LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA HILLS AND FLEURIEU

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 #9**		
Date:	**Thursday 25 February 2021**		
Start Time:	**1:50PM**	Finish Time:	**3:15PM**
Location:	**Murray Bridge Council Chamber - 2 Seventh Street**	Room:	**Council Chambers – Meeting room**
Attendees:	***Board Members*:** D Greenhough (Chair), J Klein, A Lowe, C Schofield (via Teams), D Smith, C West, A Williams ***Staff Members:*** M Garrod (General Manager), W Telfer (Manager Planning, Engagement & Partnerships), J Pain (Team Leader Landscape Operations), R McAlary (formerly Manager Business & Governance via Teams), O Prohoroff (Executive Officer)		

Item	Meeting Items
1.1	**Welcome and Apologies** The Chair opened the meeting acknowledging it was being held on traditional lands of the Peramangk Nation. The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The Chair acknowledged COVID-19 restrictions and asked all present in the room to adhere to social-distancing guidelines. Apologies were received from C Schofield (who could not attend in person and was attending via Microsoft Teams). Due to D Greenhough needing to leave the meeting early, A Williams was nominated to chair the meeting. *The board:* *1.1.1* ***endorsed*** *that A Williams will chair this meeting.* ***Moved: D Smith; Seconded: J Klein***
1.2	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** A Williams announced that she has been pre-selected as Liberal Candidate for the seat of Mawson. There were no additional conflict of interest disclosures arising from the agenda declared at the meeting.
1.3	**Consent Schedule** *The board* ***approved*** *and* ***agreed*** *all items remaining on the Consent Schedule be adopted.* ***Moved: J Klein; Seconded: C Schofield*** **CARRIED**

1.4	**Any Other Business** No other items were raised for discussion.
1.5	**Minutes from the previous meeting** *The board **confirmed** the minutes of meeting number 8 held on 28 January 2021 as a true and accurate record.* ***Moved: D Smith; Seconded: A Lowe*** **CARRIED**
1.6	**Actions arising from previous meetings** *Item No. 3.3 'General's Manager's Report' from Meeting #8 – 28 Jan 2021 to be marked as complete.* *Item No. 4.1 'Other Business – Cherry Gardens Bushfire Update from Meeting #8 – 28 Jan 2021 to be marked as complete as an update will be provided in this meeting.* *The board **noted** these adjustments to the actions and the current status.* **CARRIED**
1.7	**Resolutions Register** *The board **noted** the resolutions register.* **CARRIED**
2	**Items**
2.1	**Draft landscape plan for Consultation** Board members were provided with a pre-design version of the draft Landscape Plan, and were thanked for the comments and feedback they had emailed through about the plan. These comments have now been incorporated in the plan. There was discussion about the vision for the plan and the board agreed on the new wording, "A region inspired to protect its uniquely biodiverse and productive landscapes into the future". *The board:* *2.1.1 **endorsed** the draft Landscape Plan for community consultation on the YourSay website with the suggested changes.* ***Moved: C West; Seconded: J Klein*** **CARRIED**
2.2	**Cherry Gardens Bushfire Overview** The Cherry Gardens Bushfire started 24 January 2021 with an estimated destruction of 2,700ha, impacting 38 landholders with two of the landholder losing their homes. This included a large proportion of Scott Creek Conservation Park and Mount Bold Reservoir. Landholders have been contacted by one of the H&F Landscape Officers to encourage collaboration with those affected and media has promoted the services and support available from the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board. The General Manager, Manager Landscape Operations, Team Leader Landscape Operations and a Landscape Officer met with representatives from the Friends of Scott Creek community group and the District Ranger Central Lofty to view the impacted areas, and discuss opportunities to support the Friends group in their recovery efforts. This was followed by a visit to the Jones family property where land management needs and opportunities were discussed with the intention of organising an evening with those that have been impacted to share their experiences, ideas and opportunities for coordinated and collaborative effort in ensuring post-fire weed issues are dealt with.

