number of councils within and around the Hills and Fleurieu region have also expressed their concerns of the increasing impacts from the Little Corellas in recent years with some of the substantial impacts being:

- noise disrupting residents;
- debris from food trees causing hazards on roads and footpaths;
- damage to parks, gardens and recreation facilities;
- infrastructure damage from birds chewing wires, rubber seals etc.

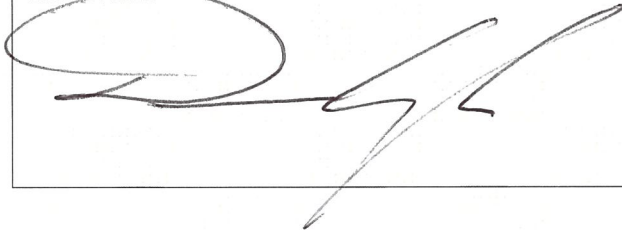
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The board:

- 2.3.1 **noted** the attendance of the General Manager, Manager Landscape Operations and Regional Coordinator, Grazing Pressure Management at the Yankalilla District Council's elected members forum in April;
- 2.3.2 **supported** capacity building and facilitation of information sharing amongst stakeholders as the board's current direction on Little Corella Management, noting that the data available may be insufficient to formulate management responses beyond this;

	<p>2.3.3 supported the Chair raising the issue of Little Corella Management at a state-wide level through the appropriate channels.</p>	CARRIED
3. Standing Items		
3.1	<p>Finance Overview</p> <p>The board was presented with the March financial overview, including three attachments being: <i>Attachment 1 – Board Statement of Comprehensive Income for period ending 28 February 2021;</i> <i>Attachment 2 – Board Expenditure by Priority for period ending 28 February 2021;</i> <i>Attachment 3 – Board Statement of Financial Position for period ending 28 February 2021</i></p> <p>A revised version of the Service Level Agreement (for the period April 2021 – June 2022) has been provided by DEW, but because it contained several errors and omissions it has been returned for revision. As a result the Risk and Performance Committee scheduled for 25 March 2021 has been rescheduled to Friday 9 April 2021 at which time it is hoped the revised SLA can be reviewed.</p> <p><i>The board:</i> 3.1.1 accepted the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 28 February 2021.</p> <p>Moved: J Klein; Seconded: A Lowe</p>	CARRIED
3.2	<p>Work Health And Safety Report</p> <p>The General Manager reported that there were no work, health and safety (WH&S) issues for the period to raise. The board discussed whether a physical WH&S paper was required in the event that there were no issues to report, and were conformable with the practice of always including WH&S as a standing board agenda item, and for the General Manager to provide a minuted verbal update in the event that there is no WH&S issues to report.</p> <p><i>The board noted the General Manager’s Work Health and Safety Report and the considerations to provide updates verbally when a report isn’t required.</i></p>	CARRIED
3.3	<p>General Manager’s Report</p> <p>The General Manager highlighted that 6 candidates have been shortlisted for the position of Manager, Business and Governance. Interviews will be taking place on Friday 26 March 2021 and Tuesday 30 March 2021.</p> <p><i>The board noted the General Manager’s report.</i></p>	CARRIED
3.4	<p>Board Member Activity Register</p> <p><i>The board noted the register of meetings and events attended by the Chair and board members in their capacity as representatives of the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board noting that some adjustments will be made for the next board meeting.</i></p>	CARRIED
3.5	<p>Register of Interests</p> <p><i>The board noted the current Register of Interests.</i></p>	CARRIED

3.6	Use of the Common Seal <i>The board noted that there are no updates for the Use of the Common Seal.</i>	CARRIED
3.7	<u>Correspondence</u> The board was provided with the following correspondence via its Microsoft Teams portal: 3.7.1 25 February 2021 – Request for early approval of long term funding ; 3.7.2 25 February 2021 – Outcomes of the GWLAP Community Group Forum; 3.7.3 1 March 2021 – Evaluate the performance of the Board; 3.7.4 4 March 2021 – Letter of Introduction from Clayton Bay Nursery and Environment Group; 3.7.5 4 March 2021 – Linking Landscape Grants update; 3.7.6 9 March 2021 – Invitation to launch event for Nature Foundation; 3.7.7 10 March 2021 – Hon Leon Bignell MP, box thorn issue at Sellicks Beach (redirected to GA); 3.7.8 12 March 2021 – South Australian Sheep Industry Blueprint. The board noted the correspondence provided via Microsoft Teams.	CARRIED
4. Other Business		
4.0	Other Business A board member requested that the board discuss the opportunity for establishing regional demonstrator sites, but the board decided that this item would be best covered in the board business planning workshop that would follow immediately after the board meeting.	CARRIED
5. Meeting Closure		
6.1	Next meeting details: 28 April 2021 at the Mount Barker Office (Cnr Mann & Walker St, Mount Barker SA 5251)	
6.2	Meeting close 12:18pm	

ENDORSED

DAVID GREENHOUGH
**PRESIDING MEMBER
 HILLS AND FLEURIEU LANDSCAPE BOARD**
Date: 28 April 2021

ACRONYM INDEX

Acronym	Meaning		
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability	MERIT	Monitoring Evaluation Reporting & Improvement Tool
AMLR	Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges	MOAA	Memorandum of Administrative Agreement
BAP	Biodiversity Action Plan	MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
CCSA	Conservation Council of South Australia	NGO	Non-Government Organisation
CE	Chief Executive	NLP2	National Landcare Program Two
CEO	Chief Executive Officer	NP	National Park
CHRIS	Complete Human Resource Information System	NPWS	National Parks & Wildlife Service
CP	Conservation Park	NR	Natural Resources
CRC	Cooperative Research Centres	NRC	Natural Resource Centre
DA	Development Application	NRM	Natural Resources Management
DEW	Department for Environment and Water	NVC	Native Vegetation Council
DPA	Development Plan Amendment	RALF	Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator
DTF	Department of Treasury and Finance	RDA	Regional Development Australia
e-NGO	Environmental Non-Government Organisations	RLP	Regional Land Partnerships
EAP	Employee Assistance Program	RP	Recreation Park
EMLR	Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges	RTW	Return to Work
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority	SAMDB	South Australian Murray Darling Basin
EPBC	<i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i>	SAPOL	South Australian Police
FY	Financial Year	SARDI	South Australian Research and Development Institute
ED	Executive Director	SCAP	State Commission Assessment Panel
GPT	Gross Pollutant Trap	SLA	Service-Level Agreement
ha	Hectare	SOI	Statement of Intent
HFLB	Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board	WAA	Water Affecting Activity
HR	Human Resources	WAP	Water Allocation Plan
IM	Injury Management	WAPAC	Water Allocation Plan Advisory Committee
LGA	Local Government Association	WHS	Work Health & Safety
LMT	Landscape Management Team	WMLR	Western Mount Lofty Ranges
LO	Landscapes Officer	WSUD	Water Sensitive Urban Design
		WSWU	Workplace Safety and Wellbeing Unit