

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Minutes

Meeting Title:	Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 16		
Date:	Wednesday 23 March 2022		
Start Time:	9:00 am	Finish Time:	1:00 pm
Location:	35 Dauncey St Kingscote	Room:	Boardroom
Attendees:	<i>Board Members:</i> G Crowley, P Davis, M Pengilly P Rismiller <i>Staff:</i> W Durack (General Manager), S Gullickson (Executive Assistant) <i>Guest:</i> L Dohle (Senior Soil Consultant, PIRSA)		
Apologies:	A Heinrich (Chair), D Pledge, R Willson		

Item	
1.	Preliminary matters
1.1	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>In absence of the Chair, the General Manager opened the meeting and called for nominations from the members present to chair the meeting.</p> <p>Members nominated M Pengilly to chair the meeting.</p> <p>Decision 16/1.1.1 Moved P Davis Seconded G Crowley That, in the absence of the Chair, M Pengilly was asked to chair the meeting. CARRIED</p> <p>G Crowley requested item 5.2 TOMM be removed from consent schedule.</p> <p>Decision 16/1.1.2 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board approves the agenda without additional items for discussion and the following items remaining on the consent schedule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.1 Risk Register • 5.3 Policies for Adoption <p>CARRIED</p>
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 16/1.3 Moved: P Rismiller Seconded: P Davis That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board accepts the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board meeting held on 2 February 2022 as read. CARRIED</p>

<p>1.4</p>	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>The Kangaroo Island Landscape Board noted the actions regarding matters arising from previous meetings of the Board.</p> <p>Workshop: 23 Feb 2022 Native Vegetation The General Manager to provide Native Vegetation Branch with a list of participants from the Board and KI National Parks and Wildlife to provide feedback to inform the review of ecological burn guidelines.</p> <p>Completed</p> <p>15/3.2 Finance and Audit Committee Draft Terms of Reference to be updated with minor amendments to membership (minimum of two Board members) Completed</p> <p>15/3.2 Finance and Audit Committee Establish a finance and audit committee as proposed by the 2020-2021 process audit for the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Refer item 4.3 for process to establish a finance and audit committee</p> <p>15/3.1 Declared Animal Permit-Pigs Manager, Invasive Species to apply to the Chief Executive, Department for Environment and Water (as the Minister’s delegate), to waive payment of the application fee for permit applications received prior to 30 June 2025 for moving, possessing or selling ferrets, goats, deer and domestic pigs on Kangaroo Island Completed</p> <p>14/4.4 Board Performance 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. Completed</p> <p>13/4.2 Native Vegetation Requests the General Manager draft a letter to agencies on the outcomes of the Native Vegetation Council visit and Inter-Agency field trip held on Wednesday 22 September Completed noting conversations are continuing</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>In Camera</p>
<p>2.1</p>	<p>Water Resource Management Compliance</p> <p>The Board agreed to move in camera to discuss a legal matter and requested Ms L Dohle remain in the room.</p> <p>Decision 16/2.1 Moved P Rismiller Seconded G Crowley That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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

	<p>the exception of Lyn Dohle, 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.</p> <p>2. 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> <p>CARRIED</p>
3	Strategic matters and Items for Decision
3.1	<p>Communications Strategic Plan 2022</p> <p>Wei Yin, Communications and Media Coordinator, provided an overview of the draft Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Communications Strategic Plan 2022. The plan outlines the communication and engagement objectives for the year, and key result areas which will inform the Board of the achievements and challenges in delivering the plan.</p> <p>The Board fully supported the plan as presented and look forward to working with Wei to increase positive communication about the Board, the organisation and programs we deliver in collaboration with the community.</p> <p>Decision 16/3.1 Moved: G Cowley Seconded: P Rismiller That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board approves the Communications Strategic Plan for 2022.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
3.2	<p>Grassroots Grants Program 2022/23</p> <p>The Board supported the proposal to open the next round of Grassroots Grants on Thursday 31 March.</p> <p>Members were supportive of grants being offered for one year only, with the exception of revegetation grants which will be offered for 15 months.</p> <p>The Board discussed the eligible activities and recommended the following additions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities which encourage indigenous engagement or promote or sustain a First Nation connection to Kangaroo Island and contribute to delivery of the Landscape Plan; and • new or innovative activities that deliver on the Landscape Plan. <p>While members had some concern regarding wording of the guidelines, they did not want to delay the release of the next round of grants and requested the focus for assessment be on the outcomes to be achieved. Members requested that the assessment panel consult with technical experts when needed.</p> <p>Members nominated Daniel Pledge, Ros Willson and Andrew Heinrich to be on the assessment panel, subject to their approval.</p> <p>Decision 16/3.2 Moved G Crowley Seconded P Rismiller That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allocates 2.9% of the 2022/23 the board's levy allocation for the Grassroots Grant program in 2022/23, plus \$960 of unallocated funds from the 2021-22 Grassroots Grant program; 2. Supports projects being for one year only, excepting projects with revegetation which can be for 15 months; 3. Supports the funding offered to projects being a minimum of \$1,000 and maximum of \$8,000; 4. Nominates A Heinrich, D Pledge and R Willson, subject to their acceptance, for inclusion on the assessment panel; and 5. Delegates approval of successful applications, based on the assessment panel's recommendations to the General Manager and Chair of the Board. <p>CARRIED</p>
3.3	<p>Declared Animal Policy - Pigs</p> <p>Bronwyn Fancourt, Manager, Invasive Species, provided a summary of the discussion at the Board workshop held on 4 May 2022 regarding the development of a policy for the issuing declared animal permits for pigs.</p> <p>The Board noted the need for good communication to raise awareness of the new policy and requirement to have a declared animal permit to keep pigs on Kangaroo Island.</p> <p>Decision 16/3.3 Moved P Davis Seconded G Crowley That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board approves the Declared Animal Policy – Pigs (version dated 15 March 2022).</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
4.	Items for Discussion
4.1	<p>Finance Report – February 2022</p> <p>The Board noted the variances in the revenue and expenditure reports, and that overall the budget is on track and the Board's finance situation is healthy.</p> <p>Decision 16/4.1 Moved: P Rismiller Seconded: P Davis That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board endorses the February 2022 revenue and expenditure finance reports and balance sheet.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
4.2	<p>Potential Nursery Expansion</p> <p>The Board noted the need for a business case to obtain an independent assessment of the risks and opportunities of expanding the native plant nursery. The assessment will take into consideration potential competition with the private sector and the difficulty of purchasing locally grown KI endemic plant species through commercial outlets.</p> <p>The nursery is currently reliant on external grants and a business plan will be beneficial in assessing the longer term financial viability of the nursery.</p> <p>Decision 16/4.2 Moved: P Davis Seconded: G Crowley That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. endorses up to \$20,000 of carryforward funding be approved for expenditure to engage a consultant to develop a business plan, to assess and quantify the financial feasibility of expanding the KILB native plant nursery.

