

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Minutes

Meeting Title:		Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 14	
Date:	Wednesday 24 November 2021		
Start Time:	9:02 am	Finish Time:	12:55 pm
Location:	35 Dauncey St Kingscote	Room:	Boardroom
Attendees:	<i>Board Members:</i> A Heinrich (Chair), G Crowley, P Davis, M Pengilly, D Pledge, P Rismiller, R Willson <i>Staff:</i> W Durack (General Manager), S Gullickson (Executive Assistant) <i>Guest:</i> K Fielder (PIRSA), M Korcz (PIRSA), B Fancourt (Manager Invasive Species), J Sullivan (Manager Sustainable Landscapes), M Agnew (Water Officer), P Rogers (Manager Biodiversity)		
Apologies:			

Item							
1.	Preliminary matters						
1.1	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>Decisions 14/1.1</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board approved the agenda with an additional item 3.1.2 on Tasmanian Blue Gums and all items on the consent schedule as follows:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">5.1 Risk Register</td><td style="width: 50%;">That the decision be accepted</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.2 Annual Report 2020-21</td><td>That the decision be accepted</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.3 Out of session decisions</td><td>That the decision be accepted</td></tr> </table> <p>Resolved</p>	5.1 Risk Register	That the decision be accepted	5.2 Annual Report 2020-21	That the decision be accepted	5.3 Out of session decisions	That the decision be accepted
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1.2	<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board noted no interests were declared in matters presented in the agenda</p>						
1.3	<p>Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>Decision 14/1.3</p> <p>Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: D Pledge</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board accepts the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board meeting held on 23 September 2021 as read.</p> <p>Carried</p>						
1.4	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>The Board discussed the status of business arising noting that an extension has been approved so that a second round of grants can be offered to bushfire affected landholders wanting to replace fencing for protection of native vegetation.</p> <p>Members queried the action relating to koala management and asked for this action to be removed. Further discussion on long term strategies is required before an issues or position paper can be developed.</p>						

	<p>Decision 14/1.4</p> <p>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>Resolved</p>
2	<p>In camera</p> <p>Water Compliance</p> <p>Decision 14/2.1</p> <p>Moved: P Rismiller Seconded: P Davis</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approves under the provisions of Landscape South Australia Act (General) Regulations 2020, an order be made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting with the exception of Jo Sullivan and Mark Agnew, in order to consider, in confidence, a matter on the grounds of Section 7(3) (g) matters that must be considered in confidence in order to ensure that the regional landscape board does not breach any law, order or direction of a court or tribunal constituted by law, any duty of confidence or other legal obligation or duty. ii. Approves all documentation relating to the matter under discussion be kept confidential, until a review of in-camera matters is conducted by the Chair at the end of the financial year and approval by the Board releases the documentation. <p>Carried</p> <p>Moved: P Rismiller Seconded: D Pledge</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board return to the public session of the meeting</p> <p>Carried</p>
3	<p>Strategic matters and Items for Decision</p>
3.1.1	<p>Managing the risk of illegal keeping and releasing of feral pigs</p> <p>The Board welcomed Kate Fielder and Matt Korcz from PIRSA and noted the steps PIRSA is recommending to reduce the risk of deliberate releasing of pigs into the wild once eradication of feral pigs is achieved, without restricting opportunities for industry and landholders wanting to keep or farm pigs.</p> <p>Decision 14/3.1.1</p> <p>Moved: P Davis Seconded: M Pengilly</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Approves the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) undertaking consultation on proposed changes to the Landscape SA Act covering the movement and possession of domestic pigs on Kangaroo Island. <p>Carried</p>
3.1.2	<p>Managing the risk of wilding Tasmanian blue gum on Kangaroo Island</p> <p>The Board noted the late paper seeking the Board's consideration of a change to the declaration of wilding Tasmanian blue gums for Kangaroo Island. Overall the Board was supportive of this as long as the change in legislation did not place undue pressure on the</p>

