

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Minutes

Meeting Title:	Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting #6		
Date:	Wednesday 23 September 2020		
Start Time:	9:00	Finish Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	35 Dauncey St Kingscote	Room:	Boardroom Microsoft Teams
Attendees:	<i>Board Members:</i> A Heinrich (Chair), G Crowley (via Microsoft Teams), P Davis, M Pengilly, P Rismiller, J Stanton, R Willson <i>Staff:</i> D Miley (A/General Manager), S Gullickson (Administration and Board Support Officer) <i>Guest:</i> R Kretschmer		
Apologies:	Nil		

Item	
1.	Preliminary matters
1.1	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to Meeting 6 of the Landscape Board, noting G Crowley is joining the meeting via Microsoft Teams and welcoming Renae Kretschmer who is completing an agriculture internship as part of her degree with University of Adelaide (Roseworthy Campus).</p> <p>The board agreed that the following item remain on the consent schedule:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">4.1 Correspondence for information That the decision be accepted</p> <p>The board approved the agenda without change.</p>
1.2	<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</p> <p>J Stanton declared an interest in sustainable agriculture discussions as the property she owns, in partnership with her husband, has been selected as a demonstration site and there are financial benefits associated with this.</p> <p>The Chair requested the conflict of interest be noted and, noted that Mrs Stanton has no conflict with the matters under discussion today.</p>
1.3	<p>Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>Decision 06/1.3</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. ACCEPTS the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board meeting held on 26 August 2020 as read.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
1.4	<p>Minutes from special meeting</p> <p>Decision 06/1.4</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. ACCEPTS the minutes of the special meeting of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board held on 16 September 2020 subject to the following changes in bold to the board's decision:</p>

	<p>1. Approves the recommendations of the assessment panel with regards to the allocation of the 2020 Grassroots Grants Program funds, with the exception of Application 9 which the Board refused and the \$3,000 of unallocated funding to be carried over to the 2021-22 Grassroots Grant Program.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
1.5	<p>Action list and Decision Register</p> <p>The board noted that the available funding for Grassroots Grants Program was confirmed at meeting 3 as \$45,000. However, on finalising the 2020-21 budget, \$48,231 was identified as the total amount available for the 2020-21 Grassroots Grants Program.</p> <p>Decision 06/1.5</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <p>1. NOTES the status of actions relating to matters arising from previous meetings of the Board and the register of decisions made by the board.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
2 Strategic matters and Items for Decision	
2.1	<p>Developing the Kangaroo Island Landscape Plan</p> <p>The board noted the timeframe for the regional Landscape Plan outlined by Danny Male, Team Leader, Program Support. Input from members and staff will refine the vision, priorities and focus areas before a draft plan is provided for board consideration and community consultation. The board noted the difficulty of consulting with the public on strategic planning, and a community engagement plan will guide how the community is consulted on the draft plan.</p> <p>Community consultation is proposed for February for six weeks, noting that late January can be a good month for consultation as many off-island landholders are visiting the island at this time.</p> <p>The board noted and supported the hierarchy of the plan which includes a vision (50 year goal), five regional priorities (20 years), focus areas (10 years), outcomes (what the board wants delivered over the next five years), and actions (annual).</p> <p>The board supported Option B as the vision statement for the draft regional Landscape Plan.</p> <p>The board supported the five key regional priorities as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective water management • Sustainable primary production and the island’s economy • Controlling pest plants and animals • Healthy ecosystems and biodiversity • Connected community at centre of decision making <p>The board noted that each priority has three proposed focus areas – the number of focus areas is not fixed, but a guide to understanding what can be delivered. Members suggested amendments to the focus areas as presented including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider replacing the word <i>equitable</i> with <i>improving</i>, • replacing <i>enhancing</i> with <i>safeguarding</i>, • consider rewording <i>improving our understanding...</i> as this is building knowledge and not using our knowledge for adaptive management.

