

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Minutes

Meeting Title:	Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 10		
Date:	Wednesday 24 March 2021		
Start Time:	9:10 am	Finish Time:	12:50 pm
Location:	35 Dauncey St Kingscote	Room:	Boardroom
Attendees:	<i>Board Members:</i> A Heinrich (Chair), G Crowley, P Davis, M Pengilly, P Rismiller, J Stanton, R Willson <i>Staff:</i> W Durack (General Manager), S Gullickson (Executive Officer) <i>Guest:</i> B Page (Senior Biosecurity Officer, PIRSA); M Korcz (Feral Pig Coordinator); D Green (Senior Aquatic Ecologist, DEW)		
Apologies:	L Dohle (Senior Soil Consultant, PIRSA);		

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1.	Preliminary matters																								
1.1	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda The Board welcomed Will Durack to the Board and members introduced themselves.</p> <p>Decision 10/1.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. APPROVES the agenda with no additional items for discussion and items 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.7 and 4.9 being removed from the consent schedule, with the following items remaining on the consent schedule: <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Agenda Item</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Topic</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Decision</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4.2 Financial Authorisation update</td> <td></td> <td>That the decision be accepted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.3 Legislative Compliance Review</td> <td></td> <td>That the decision be accepted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.4 Risk Register</td> <td></td> <td>That the decision be accepted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.5 Chair’s report</td> <td></td> <td>That the decision be accepted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.6 General Manager Report</td> <td></td> <td>That the decision be accepted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.8 Out of session decisions</td> <td></td> <td>That the decision be accepted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6.2 Next Meeting</td> <td></td> <td>That the decision be accepted</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Agenda Item	Topic	Decision	4.2 Financial Authorisation update		That the decision be accepted	4.3 Legislative Compliance Review		That the decision be accepted	4.4 Risk Register		That the decision be accepted	4.5 Chair’s report		That the decision be accepted	4.6 General Manager Report		That the decision be accepted	4.8 Out of session decisions		That the decision be accepted	6.2 Next Meeting		That the decision be accepted
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1.2	<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosures Nil</p>																								
1.3	<p>Minutes from previous meeting Decision 10/1.3 Moved: R Willson Seconded: J Stanton That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Accepts the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board meeting held on 27 January 2021 as read <p>CARRIED</p>																								
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	<p>Decision 10/1.4 Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: P Rismiller That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Notes the actions relating to matters arising from previous meetings of the Board. <p>CARRIED</p>
2	Strategic matters and Items for Decision
2.1	<p>Landscape Plan Consultation Report</p> <p>The Board noted 35 responses and 135 individual comments were received through the Landscape Plan consultation process. In addition to responses received via email and the online survey, feedback was received from the Department of Environment and Water, a letter on landscape management from Mr D Roberts and suggestions for action from KI Community Education students. It is recommended that the Board review the collated feedback as tabled at the meeting out of session and a workshop be held on 28 April 2021 to discuss responses to the comments received.</p> <p>The Board noted that positive comments on the size and clarity of the plan have been provided to individual members.</p> <p>Once the Board has reviewed the feedback, a consultation report will be produced and placed on the Landscape Board website. The Board requested acknowledgement of receipt of feedback be provided if an automatic acknowledgement was not generated and people who have provided contact details be provided with a copy of the consultation report once finalised.</p> <p>KICE students provided a written response and as such the Board have requested that a personalised letter be provided in reply.</p> <p>Decision 10/2.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. NOTES the feedback received from the public consultation period for the draft Kangaroo Island Landscape Plan. ii. AGREES to hold a workshop on 28 April 2021 for the Board to determine how best to amend its Regional Landscape Plan in response to this feedback. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
2.2	<p>Business Plan 2021-22</p> <p>The Board noted a workshop will be held in April to review and develop the draft budget for 2021-22 with focus on the allocation of levy funds and state allocation. Following this review, the figures of the business plan may be amended.</p> <p>Decision 10/2.3 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. APPROVES the draft <i>Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Business Plan 2021-22</i>, noting financial figures may be amended. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
2.3	<p>Grassroots Grants Program 2021/22</p> <p>The Board noted the aim to open the Grassroots Grants Program 2021-22 as soon as possible to enable applications to be assessed in time for successful applicants to commence projects on 1 July 2021.</p>

The Board queried the benefit of funding landholders to conduct weed management as part of a Grassroots Grass project as weed management is a landholder responsibility to control. The Board supported applicants submitting request for funding for weed management where it is part of a coordinated or strategic approach and accompanied by letters of support from neighbours and/or progress associations.