	The Board were updated that on 23 February 2021 a letter went to impacted landholders from the Board offering support with fire recovery through provision of advice and providing staff contact details. On 24 February 2021 a meeting between Friends of Scott Creek, SA Water, Forestry SA, PIRSA, DEW, Adelaide Hills Council, Trees for Life, Electranet and Board staff discussed collaboration, particularly on grazing pressure impacts, with a focus on control of deer and kangaroos. This collaborative effort will be communicated to landholders. *The board:* *2.2.1* ***noted*** *the efforts to support the fire impacted community and landholder in Cherry Gardens.* **CARRIED**
2.3	**Interim SLA – Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board and DEW** The board was presented with two attachments being: *Attachment 1 – Letter from DEW CE re Service Level Agreement HF and DEW;* *Attachment 2 – Interim Service Level Agreement HF and DEW and Schedule 1.* These were presented for the board to note the interim Service Level Agreement between the board and the Department for Environment and Water with the intention to provide feedback to inform the new SLA for 2021-22 and endorse that the interim SLA is signed (pending revision of Schedule 1). The General Manager explained that since the drafting of this paper, it has become clear that rather than revising schedule 1 of the SLA, the charges incurred under schedule 1 are actually adjusted on a month by month basis to reflect actual costs. The recommendation 2.3.3 was modified to reflect this. *The board:* *2.3.1* ***noted*** *the interim Service Level Agreement between the board and DEW;* *2.3.2* ***agreed to provide feedback*** *to the General Manager within the next couple of weeks to inform the SLA for 2021-22.* *2.3.3* ***endorsed*** *that the interim SLA be signed, noting that the staff costs in Schedule 1B will be adjusted to reflect the actual costs incurred.* ***Moved: A Lowe; Seconded: J Klein*** **CARRIED**
2.4	**Quarter 2 Project Performance Report** The board was presented with the Quarter 2 Report for noting and an opportunity to provide any feedback for future board reports. *The board:* *2.4.1* ***noted*** *the quarterly report and;* *2.4.2* ***noted*** *that Quarter 3 and 4 reports should retain the current format, and that output and outcome reporting will be developed and included in future reporting on the new Business and Landscape Plans from 2021-22.* **CARRIED**
3	**Standing Items**
3.1	**Finance Overview** The board was presented with three attachment being: *Attachment 1 – Board Statement of Comprehensive Income;* *Attachment 2 – Board Expenditure by Project;* *Attachment 3 – Board Statement of Financial Position.*

	For the board to accept these financial reports and statistics for the period ending 31 January 2021 and give their approval of the material budget shifts from 2020-21 to 2021-22 for three projects. *The board:* *3.1.1* ***noted*** *the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 31 January 2021.* *3.1.2* ***approved*** *the material budget shifts from 2020-21 to 2021-22 for three projects, noting that the priority deliverables under the Securing Low Flows project will be revisited next financial year.* ***Moved: A Lowe; Seconded: C Schofield*** **CARRIED**
	D Greenhough left the meeting at 2:30PM
3.2	**Work Health and Safety Report** The General Manager updated the board on a minor incident reported to date with all prior incidents now closed off. *The board:* *3.2.1* ***noted*** *the Work, Health and Safety Report for January 2021.* **CARRIED**
3.3	**General Manager's Report** The General Manager provided an update on the vacancy of the Manager Business and Governance, including that the position will be advertised via Seek in the coming week. The following three Hills & Fleurieu-led Landscape Priority Fund applications have been selected for submission of more detailed applications in Stage 2: • Towards eradication - 20 weeds by 2023 • Restoring Fleurieu coastal habitats and offshore islands for wildlife conservation • Natural Resource Centres: building community capacity and action on landscape priorities (joint bid with Northern & Yorke and Green Adelaide). The General manager also updated the board that an announcement would be made later today that the board's joint bid with PIRSA for Local Economic Recovery Funding was successful. The proposed project had been recast under the title of 'Building Back Better Agriculture' along with some non H&F element, and with some minor adjustments made to the originally proposed project. While final details have not yet been confirmed, it is clear that approximately $3.25m will come to the board through this funding arrangement, to support land managers in fire recovery. Part of the funding will support landholder efforts to manage the high rabbit numbers in the Central Adelaide Hills, and the significant weed problem that has emerged. It will also allow targeted work on the large but contained goat population in the area, with the hope of eradication. The funding will also allow the H&F LB to partner with PIRSA, SA Water, the South Australian Environment Protection Agency (EPA), and the Adelaide Hills and Mt Barker Councils to deliver landscape scale improvements to key watercourses and associated dams to improve long-term water quality. The Board will work with PIRSA in the delivery of capacity building and on-ground works to support land managers, in particular semi-commercial and non-commercial land managers, to improve the quality of ground cover in pastures, thereby minimising soil movement and soil erosion risk. *The board:* *3.3.1* ***noted*** *the General Manager's report* **CARRIED**
3.4	**Board Member Activity Register**

	The board: *3.4.1* ***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.* **CARRIED**
3.5	**Register of Interests** *The board:* *3.5.1* ***noted*** *the Register of Interests.* **CARRIED**
3.6	**Use of the Common Seal** *The board:* *3.6.1* ***noted*** *the use of the common seal.* **CARRIED**
3.7	**Correspondence** The board was provided with the following correspondence via its Microsoft Teams portal: 3.7.1 4 February 2021: SA Sheep Industry Consultation meeting request; 3.7.2 5 February 2021: Invitation to attend launch of Linking Landscapes Grant; 3.7.3 11 February 2021: Revitalising Private Conservation thank you and offer to present; 3.7.4 18 February 2021: Invitation to attend Linking Landscapes Grant Launch. *The board* ***noted*** *the correspondence provided via its Microsoft Teams portal.* **CARRIED**
4.0	**Other business** Nil. **CARRIED**
6	**Meeting Closure**
6.1	**Next meeting details:** Wednesday 24 March at the Mount Barker Office, Upper Level cnr Walker and Mann Street.
6.2	Meeting closed: 3:15PM

ENDORSED	**DAVID GREENHOUGH** **PRESIDING MEMBER** **HILLS AND FLEURIEU LANDSCAPE BOARD** **Date: 24 March 2021**