	<p>Members are asked to provide feedback on any outcomes they would like to see included.</p> <p>The board discussed adding an outcome to each focus areas relating to fire recovery as recognition of the ongoing impact on the community and to ensure bushfire recovery effort doesn't lapse.</p> <p>Decision 06/2.1</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. NOTES the agreed timeline for the development of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Plan. II. NOTES and supports the progress made to date in developing the vision, priorities and focus areas of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Plan. <p>CARRIED</p>
2.2	<p>Program and Project Review</p> <p>The board noted the current program and project delivery and the request from the Minister for members to review projects and determine what needs to stop or change so that the board delivers on the new Landscape Act objectives.</p> <p>The board noted many of the current programs and projects deliver on the objectives of the Landscape Act and the Minister's priorities, but there are still gaps.</p> <p>Members requested an update and clarification on the following projects:</p> <p>Project 7: Integrated Pest Management</p> <p>Project 3: Biosecurity; noting that PIRSA is the key agency responsible for biosecurity and were successful in obtaining funding to support a biosecurity officer following the Summer 2019/2020 fires. The board recommended inviting Andrew Triggs, to a future board meeting to provide an update on current biosecurity activities.</p> <p>Project 10: Feral pig control; the A/General Manager provided an update on the feral pig post fire control work including control work on the Cassini outliers and PIRSA's post fire feral pig control project which is a collaborative project between the board and PIRSA. The board reinforced the need for the community to be aware of what is going on with this project.</p> <p>Project 5: Narrow leaved mallee; concern of impact of fires on this species and understanding where this species is located. The board requested a presentation on this project at the next meeting.</p>
3.	Items for Discussion
3.1	<p>Policies for Adoption</p> <p><i>Work Health and Safety Policy</i></p> <p>The board noted that refinement of DEW policies to make them fit for purpose for the Landscape Board is underway. As raised at the last meeting, the DEW Work Health and Safety Policy has been amended.</p> <p>A member requested consideration be given to the use of the term 'the board' and ensure there is clarity as to whether the board refers to the organisation (General Manager and staff) or to the Chair and members. Policies need to be explicit in who is being referred to.</p> <p><i>In-camera policy</i></p> <p>For the In camera policy and procedure, members supported the requirement for a sign being placed on the board room door being added to the procedure.</p>

	<p>Decision 06/3.1</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. APPROVES the Work Health and Safety Policy with suggested amendment to clarify reference to the board as referring to the Chair and members or referring to the organisation II. APPROVES the In Camera Session Policy and Procedure with minor amendment to the procedure. <p>CARRIED</p>
3.2	<p>Landscape Board Risk Management</p> <p>The board noted a new risk relating to the construction of the feral cat fence on the southern end and an active White bellied sea eagle nest within two kilometres of the fence. It is endangered under the state’s <i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1971</i>. The board supported this risk being included in the risk register.</p> <p>The board also requested the risk rating relating to Governance: Board vacancies be amended to medium.</p> <p>Decision 06/3.2</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTES the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Risk Management Matrix version 2.0 with inclusion of risks relating to an active White bellies sea each nest and the feral cat fence construction project and amendment of risk rating relating to board vacancies. <p>CARRIED</p>
3.3	<p>Chair’s Report</p> <p>The board noted the activities of the Chair since the last board meeting including attendance at a meeting of AgKI which focussed on fire recovery. The board supported a recommendation from the AgKI meeting that the Regional CFS Commander be invited to address the community on matters relating to fire management planning processes.</p> <p>The board noted the Chair is receiving numerous phone calls relating to weed control, particularly Cape tulip. The board discussed the need for increased education and awareness of landholder responsibilities in regard to control of weeds on adjoining roadsides. The board asked the A/General Manager to provide an article for inclusion in Council Matters section of the Islander on landholder responsibility and weed control.</p> <p>Decision 06/3.3</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTES the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting <p>CARRIED</p>
3.4	<p>A/General Manager’s Report</p> <p>The board noted the A/General Manager’s report and the formal recruitment of the KI Dunnart project staff.</p> <p>The board noted that both the Chair and A/General Manager have been involved in negotiating delivery of corporate services for the board.</p> <p>Decision 06/3.4</p>

