

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Draft Minutes

Meeting Title: Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 19			
Date:	Wednesday 28 September 2022		
Start Time:	9:00 pm	Finish Time:	11:25 am
Location:	35 Dauncey St Kingscote	Room:	Boardroom
Attendees:	Board Members: A Heinrich (Chair), D Pledge, P Rismiller, G Crowley, P Davis and M Pengilly Staff: Sharon Gullickson (proxy for General Manager) and D Laver (Executive Assistant) Guests: Wei Lei (Communications manager)		
Apologies:	R Willson, W Durack		

Item	
1.	Preliminary matters
1.1	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>The Presiding Member welcomed everyone</p> <p>Decision 19/1.1</p> <p>Moved: Gay Seconded: Daniel</p> <p>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: That the decision be accepted • 5.2 Out of session decisions: That the decision be accepted <p>Carried</p>
1.2	<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</p> <p>A Heinrich acknowledge that his son (Jamie Heinrich) is chair of AgKI.</p> <p>D Pledge & A Heinrich declared both members of AgKI.</p>
1.3	<p>Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>Decision 19/1.3</p> <p>Moved: P Rismiller Seconded: D Pledge</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepts the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board meeting held on Wednesday 27 July 2022 as read. <p>Carried.</p>
1.4	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>18/3.1 27 Jul 2022</p> <p>Endorses the Service Level Agreement for delivery of Corporate Services for July 2022 to June 2023 and the attached schedules, subject to minor amendments.</p>

	<p>18/3.3 27 Jul 2022</p> <p>Approves undertaking consultation on proposed changes to the <i>Landscape SA Act 2019</i> for declared weed species on Kangaroo Island. Completed</p> <p>18/4.7 27 Jul 2022</p> <p>Await Will's return for further discussion</p> <p>Renews its membership of the Kangaroo Island Business and Brand Alliance, as a Business Member. Completed</p> <p>Nominates Wei Yin, Communications and Media Coordinator, to be the contact between the Board and the Alliance.</p>
2	In camera session
	<p>In Camera matters</p> <p>nil</p>
3	Strategic matters and items for decision
3.1	<p>Draft Board Annual Report</p> <p>The Board noted the progress in drafting the Annual Report as required under Section 39 of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 to provide the Minister with a report on its activities in the previous financial year by 30 November 2022.</p> <p>In drafting the Annual Report, the Planning and Evaluation Manager, Danny Male, has identified that the template provided is missing key sections required under Section 39 of the <i>Landscape SA Act 2019</i> and section 8 of the <i>Landscape SA (General) Regulations 2020</i> including progress towards delivery of the our plan and a report on actual expenditure of the Land Levy. Mr Male is working with Landscape Services and other Landscape Board planning and evaluation managers to address this matter.</p> <p>The draft Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements will be available for the Board to review and endorse at the workshop in October.</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the status of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board's Annual Report for 2021-22 <p>Carried</p>
4.	Items for Discussion
4.1	<p>Finance Report — August 2022</p> <p>The Board reviewed and endorsed the August 2022 finance reports.</p> <p>Budgets that have been loaded are the ones that have funding guaranteed</p> <p>Carry-overs should be approved by end of September and confirmation by early October. S Gullickson (acting Business Manager) has expressed that there is nothing of concern at this stage.</p> <p>Board enquired about the glossy black project. S Gullickson confirmed that there had been no future funding confirmed. She acknowledged that the Nature Foundation has some donated funds but there was a strict criteria for what it can be used for and will only be accessed for equipment, nesting material and not for staffing and needs to be approved through the GBC management committee for approval</p> <p>G Crowley & A Heinrich both sit on GBC Recovery Team and funding will be a topic of discussion</p>

