

Meeting Title:	Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 42		
Date:	Wednesday 26 February 2025		
Start Time:	1:00pm	Finish Time:	4:44 pm
Location:	35 Dauncey St Kingscote	Room:	Boardroom
Attendees:	<p><i>Board Members:</i></p> <p>A Heinrich (Chair), B Cooper, P Davis (departed 3.28pm), G Flanagan, J Gellard (via Teams), H Grofffen, D Laslett, P Rismiller</p> <p><i>Staff:</i></p> <p>W Durack (General Manager), K Hankel (Board Support Officer), D Male (Business & Planning Manager), V Wilson (Communications & Media Coordinator), R Mussared (Project Officer – Program Support), A Comino (Carbon Outreach & Coastal Officer), K Berris (Team Leader Biodiversity)</p> <p><i>Guests:</i></p> <p>T Sandeman (DEW), B Jones (PIRSA), C MacNamara (PIRSA), Dr J Beaman (Koala Sanctuary), S Hourez (Community Member), K Welz (Community Member), D Clarke (Community Member)</p>		
Apologies:	D Pledge, L Dohle(PIRSA), Prof K Burke Da Silva (Koala Sanctuary)		

Item	
1	Preliminary Matters
1.1	<p>Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda</p> <p>The Chair acknowledged Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting today. The agenda was accepted.</p> <p>Apologies from D Pledge.</p> <p>P Davis requested the addition of Correspondence from Resilient Hills & Coasts to be discussed.</p> <p>W Durack the addition of a presentation on the Biodiversity Bill discussing key differences with the State position.</p> <p>Decision 42/1.1</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approves the agenda with additions of Resilient Hills & Coasts and the Biodiversity Bill to be discussed. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
1.2	<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</p> <p>H Groffen reported that KI Land for Wildlife supports landholders of the North-West Conservation Alliance which surround the Koala Sanctuary and previously supported the</p>

	<p>Kellendale property. The other Board members did not consider this to be an issue for the presentation by The Koala Sanctuary.</p> <p>Decision 42/1.2 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes any declaration of interest that members or staff may have in matters presented in the agenda. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
1.3	<p>Business Arising 31/3.1 TOMM J Gellard to meet with D Male or R Mussared and draft a strategy to actively engage with TOMM. Once a strategy is drafted, a paper to be presented to the Board on how TOMM data will be utilised Completed – To be covered under agenda item 2.3</p> <p>41/3.2.6 Dam Compliance Letters to be sent out regarding compliance will be reviewed by DEW Investigation and Compliance Unit in order to confirm their legal accuracy and then reviewed by Board. In Hand</p> <p>41/3.2 AgKI Letter - Dam Compliance Response letter to AgKI will be drafted by W Durack to be approved by A Heinrich regarding the concerns raised in correspondence dated 24 November 2024. Letter to be co-signed by the Chair and GM. Completed - Letter drafted and approved by Chair dated 16 December 2024 and sent to AgKI</p> <p>41/4.5.4 Biosecurity Bins J Gellard noting the Biosecurity bins at Penneshaw are filling with non-biosecurity items – P Rismiller to follow up with PIRSA Completed – P Rismiller advised the bins are being removed for the interim</p> <p>Decision 42/1.3 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the actions relating to matters arising from previous meetings of the Board. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p> <p>Forward Planning Noted the March Native Vegetation Council visit 24-26 March and hence no Board meeting in March. Late April, Uncle Bill Wilson will be providing Cultural Awareness training to the Board and Staff with dates yet to be confirmed. Request by the Board to consider May for this training.</p>