	<p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. NOTES the activities of the A/General Manager since the last Board meeting II. NOTES the Work Health and Safety activity report for August 2020 III. NOTES the report on legislative delegations <p>CARRIED</p>
3.5	<p>Bushfire Management Committee</p> <p>The Board noted the report from P Davis on the Bushfire Management Committee meeting held on 28 August 2020. Mr Davis expressed concern at the level of bureaucracy required to apply for permits to control fuel loads on roadsides. Several members expressed concern that the opportunity to conduct winter burns has been missed.</p> <p>The board supported writing to the Minister requesting and inviting the Natural Resources Committee of Parliament to the island for a hearing on fire planning processes.</p> <p>Decision 06/3.5</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. NOTES the report from the Board's representative on the Kangaroo Island Bushfire Management Committee II. WRITES to the Minister to highlight the need for the Department of Environment and Water to be proactive in undertaking prescribed burns throughout the year; and seeking Ministerial approval to invite the Natural Resources Committee of Parliament to visit the island. III. Approves the A/General Manager drafting a letter to the Minister re concern of fire management for board consideration. <p>CARRIED</p>
3.6	<p>Board Member Reports</p> <p>P Rismiller: has been invited to join the Reimaging KI Parks reference group as a representative of the science community, and felt it important that the board is aware of the reference group and its recommendations.</p> <p>J Stanton: alerted the board to Jasmin Packer (University of Adelaide) research on bioregional planning potential.</p> <p>G Crowley: providing feedback on the final Bushfire Wildlife and Habitat workshop report and contributed to a submission by the Glossy Black-cockatoo Recovery Team regarding the Australian Government's proposed changes to the restrictions on importation of exotic bird species.</p> <p>P Davis: meet with researchers from Adelaide University on impact of bushfires and how recovery occurs.</p> <p>R Willson: requested future discussion on the Grassroots Grants Program and approval process. Points for discussion to include applications for weed control be restricted to applications from a group to ensure that weeds are control over broad areas/neighbouring properties. Also concern that we are missing the opportunity to protect native vegetation on private property following the fires.</p> <p>If landholders have native vegetation, clarification on how are they allowed to manage this vegetation is urgently needed. The Chair will raise this matter at next Bushfire Recovery meeting.</p>
3.7	<p>Other Business</p> <p>3.7.1 Board relevance to the community</p>

	The General Manager noted that the next board meeting is scheduled to be held in Penneshaw as a strategy for improving the board's visibility in the community. Members requested that the October meeting be held in Kingscote, with the November meeting being considered for Penneshaw.
4	Items for Noting (carried by Consent Schedule)
4.1	<p>Correspondence for noting</p> <p>Decision 06/4.1</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board receives the following correspondence for information:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>I. Nature Foundation: Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal successful grant applications</i> <i>II. D Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water: Invitation to Nature Conservation Action Planning Workshop</i> <i>III. Standing Committee on the Environment and Energy: Acknowledgement of receipt of submission into inquiry into the problem of feral and domestic cats in Australia</i> <p>CARRIED VIA THE CONSENT SCHEDULE</p>
5	Presentations
	No presentations were made to the board.
6	Meeting Closure
6.1	<p>Invitations for next meeting</p> <p>Decision 06/6.1</p> <p><i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>I. Approves Doug Green, Senior Aquatic Ecologist, DEW and Aaron Glossop, Senior Stakeholder Engagement Advisor, SA Water being invited to present at the November meeting of the board.</i> <p>CARRIED</p>
6.2	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>As per the approved meeting schedule, the board confirmed that meeting 7 of the Board will be held on Wednesday 28 October 2020 at 9:00 am in the Boardroom, 35 Dauncey St, Kingscote</p>
6.3	<p>Board Member Feedback</p> <p>Board members commented positively on the meeting.</p>
6.4	<p>Board Claims and Administration Items</p> <p>Members were asked to complete the claim form enclosed in the agenda pack.</p>
6.5	Meeting closed at 12:50 pm

Signed:



DATE: 28/10/2020

Andrew Heinrich
 Presiding Member, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board