	<p>No new information about funding relating to this project (ie through the Regional Landcare program) has been received, though a meeting is scheduled in Canberra later in October so won't have any idea of what the KILB can apply for until early 2023.</p> <p>A new recovery plan is needed for the GBC. There has been further discussion with federal government for Karleah Berris to write a new recovery plan and Karleah has submitted an application to write recovery plan but is yet to have heard back.</p> <p>That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolve the August 2022 revenue and expenditure finance reports. <p>Carried.</p>
	<p>KILB meeting schedule</p> <p>In Will's absence this item was postponed.</p>
4.3	<p>Grant application approval process and board oversight</p> <p>A formal decision on grant application approval processes is required to comply with items reserved for the Board requirements and to ensure that the Board is comfortable with decisions relating to the strategic directions that the General Manager is currently approving.</p> <p>Some members of the Board expressed concerns not about the paper but steps after that. The Board expressed support of the idea of giving preapproval but expressed concerns about what objectives the Board will have in place when prioritising this to ensure that the funding meets the Board and its Plan's objectives.</p> <p>It was also discussed the need to prioritise around where the Board sees gaps in what they are delivering or where there priorities are and look for specific funding which addresses these.</p> <p>The discussion was summarised on two levels (1) strategic level grant criteria breadth, and (2) delivery and that prioritisation is a Board responsibility and it is important to use the Plan as a guide and align grant applications to the Plan.</p> <p>It was also noted the need to be wary of "dodgy science" and/or "unproven practices" but the Board discussion acknowledged that a different mechanism was needed to address this and not through this paper presented to the Board on this occasion.</p> <p>One Board concern expressed was to have an oversight on workshops and/or projects and to ensure the core objectives are met prior to grant applications being submitted. It was proposed by D Pledge proposed 4 main points that could be considered in this process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It must meet a community need (environment, social, production or financial) • It must be representative of the wider community of land managers • It must be balanced with conventional (accepted best practice) methods, if it is challenging the current normal • It must not be based on a personal agenda or ideology <p>It was acknowledged that if there are some foundational values like above, for employees to adhere to, then it allows the board to make quick decisions on approval.</p> <p>Board members were largely supportive of D Pledge's suggestions and agreed that more discussion was needed.</p> <p>Decision 19/4.3</p> <p>Moved: D Pledge Seconded: P Davis</p>

	<p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the current process for grant applications subject to additional guidelines being developed to guide staff in developing project concepts <p>Carried.</p>
4.4	<p>Communications report</p> <p>Wei Yin (KILB Comm & Media Coordinator) presented concepts developed by local artist Ella Simpson for a mural proposal for building 35 Dauncey Street.</p> <p>Idea is to have both walls painted and reflective of the Boards work both agriculture and conservation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall 1: Glossy Black Cockatoo and Sheoak • Wall 2: Girl with lamb / canola field / Blue Wren / waterway <p>Time frame for delivery (approval depending) early October – November</p> <p>P Rismiller suggested reflecting a range of species ie avoid 2 birds, and offered to contribute some photographs of a young goanna on a termite mound to replace the Superb Fairywren</p> <p>There was also some discussion about exploring other options for displaying artwork.</p> <p>Wei also presented the latest KILB recruitment media campaign</p> <p>Showed employee recruitment media clip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-gOyhZZccQ&t=2s</p> <p>Wei proposes that on occasion Board members could also speak to the camera to help modernise the way the Board does its communications and markets itself. It doesn't have to be constrained to content of Board meeting, but it can be a summary of the Landscape board for past period</p> <p>Decision 19/4.4</p> <p>Moved: P Davis Seconded: P Rismiller</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse the artwork concept but have asked that Wei to come back to the Board with some revised designs before final approval. <p>Carried.</p>
4.5	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>Attended bushfire management committee meeting in absence of Peter or Gay being able to attend on 23 September 2022.</p> <p>Items of discussion included the purchase of 3x new electronic fire danger rating signs to be located at Penneshaw, near the airport and at another location. Currently there is not one proposed for out west. Aphid expressed thoughts that one should be considered near Parndana.</p> <p>Aphid proposed that the Board might consider whether they could fund an additional electronic sign.</p> <p>Discussion was had around ongoing maintenance cost, possible locations and internet connectivity (or lack thereof).</p> <p>Aphid attended the Landscape Board's managers meeting where he met with the new Environmental Minister Susan Close. The topic of fire management was raised and the Minister did acknowledge Aphid's views. Aphid will follow up with further conversation with Minister Close.</p>

Aphid felt that the Board was not going to have the same personal contact with David Spiers than with Minister Close.