The Board requested changes to the wording of the draft Guidelines, the removal of Monitoring and Biological assessment as an eligible activity, the inclusion of a statement that applicants must not have an outstanding commitment to an earlier grant and applicants must be Kangaroo Island based (residents or ratepayer) or be supported by a Kangaroo Island organisation.

Members were asked to provide feedback on the draft Guidelines out of session by 12:00 noon Friday 26 March.

Decision 10/2.3

That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

- i. **ALLOCATES** 2.9% of the 2021/22 the board's levy allocation for the Grassroots Grant program in 2021/22, plus \$3,000 from the 2020/21 Grassroots Grant program;
- ii. **SUPPORTS** projects being for one to two years only with a minimum of \$1,000 and maximum of \$8,000 for one year projects and a maximum of \$16,000 for two year projects;
- iii. **NOMINATES** R Willson and P Rismiller as Board representatives on the assessment panel; and
- iv. **DELEGATES** approval of successful applications, based on the assessment panel's recommendations to the General Manager and Chair of the Board.

CARRIED by resolution

3. Items for Discussion

3.1 Finance Report – February 2021

The Board noted the February 2021 finance reports, noting that several project budgets have not been loaded. If budgets are not loaded into the State financial management system, year to date reporting is not available.

The Board noted that the Balance Sheet has not been reconciled and J Hughes is investigating several matters as a result of liabilities being transferred from DEW to the Board. The Board were reassured that there is minimal risk to the Board as a result of the Balance Sheet not being reconciling.

The Board noted new Australian accounting standards for lease of buildings which the South Australian Government has adopted so the remaining liability associated with the five year lease of the office now appears on the balance sheet.

A member queried the advantages of leasing or purchasing vehicles outright and this will be further discussed at the finance workshop.

Decision 10/3.1

That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

- i. Endorses the February 2021 revenue and expenditure finance reports and balance sheet.

CARRIED by resolution

<p>3.2</p>	<p>Kangaroo Island Business and Brand Alliance</p> <p>The Board noted Peter Davis will abstain from voting as he is a current member of the Kangaroo Island Business and Brand Alliance. Members discussed the benefits of joining and the level of membership required to achieve this benefit, and the need for a member of the Board to actively engage with the Brand Alliance.</p> <p>Decision 10/3.2</p> <p>Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: R Willson</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. APPLIES for membership of the Kangaroo Island Business and Brand Alliance, as a Business Partner ii. NOMINATES P Davis to be the contact between the Board and the Alliance <p>CARRIED</p> <p>P Davis abstained, P Rismiller opposed</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Members Reports</p> <p>3.3.1 M Pengilly requested an update on the situation with blue gums, as volunteers are working hard to remove and more action is quickly need to address this issue. Widespread community concern being expressed. The Board noted that the Board’s role is in coordinating effort and to alert people to what has been done. A project officer, Michelle Haby, has been engaged to assist in identifying who is doing what and where. The Board was informed that Kangaroo Island Conservation Landholders and Trees for Life have both received funding to conduct blue gum control.</p> <p>Members asked about the status of blue gums and the possibility to have them declared as a pest species for Kangaroo Island.</p> <p>Action: W Durack to provide the Board with information on current status of blue gum control and potential actions; clarity on responsibility for blue gum control of KIPT, DEW and options for enforcing control in a fair manner.</p> <p>Decision 10/3.3.1</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board requests the General Manager to provide a report on the status and issue of Tasmanian Blue Gums on Kangaroo Island. The report will assist the Board to understand and make decisions about the best course of action.</p> <p>CARRIED by resolution</p> <p>3.3.2 P Rismiller attend the Pyphtoptora (Pc) workshop held on 19 February on behalf of the Board. The Board noted research being undertaken by Flinders University into techniques to detect Pc.</p> <p>P Rismiller also attend the AGM of the Kangaroo Island Wildlife Network AGM where there was general discussion on the cat fence and feral cat eradication, including some misinformation.</p> <p>P Rimsiller encouraged the Board, if they haven’t already done so, to complete the survey regarding the Board induction sent to them by email on 19 March from Mica Balela.</p>