	<p>CARRIED</p>
4.3	<p>Finance and Risk Committee</p> <p>Members present agreed to defer nomination of Board members to the Finance and Risk Committee until a full board is present. Members present also queried the previous decision (15/3.2.2) to have 'at least two members' appointed to the committee.</p> <p>This matter will be discussed at the next workshop.</p> <p>Decision 16/4.4</p> <p>Moved: P Rismiller Seconded: G Crowley</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board defers the nomination of Board members to the Finance and Risk Committee until the next Board workshop.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
4.4	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>Decision 16/4.4</p> <p>Moved: P Davis Seconded: P Rismiller</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>
4.5	<p>General Manager's Report</p> <p>The Board supported writing to the newly appointed Minister for Environment and Water and the Member for Mawson following the South Australian Government elections and a thank you letter to the previous Minister, D Speirs. It was also suggested that an invitation be extended to the Federal Member for Mayo to attend a future meeting of the Board.</p> <p>Members noted that staff are working with organisations that conduct or wish to conduct environmental/conservation research or activities on Kangaroo Island in preparation for bidding for Priority Place funding.</p> <p>Decision 16/4.5</p> <p>Moved: P Davis Seconded: P Rismiller</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the activities of the General Manager since the last Board meeting 2. Notes the Board's application to the Future Drought Fund (FDF) for a project titled <i>Building Drought Resilience through Comprehensive Property Management Planning</i> has been successful 3. Notes the audit of the Board's Regional Land Partnership (RLP) agreement 4. Notes the Work Health and Safety report 5. Notes the matters approved under delegation <p>CARRIED</p>
4.6	<p>Board Member Reports</p> <p>4.6.1 G Crowley- Attended an induction day on 25 February 2022 for the Bushfire Management Committee (BMC). The CFS is requesting BMC members focus on operational delivery of the Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP) and remove broader issues of discussion from local meetings. These broader issues are to be raised with the Statewide Bushfire Coordination</p>

	<p>Committee (SBCC). The Board’s representatives expressed concern as this reduces the ability of members to raise, and recommend solutions for local issues.</p> <p>The Board discussed a request from the CFS to consider moving the end of the fire season, and there was general support for not changing the date.</p> <p>4.6.2 P Rismiller – attended the Feral Cat Steering Committee meeting on Tuesday 16 February 2022.</p> <p>Decision 16/4.6 Moved: P Davis Seconded: P Rismiller That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the Bushfire Management Committee Report from G Crowley 2. Notes the attendance of members at various meetings on behalf of the board. <p>CARRIED</p>
4.7	<p>Other Business</p> <p>4.7.1 Board performance The results of the Board Performance survey will be presented at the next workshop.</p> <p>4.7.2 PIRSA report (L Dohle)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture Technical Officer to be appointed • Lime sand access: A Heinrich has joined a committee formed by PIRSA to explore affordable access to lime sand. • At the last AGKI meeting, Melissa Rebbeck presented on her biochar project and L Dohle recommended the presentation to the Board.
5	Standing Items or Items for Noting
5.1	<p>Risk Register</p> <p>Decision 16/5.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. Notes the Senior Management Team has commenced a full review of the risk register. <p>CARRIED by the Consent Schedule</p>
5.2	<p>Tourism Optimisation Management Model (TOMM) The Board discussed the importance of TOMM and how the Board may benefit from the data it collected and requested an invitation be sent to Mr P Gregor, inviting him to speak at the next Board meeting.</p>
5.3	<p>Policies for Adoption</p> <p>Decision 16/5.3 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board the following policies and procedures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopts the Work Health and Safety Policy for board and committee members and Work Health and Safety procedure for board and committee members 2. Adopts the Key Management Personnel (KMP) Related Parties Policy and Procedure <p>CARRIED by the Consent Schedule</p>