Decision 19/4.5.1

Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: P Davis

That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the activities of the General Manager since the last Board meeting.

Carried.

The Board discussed the bushfire rating electronic notification technology, its costs and rationale for suggested locations.

Decision 19/4.5.2

Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: P Davis

That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

1. **Requests** the General Manager provides a report to the next Board meeting on the feasibility of funding an additional electronic fire rating sign

Carried.

4.6

General Manager's Report

Presented by S Gullickson (proxy for Will Durack).

Board informed that Will and Peggy are attending NRM knowledge conference in Margaret River, WA at end of month. Will has asked Peggy to attend so she may present on the feral cat project on KI.

Will recently attended a bio-char workshop in Murray Bridge. This is an area Will expressed that he would like to keep an eye on and monitor.

The Board did have a brief discussion around the opportunity biochar presents but also some concerns about some of the misinformation around the topic being disseminated.

The Board proposed that further discussion be allocated to the biochar topic at the next Board workshop including ideas and what might be possible for KI.

The Board all agreed that biochar is an area that the Board needs to keep an eye on and be engaged with and whether there is a genuine opportunity. Also to consider funding available or the need to seek additional funds.

L Dohle acknowledged initial trial work has been done in this biochar sphere and the need for real information from proper scientific trials in relation to biochar.

ABC's Landline program will feature a story on biochar on Sunday 2 October [Landline : ABC iview](#)

Moved: M Pengilly Seconded: D Pledge

That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

1. **Notes** the activities of the General Manager since the last Board meeting.
2. **Notes** the draft Regional Land Partnerships Audit Findings.
3. **Notes** the Work Health and Safety report.
4. **Notes** the matters approved under delegation.

Carried.

4.7

Board Member Reports

4.7.1 P Davis

- Written report provided to Board prior to meeting from Bushfire Management Committee
- Referred to Tony Sandeman & Fiona Gill presentation at last KILB meeting and inability to fund burning on private lands. Expressed concern over inability to protect farming land bushfire threat. Peter expressed need to keep working on and pushing the need for farmers to be permitted to burn on private lands
- Continue conversation to Native Vegetation Council. Peter acknowledge that Will has been very good with these conversations
- Acknowledgement of the long term mental and physical costs of bushfire

ACTION: Invite Brett O'Loughlin (CFS) to present to the Board

4.7.2 M Pengilly

- Alerted Board to KI Council project update on Thursday 29 September including update on desalination pipe line (9:30am) followed by Cliffs Golf Course (10:15am)

4.7.3 P Rismiller

- Attended on 12 Sept composting website form Dr Merri. Interesting and positive uptake. Useful for many
- Informed Board about the Froggatt awards for invasive species ([Froggatt Awards – Invasive Species Council](#)). Peggy was approached by James Smith who thought the feral cat project was a worthy nominee. Peggy is going to put in the nomination for The KI Landscape Board – Feral Cat eradication project for the award
- Due end of October, announce winners March 2023
- Not cash award but a lot of publicity

4.7.4 G Crowley

- Has been involved with a team working on signage of walks along American River. Experience - has disappointing – particularly the failure to source local contractors. However, local volunteer input from American River Progress Association meant the outcome will be good.
- Currently 2 of the signs along Cannery section of walk – specifically cover the Board's work – oyster reefs and oyster farm & glossy signs.
- Gay is unaware what local contribution is being had with the Penneshaw and Kingscote component of the signs

4.7.5 D Pledge

- Attended follow up root health workshop. Expressed a need for balance in objectives and facts. Concern around misleading information being presented to a wider audience who don't know any better
- Expressed a need to "vet" presenters if not from genuine science backgrounds
- Variety in crowd
- Opportunity to appear vs paying someone to appear to push a product
- Advise vetting in future
- Red legged earth mite, resistance with Caesar entomology based business service provider. Don't have a lot of choice in pasture in pesticides we can use and not future objectives in