	<p>3.3.3 P Davis attended the Bushfire Management Committee meeting on 19 March. Eve Keam has been appointed as the regional community liaison for CFS and Mr Davis reinforced the need for the Board to work closely with Ms Keam regarding information on what can and can't be done to manage land for fire safety. Recent meetings have emphasised the need to work together to protect the community. The Board gratefully accepted the Chief Officer's offer to address the Board at their next meeting.</p> <p>3.3.4 G Crowley informed the Board that with use of LiDAR data the SA Cave Exploration group has located a new cave at Kelly Hill Conservation Park. Dr Crowley also requested the Board to consider conducting a workshop on the Board's communications strategy.</p> <p>3.3.5 J Stanton participated in the regenerative agriculture field trip to the Fleurieu Peninsula conducted by the Regional Landscape Agriculture Facilitator through the Board's Regenerative Agriculture project. The tour was excellent barring a few logistical issues.</p>
3.4	<p>Other Business Nil</p>
4	Standing Items or Items for Noting (Consent Schedule)
4.1.1	<p>Policies for Adoption – Sponsorship and Membership The Board requested the delegation for the General Manager to approve outgoing sponsorship be removed.</p> <p>Decision 10/4.1.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board ADOPTS the following policies and procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Sponsorship (incoming) Policy and Procedure ii. Sponsorship (outgoing) Policy and Procedure, with removal of delegation of General Manger approval of sponsorship requests under \$1000 iii. Acceptance of Membership of External Body Policy and Procedure <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.1.2	<p>Policies for Adoption: Risk Management Policy and Risk Management Framework The Board requested an amendment to the Risk Management Plan, as they did not feel that strategic risks needed to be presented to each meeting, but preferred an annual review of the risk register.</p> <p>Decision 10/4.1.2 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board ADOPTS the following policies and framework:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Risk Management Policy ii. Risk Management Framework, subject to the Risk Management Plan being updated as requested. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.2	<p>Financial Authorisation update Decision 10/4.23 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. ENDORSES the updated Instrument of Authorisation: Purchase Cards

	<p>ii. APPROVES the Chair signing and sealing the Instruments of Authorisation on behalf of the Board.</p> <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.3	<p>Legislative Compliance Register</p> <p>Decision 10/4.3</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <p>i. NOTES the Legislative Compliance Register for the Kangaroo Landscape Board</p> <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.4	<p>Landscape Board Risk Management</p> <p>Decision 10/4.4</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <p>i. NOTES the Risk Register for the Kangaroo Landscape Board</p> <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.5	<p>Chair’s Report</p> <p>Decision 10/4.5</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board NOTES the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting</p> <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.6	<p>General Manager’s Report</p> <p>Decision 10/4.6</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <p>i. NOTES the activities of the A/General Manager since the last Board meeting</p> <p>ii. NOTES the outcomes of the Workshop held 24 February 2020</p> <p>iii. NOTES the Work Health and Safety activity report for Month Year</p> <p>iv. NOTES the report on legislative delegations</p> <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.7	<p>Out of session decision</p> <p>Decision 10/4.7</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board ratifies the decisions of the out-of-session papers:</p> <p>i. Distributed on 25 February seeking APPROVAL for Interim Service Level Agreement for delivery of Corporate Services to the Board for 2020-21 and the attached schedules.</p> <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.8	<p>Feral Cat Eradication Program Steering Committee Report</p> <p>The Board noted community skepticism regarding the success the feral cat fence in being a barrier to the movement of cats. The Board requested to see any advice received that the design of the fence will not increase risk of funneling macropods towards Hog Bay Road. Also the perception of mice numbers increasing while cat numbers are reducing needs to be addressed.</p> <p>Action: The General Manager to provide members with information relating to the design of the fence and discuss with the Communications and Media Manager ways to address the perception of mice increasing as a result of cat numbers declining.</p>

