

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board
Meeting 50 – 25 March 2026 Minutes

Meeting Title:	Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 50		
Date:	Wednesday 25 March 2026		
Start Time:	9:03am	Finish Time:	12:22pm
Location:	KI Landscape Board	Room:	Boardroom
Attendees:	<p><i>Board Members:</i> A Heinrich (Chair), B Cooper, D Laslett, G Flanagan, J Gellard (via MS Teams), H Groffen, P Rismiller, P Davis</p> <p><i>Staff:</i> W Durack (General Manager), K Hankel (Board Support Officer), D Male (Business & Planning Manager), R Mussared (Project Officer – Program Support), J Sullivan (Manager Sustainable Landscapes), V Wilson (Communication and Media Coordinator)</p> <p><i>Guests:</i> T Sandeman (DEW – NPWS)</p>		
Apologies:	L Dohle (PIRSA)		

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 as written.</p> <p>Decision 50/1.1</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approves the agenda as written <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
1.2	<p>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</p> <p>No conflicts were declared.</p> <p>Decision 50/1.2</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>Decision 50/1.3</p> <p><i>Moved: GF Seconded: DL</i></p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board accepts the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting held on 25 February 2026 as read.</p> <p>CARRIED</p>

1.4	<p>Business Arising</p> <p>47/3.2 Net Zero Carbon Emissions W Durack and D Male to provide a future Board paper regarding Net Zero Emission Targets IN HAND – WD discussed efforts so far and options being explored and will discuss further at a future meeting. It does not sit within our new Landscape Plan.</p> <p>47/4.5 Ecological Burns Guideline W Durack to present a future Board paper on how to take next steps on Native Veg ecological burns guidelines IN HAND – To be considered in line with review strategic priorities and funding</p> <p>49/2.1 Little Corellas A more detailed paper and discussion to be added to a future meeting agenda. COMPLETE – To be revisited in September. Report will be released publicly in the coming week</p> <p>49/3.7 Board Member Reports P Davis requested a previous paper completed by S Gullickson regarding conflicting legislation. Need to ensure our actions under Landscape Act, aren't conflicting with other Acts. K Hankel to locate paper. COMPLETE – K Hankel has provided the Legislative Compliance Register to P Davis and confirmed this was the document he was seeking.</p> <p>Decision 50/1.4 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>
2.	Strategic Matters or Items for Decision
2.1	<p>Landscape Levy A brief discussion was had regarding the email received from D Welford – the concerns raised about paying two levies is a Council and Valuer General's Office matter, not a Board decision as the current levy collection method stands.</p> <p>D Male provided an overview of the paper regarding the Levy for next year. Discussion was had around the various methods of collection, noting KI Landscape Board are the only Board using the current method we have in place.</p> <p>Noted, there is also a statewide conversation about equalising the method of collection but this will be dependant on the new Minister once appointed.</p> <p>Consensus to review this matter again for next year but some months out before a decision needs to be made so all levy collection methods can be reviewed should a statewide method not be adopted. If a change is made, significant communication will need to be put out to</p>

	<p>the community surrounding this. If a change is made, its purpose will need to be strongly considered; equity, increase to levy income etc.</p> <p>Decision 50/2.1 <i>Moved: DL Seconded: GF</i></p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the Landscape Levy increasing by 2.4% which is in line with the annual consumer price index (CPI) for Adelaide as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in September 2025. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p> <p>ACTION: K Hankel to draft a response email to D Welford.</p>
2.2	<p>Landscape Plan</p> <p>D Male provided a presentation on the results of the public consultation for the Landscape Plan. Significant publicity was carried out via social media, print media, posters in prominent locations and the websites for KILB and YourSAy. A total of 11 responses were received; 8 individuals and 3 organisations with the majority of comments positive.</p> <p>Structural change to the ‘Working Together’ pages was agreed as some confusion was raised about the organisation logos used; these will be used in the Business Plan instead to identify who were are working with on particular actions. The extra page will be used to outline the MERI framework and explain prioritisation.</p> <p>All feedback received will be provided to the Board Members.</p> <p>Decision 50/2.2 <i>Moved: PR Seconded: BC</i></p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the suggested changes to the Landscape Plan as an outcome of the public consultation. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
2.3	<p>Grassroots Grants</p> <p>R Mussared provided a brief overview of the paper and the Grassroots Grants program.</p> <p>In calling for nominations to the selection panel, it was discussed that the selection meeting is expected the third week of May. G Flanagan and J Gellard nominated to be on the panel.</p> <p>Decision 50/2.3 <i>Moved: GF Seconded: PD</i></p>