	ACTION: K Hankel to attempt to make arrangements for the Cultural Awareness training to be held in May rather than April.
2	Presentations
2.1	<p>Koala Sanctuary</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation by Dr Julian Beaman regarding the recent purchase of Kellendale and advising of the early stages The Koala Sanctuary plans are in.</p> <p>Questions and discussion were held following the presentation with the Board citing community concern as koalas are a significant issue on KI.</p>
2.2	<p>PIRSA – Biosecurity</p> <p>PowerPoint Presentation by B Jones and C MacNamara regarding biosecurity on Kangaroo Island.</p> <p>Requested that the Board promote the Fishwatch number as preferred avenue for reports of marine pests and stressed reporting any suspected invasive marine species – they would rather have reports that turn out to be native species than no reports and be unaware of an issue.</p>
2.3	<p>KI TOMM</p> <p>J Gellard provided a brief overview of the KI TOMM report.</p> <p>Confirmed that an independent marketing company undertakes the survey so, the results are valid.</p> <p>It is noted the Resident survey is put out every 2 years but KILB have not submitted a question in the last 2 rounds. Noting the survey provides data on community's perception and satisfaction level of various organisations, including the Board, will be interesting to see how those levels change with policy change.</p> <p>The Visitor survey, could help us identify potential issues and assess impacts on our programs where visitation increases/decreases in managed/unmanaged areas.</p>
3	Strategic Matters or Items for Decision
3.1	<p>Strategic Risk Register Workshop</p> <p>Workshop was deferred to the April board meeting.</p> <p>A brief review of the Risk Categories was undertaken and the Board asked to consider what they deem to be our risks.</p>
4	Items for Discussion
4.1	<p>Grassroots Grants Review 2025</p> <p>Review of program to ensure the processes are working, to confirm engagement across different groups and locations. Will also compare the current process to other Landscape Boards. Applications open at the start of April so hoping to undertake a workshop with Board members in the coming weeks. J Gellard, H Groffen and D Laslett volunteered to attend the workshop.</p> <p>Decision 42/4.1</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the review occurring of the Kangaroo Island Grassroots Grants. 2. Nominates two Board members to participate in the Kangaroo Island Grassroots Grants review. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p> <p>ACTION: B Mussared to arrange a suitable date for the Board members to carry out the workshop.</p>
4.2	<p>Carbon Farming Workshop PowerPoint presentation by Alex Comino</p> <p>The Board noted that in terms of landholders that are on the smaller and traditional side who don't keep records, need to consider how we give them access to this information.</p> <p>Need to evaluate these workshops to understand the success and uptake of discussed actions.</p>
4.3	<p>Native Vegetation Council visit regarding Tasmanian Blue Gum Control W Durack reported on the appointment of David Taylor to look at the development of the management plan for TBG control. A TBG Advisory Group has been created to assist D Taylor in providing information and guidance. H Groffen is a Board member on the Advisory Group.</p> <p>As part of the management plan, the Board's position / outcome statement needs to be agreed upon. Discussion was carried out by the Board with agreement upon <i>"Full eradication of wildlings across Kangaroo Island is the required end state."</i></p> <p>Decision 42/4.3 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorses the position statement <i>"Full eradication of wildlings across Kangaroo Island is the required end state."</i> <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.4	<p>Chair's Report As per attached report, limited activities undertaken as noted in report.</p> <p>Decision 42/4.4 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting.</p> <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.5	<p>General Manager's Report The Board noted the General Manager attended to a number of meetings, events and workshops since the previous meeting, as outlined in the Board report.</p> <p>The new Water Officer has been recruited and comes from Victoria.</p>

	<p>Confirmed that the Dam Compliance Officer has not be replaced with S Hearn moving to the Team Leader role. With the recruitment of a Water Officer with good people-facing skills, it was felt a replacement was not required at this stage but may consider a wider Compliance position in future.</p> <p>The Board noted the significant increase in the number of Dam Permits approved which indicates the messaging around that requirement is getting out to the community.</p> <p>Decision 42/4.5</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 Work Health and Safety activity report for January-February 2025 3. Notes the report on legislative delegations <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.6	<p>Board Member Reports</p> <p><i>4.6.1 P Rismiller</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biosecurity – noted that potatoes are an issue at the moment. Needing to note where potatoes are being grown. • Fruit Fly issues in Adelaide so checking tomatoes <p><i>4.6.2 H Groffen</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has been appointed to the TBG Advisory Group • Attended the Board Induction day online <p><i>4.6.3 G Flanagan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the FARCKI meeting in February • Attended the Board Induction day, noted the WHS matters raised were scary <p><i>4.6.4 B Cooper</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local progress groups working with council to install batteries to minimise impacts of EV chargers • Council is having listening posts coming up • Corellas increasing in Parndana • Lot of stress over water with some farmers completely out and having to cart in • Last Cat Policy needs to be finalised by Council <p>ACTION: Provide priority item dot points to future emails with agenda, particularly where the agenda pack is extensive.</p> <p>Decision 42/4.6</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the attendance of members at various meetings or events on behalf of the board</p> <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
4.7	<p>Other Business</p>