	<p>Decision 10/4.8</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. NOTES the draft minutes of the Kangaroo Island Feral Cat Eradication Program Steering Committee meeting held on 22 February 2021. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.9	<p>Correspondence for noting</p> <p>The Board noted the request from the Minister regarding a review of the Board's performance by 30 June 2021.</p> <p>Decision 10/4.9</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the correspondence received since the last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Speirs, Minister for Environment and Water • K Rumbelow, Department for Environment and Water <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
5	Presentations
5.1	<p>Environmental Assessment of Water Monitoring</p> <p>Doug Green, Senior Aquatic Ecologist with the Department of Environment and Water (DEW) joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 11:15 am.</p> <p>The Board noted DEW science term were engaged by the former Natural Resources Management Board to conduct research into indicators for the health of the island's watercourses to inform the Board's water policy and water take limits. The project commenced in 2015, and the finalising of the project was delayed as a result of COVID-19.</p> <p>The role of the Board is to manage water at a landscape scale and set how much water can be used for sustainable business development and primary production while considering the health of the environment. The role of the board includes determining the level of risk to the environment the region needs to accept to have a sustainable primary production industry.</p> <p>This project aims to support the Board's decision making by providing the best available information noting that what is best for the environment may not be best for the economy or social wellbeing.</p> <p>The Board was informed that the project team have commenced analysis of the data but may request an extension to the project to allow for further assessment and reporting.</p> <p>Final outputs of the project will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk assessment of 4 water management options • Tools for assessing other options • Assessment of impact to the ecology of the island. <p>The project findings will be used to inform the Board's Water Management Control Policy.</p>
5.2	<p>Feral Pig Program (PIRSA)</p> <p>Matt Korcz, Feral Pig Coordinator and Brad Page, Principal Biosecurity Officer, PIRSA presented the achievements to date of the Feral Pig Eradication project being delivered as a</p>

collaborative project involving the Board, Park rangers, KI Plantation Timber staff and PIRSA working across private and public lands.

The team is using every control tool at their disposal including, trapping, baiting, shooting and aerial culls. 219 pigs have been controlled since October 2020 and it is estimated over three quarters of the feral pig population were impacted by the fires.

M Korcz described the benefits of each control tool and their effectiveness in different terrain.

The role of the Board in being the ears and eyes of the community is critical to the success of eradication as is the need for the board to support ongoing collaboration of all parties including KIPT.

The Board noted that the feral pig eradication program is not using 1080. PIRSA did register and obtain the necessary licenses to use 1080, but it has not been needed as a tool.

The Board noted a thermal aerial cull trial is currently underway and this is being funded by DEW. PIRSA is currently seeking funding to support further thermal aerial culls over the next three years.

The Board agreed to consider and approach potential donors to assist with funding the project.

The Board noted that moving feral pigs is an offence under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* and an offender could be fined up to \$125,000 or two years jail. The Board noted pigs are not protected under the *Livestock Act 1997* and pigs are considered feral if they leave your property. The Board supported an addition to the declaration for feral pigs requiring landholders to notify the Board of sightings of feral pigs.

Decision 10/5.2

That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

- i. **NOTES** the update on the feral pig eradication project.
- ii. **APPROVES** an additional Landscape Act declaration for feral pigs on Kangaroo Island, requiring that landholders notify the Board of sightings of feral pigs.

CARRIED

The Board sought information on the process for declaring Tasmanian Blue Gum as a pest plant for Kangaroo Island and the General Manager will work with PIRSA Biosecurity to provide a briefing for the next Board meeting.

The Board requested a presentation of koala survey finding at the next meeting.

6 Meeting Closure

6.1 Invitations for next meeting

Decision 10/6.1

That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

- i. Invites Mike Grieg to present on the results of the Koala survey at the next meeting of the Board.
- ii. Invites Mark Jones, Chief Officer, CFS to present to the next meeting of the Board

CARRIED by resolution

6.2	Next meeting As per the approved meeting schedule, the Board confirmed that meeting 11 of the Board will be held on 26 May 2021 at 9:00 am, with a budget and strategic plan workshop to be held on 28 April 2021.
6.3	Board Member Feedback The Board reminded staff of the importance of acknowledging incoming correspondence.
6.4	Board Claims and Administration Items Members were asked to complete the claim form enclosed in the agenda pack.
6.5	Meeting closed at 12:50 pm

Signature: 

DATE: 26 May 2021

Andrew Heinrich

Presiding Member, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board