	<p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Allocates 2.9% of the 2026-27 board's levy and Government of SA allocation for the Grassroots Grant program in 2026-27. 2. Supports the funding offered to projects being a minimum of \$1,000 and maximum of \$8,000. 3. Nominates a minimum of two Board members to participate in the assessment of the 2026 Kangaroo Island Grassroots Grants, being G Flanagan and J Gellard. 4. Delegates approval of successful applications, based on the assessment panel's recommendations to the General Manager and Chair of the Board. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
2.4	<p>LPF Concepts</p> <p>D Male provided a brief overview of the paper and the Landscape Priority Fund framework.</p> <p>The statewide topic will be Building Nature Based Resilience to Climate Change and KILB will be looking to expand the On Ground Works program to be across the whole island rather than restricted to just NLM as it has done for the last few years based on funding source. The program would also be extended over 2 years to allow for revegetation particularly. Confirmed that there will be further funding for a potential different focus in 2027/28.</p> <p>A discussion was had about giving the Board more of an opportunity to be involved in the decision making process for priority projects and having a clearer understanding of how staff are evaluating these. The Board is keen to consider potential monitoring of marine environments on the back of the Harmful Algal Bloom and this may need to be explored further.</p> <p>The regional allocation is suggested to be used to fund a further 18 months of the NRM Education Program with strong support from KICE and mentioned specifically in the Landscape Plan consultation.</p> <p>Discussion around the remaining \$110,000 and was agreed to put towards weed control but with a specific focus.</p> <p>Decision 50/2.4</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <p><i>Moved: GF Seconded: DL</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the Building Nature Based Resilience to Climate Change proposal. <i>Moved: GF Seconded: PR</i> 2. Approves the allocation of \$165,000 from the KI regional allocation for the NRM Education program. <i>Moved: BC Seconded: DL</i> 3. Discusses and provides recommendations on the allocation of the remaining \$110,000 from the KI regional allocation - WEEDS <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>

	<p>ACTION: At next meeting, update on conversations on whether we can have impact on monitoring of if there are other issues we can pursue and how we narrow down the weeds control.</p>
3.	For Discussion
3.1	<p>WAA Policy Review Update</p> <p>J Sullivan provided an overview of the paper with detail on the background of the review and the subcommittee.</p> <p>Much of the discussion at the meetings so far has been around the proposed catchment zones noting the island has been divided into 3 distinct areas based on the density and diversity of aquatic life in each. The subcommittee has been active in wanting to understand the zones and the impacts for landholders in creating these zones. Water Take Limits has been assessed for these zones; there is not currently a consensus within the subcommittee about changing the current WTL with 4 of the 5 community members wishing to retain the current levels. Meeting #3 is being held tonight and they will be further questioned on their current positions.</p> <p>It is noted that Kangaroo Island is not at full allocation for WTL yet. The science indicates that if a reduction in WTL is not made at this point, a much more significant reduction may be required in years to come due to climate change and properties that have reached their 25% will be greatly impacting their neighbours.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference outline that should the subcommittee not reach consensus, their viewpoints will be provided to the Board for consideration and decide on the policy. The draft policy will go to the Minister and be reviewed by DEW Water Science staff for approval. The subcommittee is purely a reference group and they should be expected to advocate against their own interests.</p> <p>Shifting focus of the subcommittee to other areas of the Policy rather than the percentage of WTL will allow progression of the overall review.</p> <p>At this point, the Board are generally supportive of a WTL reduction to 20% for the identified zone with others remaining the same.</p> <p>Decision 50/3.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the the content of this brief and provides confirmation of how they would like KI Landscape Board staff to continue the review of the Water Affecting Activity Control Policy. <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
3.2	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>The Board noted the Chair attended to a number of meetings , events and workshops since the previous meeting, as outlined in the Board report.</p>