	<p>Draft Biodiversity Bill</p> <p>K Berris provided a PowerPoint presentation on submissions to the State Government in response to matters of concern with the Biodiversity Bill.</p> <p>The Landscape Boards, as a group, have collaborated on responses and the Board's comment on these was sought.</p> <p>In regards to the definition of 'Native Plants', the preference is to keep the definition that is currently in the Native Vegetation Act referencing plants native to the geographic location, not Australia as a whole.</p> <p>In regards to the proposal for protecting planted native plants more than 20 years old, the Board raised concern that this may disincentivise landholders to plant natives at all as they would be limited in changing their property layout. Forcing conservation on landholders is not ideal and there are already mechanisms for preservation for those wishing to commit through Heritage Agreements.</p> <p>In response to the proposal to introduce targeted controls for managing impact causing species in favour of an 'unprotected' species list, concerns were expressed mirroring those of the collective Landscape Boards. Of particular note, the time lag between passing the bill and setting out regulations is an unknown and could impact on current work, particularly in regards to Little Corellas.</p> <p>Decision 42/4.7</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorses a Kangaroo Island specific submission in response to the Draft Biodiversity Bill highlighting; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 'Native Plant' definition to remain the same as is current in the Native Vegetation Act. Supporting the existing state submission but highlighting concerns around disincentivising landholders to plant natives, and forcing conservation on landholders. Supporting the existing state submission but highlighting Little Corellas as a species of concern. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
5	Standing Items and Items for Noting
5.1	<p>Dam Compliance – February Update</p> <p>The General Manager provided an update to the Board on non-compliance with the current water resources management policy.</p> <p>Decision 42/5.1</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the progress made with regards to addressing unauthorised dams identified on Kangaroo Island <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>

5.2	<p>Finance Audit and Risk Committee</p> <p>Decision 42/5.2</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Receives the draft minutes of the Finance Audit and Risk KI Committee on 12 February 2025 and accepts the recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Endorse the January 2025 Finance Report and mid-year budget review. Endorse Policies / Procedures reviewed. Endorse the updated Legislative Compliance Register. Approve the Presiding Member of the Board, sign the Instruments of Authorisation on behalf of the Board, to be executed under Common Seal. Approve the delegation of financial powers as per the Instruments of Authorisation and the delegation of those powers to the officers listed in the attached schedules, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement – contract pre-approval, procurement, payment and disbursements Contract execution Contract execution – purchase cards Debt write-off Disposal of assets Approve the General Manager to sub-delegate financial powers of authorisation to staff employed by the Board. Approve the delegation of legislative powers as per the Instruments of Authorisation and the delegation of those powers to the officers listed in the attached schedule. Endorse the commencement of a self-assessment of the Board <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
5.3	<p>Correspondence – Incoming and Outgoing</p> <p>P Davis had requested RH&C correspondence be discussed but departed meeting at 3.28pm – prior to item.</p> <p>Decision 42/5.3</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence since the previous Board Meeting on 11 December 2024. <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
5.4	<p>Use of Common Seal</p> <p>Decision 42/5.4</p>

	<p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the use of the Common Seal to execute the extension of the agreement with Kangaroo Island Council for Authorisation to Make Alterations to Public Roads commencing 1 June 2025 and expiring on 31 May 2030. <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
5.5	<p>Out of Session Decision – Accept Minutes of Meeting 41, 11 December 2024</p> <p>Decision 42/5.5</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board ratifies the decision of out of session papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Ratifies the decision of out-of-session papers distributed on 11 February seeking the Board ratify the minutes from Meeting on 11 December 2024. <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
5.6	<p>Project Updates October - December 2024</p> <p>Decision 42/5.6</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Receives the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Progress Report, October to December 2024. <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 the next meeting will be held on 30 April 2025.</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	<p>Meeting closed at 4.44 pm</p>

Signed: 

DATE: 30 April 2025

Andrew Heinrich Presiding Member, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board