	<p>Board's resources and could be managed in a similar way to wildling olives in the Hills and Fleurieu Region.</p> <p>The Board acknowledged that a change in declaration would be one tool to support control work and not a quick fix. The Board sought additional information regarding the various options and restrictions but supported the commencement of public consultation on the matter.</p> <p>Decision 14/3.1.2</p> <p>Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: P Rismiller</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Consider and approve legislative options to manage the impacts of wildling Tasmanian blue gums on Kangaroo Island out of session ii. Approve public consultation on options chosen by the Landscape Board. <p>Carried</p> <p>The General Manager will distribute information on the specific sections of the Act to be amended. This will be distributed for noting with questions directed to Will Durack or Bronwyn Fancourt.</p>
3.2	<p>Feedback on the Parks of western and central Kangaroo Island draft management plan 2021</p> <p>The Board supported the draft letter of response subject to an amendment to dot point 5. The Board requested that dot point 5 read as the board being supportive of management of overabundant native species where "evidence indicates that total grazing pressure is unsustainable and impacting the conservation values of the park" as long as the decision making process for active management was transparent.</p> <p>Decision 14/3.2</p> <p>Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: P Rismiller</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board approves the letter of submission providing feedback on the <i>Parks of Western and Central Kangaroo Island Draft Management Plan 2021</i> subject to amendments to point 5 to indicate supportive subject to decision making being transparent.</p> <p>Carried</p>
3.3	<p>Future Funding Opportunities</p> <p>The Board clarified its expectations in relation to when the General Manager should seek Board approval for submitting applications for funding. Currently the General Manager conducts a risk assessment on the funding opportunity, including submission timeframes and alignment with the <i>Kangaroo Island Landscape Plan 2021-2026</i>, only seeking Board approval for project or grant submissions that pose a degree of risk or significant interest to the Board.</p> <p>The Board noted two projects will be submitted under the Threatened Species Strategy Action Plan – Priority Species Grants (100 species); one regarding the KI echidna and the second supporting Australian sea lions.</p> <p>Decision 14/3.3</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board agrees that funding applications that align with the approved <i>Kangaroo Island Landscape Plan 2021-2026</i> and are assessed as low risk by the General Manager do not require Board approval prior to submission of the funding application.</p> <p>Resolved</p>

4.	Items for Discussion
4.1	<p>Program Highlights July to September</p> <p>The Board noted the presentation by Danny Male on highlights of project achievements in July-September 2021. The Board had been provided a copy of the <i>Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Progress Report – July-September 2021</i> by email on 27 October 2021.</p>
4.2	<p>Finance Report – October 2021</p> <p>The Board noted the finance reports for October 2021, and that approval of carryovers had not been received to date.</p> <p>Decision 14/4.2</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorses the October 2021 revenue and expenditure finance reports. <p>Resolved</p>
4.3	<p>Audit Findings 2021</p> <p>The Board discussed the audit findings with particular focus on audit committees being highly recommended as best practice governance arrangements. Members requested further advice on the benefits and costs associated with establishing a finance and audit committee.</p> <p>Decision 14/4.3</p> <p>Moved: D Pledge Seconded: P Davis</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the findings of the 2020-2021 process and financial audits for Kangaroo Island Landscape Board and Notes areas for improvement will be included in the 2021-22 Financial Compliance Management Program's Focus of Works. Requests the General Manager provide a paper to the next Board meeting on establishing of a finance and audit committee. <p>Carried</p>
4.4	<p>Board performance review process</p> <p>The General Manager asked members to consider conducting a performance review of the Board. This is not mandated but highly recommended as good governance. Members were asked to consider if they had a focal point for the performance review.</p> <p>Overall member's feedback on board performance to date was very positive, commenting that they work well as a team, are respectful of each other and there is a good balance of skills and knowledge. Members did not support engaging an external facilitator to conduct the performance review.</p> <p>Members requested the General Manager develop a simple survey for members to complete, with the survey results generating some metrics to assess the Board's performance. Some areas members identified for improvement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Induction: inclusion of incoming member briefs on current topics of focus for the board • Removing disconnect between staff and board members through 'meet and greet the project team' activities and update on staff structure document.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving media and communication of Board activities and information to Board members regarding forthcoming activities.
4.5	<p>Agency Representation</p> <p>The Board discussed regular attendance of agency representatives at meetings, noting the Board can invite guests to attend or present at meetings. The Board recognised the need to have good connections to local industry bodies especially Agriculture Kangaroo Island (AgKI) and the need to communicate to agencies and local industry what the Board is doing. One way to achieve this would be agency representative attendance at Board meetings.</p> <p>The Board supported agency representatives attending meetings, particularly PIRSA, noting that representatives do not need to stay for the whole meeting or may not attend at all if there are no matters on the agenda of mutual interest.</p> <p>Decision 14/4.5</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approves a Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) and AgKI representative(s), as nominated by the KI Landscape Board, attending board meetings to foster partnership and collaboration between the agency and the board Approves a Department for Environment and Water (DEW) representative attending board meetings where the agenda reflects DEW matters to foster partnership and collaboration between the agency and the board <p>Resolved</p>
4.6	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>The Board noted the outcomes of the meeting with First Nation representatives held on 8 November 2021.</p> <p>Decision 14/4.6</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting</p> <p>Resolved</p>
4.7	<p>General Manager's Report</p> <p>Decision 14/4.7</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the activities of the General Manager since the last Board meeting Notes the outcomes of the Board Workshop held 27 October 2021 Notes the Work Health and Safety activity report for October 2021 Notes the report on legislative delegations <p>Resolved</p>
4.8	<p>Meeting Schedule</p> <p>The Board supported the proposed meeting schedule as presented, noting there may be a conflict with a Kangaroo Island Council informal gathering for the first meeting of 2022 due to the Australia Day public holiday</p> <p>Decision 14/4.7</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p>