	<p>Decision 50/3.2 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
3.3	<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>Human Resources; Pauline Heath has retired but will be undertaking some casual work to do a handover to Gio Grotto who is moving into the position of Team Leader Business Services.</p> <p>Attended a workshop run by Tabitha Healy on Psychosocial Safety which was very informative. K Berris also attend and looking to roll out to all staff.</p> <p>Adrian Skull ran a leadership workshop with the Management Team this week and some really great ideas have come out of this.</p> <p>With the new Landscape Plan release imminent, will be looking to engage A Skull to assist with how that is rolled out to the community.</p> <p>Invasive Species Council; relationship with them has been really positive. W Durack had an opportunity to present in NSW and Victorian Parliament Houses last week and network with philanthropic organisations.</p> <p>Decision 50/3.3 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 March 2026 3. Notes the report on legislative delegations <p>CARRIED by resolution</p>
3.4	<p>Board Member Reports</p> <p><i>3.4.1 H Groffen</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p><i>3.4.2 B Cooper</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Cat Policy noted in the news and has spoken to the Mayor at length about this • Tasmanian Blue Gums; still angst in the community about another potential fire with those that are still standing fuelling this <p><i>3.4.3 D Laslett</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Went out with Hannah to assist with Small Mammal surveys

	<p><i>3.4.4 J Gellard</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nil <p><i>3.4.5 G Flanagan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Clean Up day with staff – went to Boxing Bay and had a great day • Attended AusMap events at Brewery and Vivonne Bay, very interesting to see how the microplastic sampling is done <p><i>3.4.6 P Rismiller</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a presentation at the AusMap event at Brewery • Cameras in Pelican Lagoon collected yesterday and hoping for dunnarts • Island Eradication Committee – very interesting to see the collation of data • Thermal drones being used for cats and is going well <p><i>3.4.7 P Davis</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cat program and the use of technology is fantastic • Fire danger season – BMC has voted to bring back to 15 April which will be reviewed by Chief Officer. Next meeting of the BMC is 12 May • Koalas back on the agenda now that the election is over. At least 3 species of trees on KI that are being targeted by koalas with others they are now starting on. Need to consider their impact on water as they destroy the trees. Not just a problem on KI but also in the Adelaide Hills. • Litter is terrible and noting it's going to be washing into waterways. Worst around the oval and school particularly from small food wrappers. <p><i>3.4.8 T Sandeman</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEW continuing to work with Cat Team with trapping in Seal Bay. Very happy with KILB staff and their work ethic. • Prescribed burn season commencing – appreciates assistance provided by KILB staff • New Minister – Emily Bourke who will also hold Tourism portfolio. Looking at joint invite for her to come to KI from KILB and NPWS. <p>Decision 50/3.4</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>
3.8	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Nil</p>
4.	Standing items and items for noting (only discussed if removed from consent schedule)
4.1	<p>WHS Update March 2026</p> <p>Decision 50/4.1</p>

	<p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the progress made in reviewing and improving the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board WHS Framework. <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.2	<p>Correspondence – Incoming and Outgoing</p> <p>Decision 50/4.2</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 25 February 2025. <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.3	<p>Compliance Steering Committee Update – March 2026</p> <p>Decision 50/4.3</p> <p>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the progress made regarding compliance activity across Kangaroo Island and the status of formal compliance activities. <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
4.4	<p>Project Updates October – December 2025</p> <p>Decision 50/4.4</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 2025. <p>CARRIED by consent schedule</p>
5.	Closure
5.1	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>As per the approved meeting schedule, the Board confirmed the next meeting will be held on 22 April 2026.</p>
5.2	<p>Board Member Feedback</p> <p>Board appreciated the operational updates.</p>
5.3	<p>Board Claims and Administration Items</p> <p>Members were asked to complete the claim form enclosed in the agenda pack.</p>
5.4	<p>Meeting closed at 12.22pm</p>

Signed:



DATE: 22 April 2026

Andrew Heinrich Presiding Member, Kangaroo Island Landscape Board