6	Presentations
6.1	<p>Early Environmental Impacts of the Feral Cat Barrier Fence</p> <p>Mr James Newcomer (Indiana James) provided a presentation of his observations of the Cat Barrier Fence and its impacts on the environment. Mr Newcomer has observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intertidal areas bared during construction of the fence are not showing signs of recovery. • Considerable amount of rubbish remains along the fence. • Cameras are not being maintained (plants growing over lens) • Numerous burrows are appearing along the east side of the wire • When panicked near the site where the fence turns west, kangaroos are being trapped in the acute angle • Damage (bulging) of the fence is appearing. • Solar collectors need cleaning • A new 4WD track is appearing alongside the fence • At the southern end, there is some further destabilisation of the dune from construction • Tourist operators are travelling along the fence to the southern end which is 800m from a White Bellied Sea Eagle nest. <p>The Board thanked Mr Newcomer for his detailed observations and acknowledged the need to work with the community regarding monitoring and maintaining the barrier fence, as we cannot lose sight of the long term outcomes of the fence and the feral cat eradication program.</p> <p>Mr Newcomer tabled his report, together with ten recommendations for consideration by the Board.</p>
6.2	<p>Autumn Prescribed Burn Season</p> <p>Anthony Sandeman, Senior Regional Fire Management Officer, presented on the plans for DEW's autumn prescribed burns. Four burns have been funded, five operations planned developed and 12 blocks prepared. Which burns are delivered is dependent on weather conditions.</p> <p>Winter burns are also planned for rolled vegetation breaks and edge burns in preparation of the main Spring burn program.</p> <p>Each planned burn takes into consideration protection of life, assets and environment.</p> <p>12 Landscape staff, including the General Manager are members of the DEW CFS Brigade. There is also great collaboration and outcomes occurring between the fire program and projects.</p> <p>Ongoing engagement and education of the community is essential as need to reduce misinformation and change perceptions regarding fire in the landscape.</p>
6.3	<p>Landcare South Australia</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Sarah Barratt and Deb Laver from Landcare Association of South Australia (LASA) to the meeting and Eleanor Pratt, CEO LASA who joined by Microsoft Teams. Landcare Australia was successful in gaining \$14M to fund fire recovery projects, with eight Kangaroo Island projects funded through the Landcare Led Bushfire Recovery program.</p> <p>An overview was provided of the achievements to date of each project including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birdlife Australia and Recovery KI birds – focus on post-fire monitoring and impacts on priority species. Worked closely with schools and volunteers to build awareness and monitoring skills and printing of updated bird booklets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA Museum and Islands within an island – focus on impacts of fire on invertebrate species as the biggest threat to invertebrates living in leaf litter is fire. • KI Lands for Wildlife and Felixers for fire relief – retrofitting existing Felixer cat grooming traps with artificial intelligence to improve target rate. • KI Conservation Landowners Association and Habitat augmentation – detecting bats and pygmy possums post fire, with no sightings of the little pygmy possum to date (possible extinction). This project has seen fantastic collaboration with researchers and community from building artificial nest boxes, trialling locations for installing the nest boxes and recording lessons learnt. Results from this project will help inform future fire recovery response. • KI Landscape Board and Fighting Chance – feral cat trapping alert system which will reduce time and labour required to check traps. This is a first for Australia. • Nature Conservation Council of SA and Mobilising and Supporting post fire – raising awareness on the importance of plant conservation on private properties & roadsides to increase populations of threatened and endemic flora. • PIRSA and Extension of Thermal assisted aerial cull of feral pigs - removing feral pigs from recovering native vegetation to support recovery of KI's biodiversity and reduce impacts of on recovering primary producers. <p>LASAs annual Landcare Conference will be replaced in 2022 with a series of regional workshops. The workshops aim to bring together regional Landcare groups, celebrate their achievements and challenges and share ideas.</p>
7	Meeting Closure
7.1	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>As per the approved meeting schedule, the Board confirmed that meeting 17 of the Board will be held in May, noting P Davis and P Rismiller will be apologies. The exact day to be confirmed.</p>
7.2	<p>Board Member Feedback</p> <p>Nil provided</p>
7.3	<p>Board Claims and Administration Items</p> <p>Members were asked to complete the claim form enclosed in the agenda pack.</p>
7.4	<p>Meeting closed at 1:00 pm</p>

Signed: 

DATE: 25 May 2022

Andrew Heinrich
Presiding Member, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board