	<p>future. Looking for better solutions than what we have currently. Resistance sampling. Relevance to land management</p> <p>Lyn Dohle (PIRSA) provided an update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 pigs sighted all killed 170 hrs flight time. None sighted on farm land since December. Believed to be all bores but some are piglets • Know 7 in FCNP • 870 killed thus far • Paul Swaine Agtech has resigned, Lyn assisting until someone else appointed • AgKI AGM 18 October • AgKI didn't win the Landcare, but have nominated for the Resilience awards but have been highly commended • AgKI planning to bring the Pinery farmers back to KI as an exchange and future lessons learnt. Ki farmers visited Pinery last year • Exploring abattoir work but looking at using the facility for biosecurity focus <p>D Pledge asked if the AgKI link to soil probes and weather is free to everyone or members only? ACTION: Lyn will get back to Daniel. It may be for AgKi members only There is potential information in there for KILB staff members.</p> <p>Decision 19/4.7</p> <p>Resolved</p> <p>That Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the attendance of members at various meetings or events on behalf of the board. <p>Carried.</p>
4.8	<p>Other Business for discussion</p> <p>Renominations for KI Landscape Board discussed.</p> <p>A reminder that the KI dunnart feral cat trap alert workshop is to be held on the Buck's property on Tuesday 4 October with developers Encounter Solutions visiting the Island</p> <p>Gay & Aphid should be able to attend. Peter may possibly be able to attend also.</p> <p>AgKI sponsorship \$6,400</p> <p>S Gullickson has confirmed that the sponsorship budget (which includes covering the AgKI sponsorship) has sufficient funds available to support the AGKI sponsorship request.</p> <p>Decision 19/4.8</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves payment of AgKI sponsorship of \$6,400 for the 2022/23 financial year <p>Carried.</p>
5	Standing items or items for noting
5.1	<p>Risk Register</p> <p>Decision 19/5.1</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorses the risk register as presented in item 5.3 attachment 1.

	Carried via the consent schedule
5.2	<p>Out of Session decisions</p> <p>To formally record and ratify decisions made by the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board out-of-session.</p> <p>Decision 19/5.2</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board ratifies the decisions of the out-of-session discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed on 22 August 2022 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board <ol style="list-style-type: none"> approves the amended budget for 2022-23 as presented in the attached paper approves carryover of levy and state appropriation funds being committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SLA commitments \$250k being allocated to 2023/24 to support Regional Land Partnership transition. Pest animal and plant compliance activities and feral animal program and declared weed management (total \$143k) Distributed on 6 September 2022 that the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board approves replacing the term 'should' with 'must' throughout the approved KILB Declared Animal Policy – Pigs (version dated 15 March 2022) to help ensure policy compliance of fencing requirements <p>Carried by Consent Schedule</p>
5.3	<p>Delegations</p> <p>Decision 19/5.3</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ENDORSES the updated Instrument of Authorisation: Corporate Authorisation (Payment and Disbursement) ENDORSES the updated Instrument of Authorisation: Purchase Cards APPROVES the Chair signing and sealing the Instruments of Authorisation on behalf of the Board. <p>Carried by Consent Schedule.</p>
6	Presentations
6.1	nil
7	Meeting closure
7.1	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Workshop and field trip scheduled for 26 October 2022. Doug Green will be on KI to talk about the now completed water project.</p> <p>There will be allowance for a Biochar discussion</p> <p>Workshop will commence at Landscape Board in morning then bus trip in afternoon (likely to be a full day)</p> <p>S Gullickson asked Board members if there were any other projects that members would like to visit or explore. Please inform Deb or Sharon of any particular interest</p>

	<p>Peter will be an apology.</p> <p>As per the approved meeting schedule, the Board confirmed that meeting 20 of the Board will be held on 23 November 2022, with the next workshop to be held on Wednesday 26 October 2022 where Peter Davis will be an apology.</p>
7.2	<p>Board Member feedback & communication to stakeholders</p> <p>Nil</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 11:25am</p>

Signed:



DATE: 23 November 2022

Andrew Heinrich
Presiding Member, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board