	<p>i. Approves the meeting schedule for general board meetings and workshops for 2022 calendar year.</p> <p>Resolved</p>
4.9	<p>Board member reports</p> <p>4.9.1 P Rismiller – the Board noted Peggy has been employed as a casual Biosecurity Officer with PIRSA to conduct vehicle inspections at Penneshaw or Cape Jervis.</p> <p>4.9.2 R Willson – Nil</p> <p>4.9.3 G Crowley – Attended the Grazing naturally workshop and Science in Pub water talks – very good presentations which were well attended. Also attended PIRSAs weed walk with Laura Williams; attended the Bushfire Management Committee meeting on 22 October with P Davis (report included in Agenda)</p> <p>4.9.4 D Pledge – attended PIRSA weed meeting organised by Laura Williams</p> <p>4.9.5 P Davis – invited members to the KI Business and Brand Alliance AGM on 30/11; attended the Bushfire Management Committee on 22 October</p> <p>4.9.6 M Pengilly – while recuperating following surgery, has taken the opportunity to explore the island and is appalled at the extent of wilding Tasmanian blue gums; Attended the Australian Sea Lion Roundtable meeting organised by Kangaroo Island Tourism Alliance on 11 November 2021.</p>
4.10	<p>Other business</p> <p>Little Sahara lime sand lease – D Pledge drew the Board’s attention to potential increases in costs to landholders for lime sand to treat acidic soils due to issues with the Little Sahara lime sand lease.</p> <p>Importance of ground cover – D Pledge requested an agenda item on educating landholders on maintaining ground cover on farms to reduce drift, noting that a roadmap is being drafted which outlines the roles of PIRSA, AgKI and the Board in regard to land management.</p> <p>COVID-19 – Members requested information on strategies if a COVID-19 case is reported on Kangaroo Island. There are, at this stage, no changes to the State government’s directions to public sector employees. The staff have been asked to volunteer their vaccination status and if they or a family member would be considered high risk so that strategies such as work from home can be implemented if there is a COVID-19 outbreak on Kangaroo Island.</p>
5	Standing Items or Items for Noting
5.1	<p>Risk Register</p> <p>Decision 14/5.1</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Strategic Risk Register version 3.2 and that no changes have been made to the register since it was last reviewed.</p> <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
5.2	<p>Annual Report 2020-21</p> <p>Decision 14/5.2</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board’s 2020-21 Annual Report, which includes the Financial Statements, is required to be submitted to the Minister for Environment and Water by 30 November 2020 Notes the draft Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Annual Report for 2020-21

	<p>iii. Notes the Chair and General Manager will sign the final version of the 2020-21 audited financial statements and Annual Report subject to there being no substantial changes.</p> <p>CARRIED via the consent schedule</p>
5.3	<p>Out of session decision</p> <p>Decision 14/5.3</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board ratifies the decisions of the out-of-session papers distributed on 21 October 2021 seeking endorsement for the sponsorship of to be used toward the publication of Exploring Kangaroo Island's Secret Gardens</p> <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
6	Meeting Closure
6.1	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>As per the approved meeting schedule, the Board confirmed that meeting 15 of the Board will be held on 27 January 2022 at 9:00 am subject to this not clashing with a Kangaroo Island Council meeting.</p>
6.2	<p>Board Member Feedback</p> <p>Nil</p>
6.3	<p>Board Claims and Administration Items</p> <p>Members were asked to complete the claim form enclosed in the agenda pack.</p>
6.4	Meeting closed at 12:53 pm

Signed: 

DATE: 8 Mar 2022

Andrew Heinrich
Presiding Member, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board