Kangaroo Island Landscape Board
Meeting 53 – 24 June 2026 Minutes

LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA KANGAROO ISLAND

Meeting Title:	**Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 53**		
Date:	Wednesday 24 June 2026		
Start Time:	9:00am	**Finish Time:**	11:48am
Location:	KI Landscape Board	**Room:**	Boardroom
Attendees:	*Board Members*: P Rismiller (Deputy Chair), B Cooper, P Davis, J Gellard, H Groffen (via Teams, departed 11.40am), D Laslett, *Staff:* W Durack (General Manager), K Hankel (Board Support Officer), D Male (Business & Planning Manager, P Jennings (KI Feral Cat Eradication Program Leader), K Berris (Team Leader Biodiversity), A Comino (Coast and Marine Officer)		
Apologies:	A Heinrich, G Flanagan, L Dohle (PIRSA), T Sandeman (DEW – NPWS)		

Item	
1.	**Preliminary Matters**
1.1	**Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda** The Deputy Chair acknowledged Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting today. The agenda was accepted as written aside from the Correspondence from KI Wildlife Park to be discussed. Apologies received from A Heinrich, G Flanagan, L Dohle and T Sandeman. **Decision 53/1.1** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. ***Approves*** *the agenda as written with the Correspondence from the KI Wildlife Park removed from the Consent Schedule.* **CARRIED** by resolution
1.2	**Conflict of Interest Disclosures** No conflicts were declared. **Decision 53/1.2** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. ***Notes*** *any declaration of interest that members or staff may have in matters presented in the agenda.* **CARRIED** by resolution
1.3	**Minutes from previous meeting** **Decision 53/1.3** *Moved: JG* *Seconded: DL* That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board accepts the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting held on 27 May 2026 as read. **CARRIED**
1.4	**Business Arising** **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** – The Board are eager to look at this further and assess how we can have input and what structures we would need in place. **51/2.2 Draft Budget 2026-27** The Board requested for Strategic Initiatives to be discussed at a future meeting. **IN HAND** – To be considered in line with review strategic priorities and funding at August's meeting. **51/3.3 TOMM Resident's Survey** W Durack and staff to put together a list of tangible opportunities regarding provision of information about projects to tourism operators **IN HAND** – To be actioned at a future meeting. **52/3.3 Tasmanian Blue Gum Update** W Durack to brief the Federal Member on the issue of Tasmanian Blue Gums **IN HAND** – Have attempted to make contact with R Sharkie without success at this stage. **52/3.4 Grassroots Grants Program 2026-27** Staff to undertake a review of previous projects, revisiting recipient to hear how they progressed and producing a showcase of these **IN HAND –** To be undertaken in the new Financial Year **Decision 53/1.4** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. ***Notes*** *the actions relating to matters arising from previous meetings of the Board.* **CARRIED by resolution**
2.	**For Discussion**
2.1	**Feral Cat Eradication Program - Update** PowerPoint Presentation from P Jennings regarding an update on the FCEP, changes to the team, new technology and work moving forward. **Decision 53/2.1** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. ***Notes*** *the update on the Feral Cat Eradication Program* **CARRIED** by resolution
2.2	**Revised Coastal Plan** A Comino and K Berris presented an update. A Comino will be taking maternity leave from September 2026 but the project will not be postponed. K Lashmar will take the lead in summer along with H Byrne-Willey (Small Mammal Project Officer) and a casual staff member – GBC and Small Mammal projects are quiet during this time so delivery won't be an issue with all biodiversity staff able to assist. NPWS also now have a Marine Ranger so

	there will be some collaborative work. Engagement with the community will be mostly led through D Laver, NRM Education Officer. **Decision 53/2.2** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. ***Notes*** *the update on the Coastal Plan* **CARRIED** by resolution
2.3	**Chair's Report** The Board noted the Chair attended to a number of meetings , events and workshops since the previous meeting, as outlined in the Board report. **Decision 53/2.3** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board; *1.* ***Notes*** *the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting* **CARRIED** by resolution
2.4	**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. It has been confirmed that NHT funding will have a gap at the end of the 5 year contract before the start of the next. This will be discussed at the August Board meeting in more detail. Letter addressing TBG concerns has been drafted to be jointly submitted by KILB, KI Council, Parndana Progress Assoc, EcoAction and AgKI to the Minister. W Durack will be presenting to KI Council at a briefing tomorrow regarding this. The Compliance Manager position was 2 year contract ending June 2026. With funding now available through Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board for compliance activities, we will be looking to recruit a Landscape Officer – ASO5 which will have a broader scope. **Decision 53/2.4** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: *1.* ***Notes*** *the activities of the General Manager since the last Board meeting* *2.* ***Notes*** *the Work Health and Safety activity report for June 2026* *3.* ***Notes*** *the report on legislative delegations* **CARRIED** by resolution
2.5	**Board Member Reports** *2.5.1 P Davis* • Attended dinner with Threatened Species Commissioner. Noted good conversation with J Massingham from AWC regarding ecological burning. • Meeting with Community Engagement staff from CFS, who will be spending more time on KI to consult with community groups, as the promised 0.5FTE position has not eventuated.

	2.5.2 D Laslett • Attended PIRSA presentation after last meeting *2.5.3 J Gellard* • Grassroots Grants assessments • FARCKI meeting #14 *2.5.4 H Groffen* • Birdlife conservation planning workshop, good day with lots of information gathered on the day and expecting plans for guild of birds • PIRSA Pig Eradication event and Threatened Species Commissioner dinner *2.5.5 B Cooper* • Group of students in Parndana will be undertaking some work on controlling weeds, starting at the golf course. Seem very passionate and S Walsh has been providing advice. *2.5.6 P Rismiller* • PIRSA Pig Eradication event and Threatened Species Commissioner dinner **Decision 53/2.5** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the attendance of members at various meetings or events on behalf of the board **CARRIED** by resolution
2.6	**Other Business** **KI Wildlife Park Letter** PIRSA have not yet received the permit applications and once lodged, KI Landscape Board will not have input to the decision. Disconnect between our Feral Cat Eradication Program using public money and supporting big cat introduction as well as island tourism brand. Concerns also raised about animal welfare, public safety and competition with tourism facilities like Monarto. **Decision 53/2.6** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. ***Does not approve*** *providing a letter of support to the KI Wildlife Park.* **CARRIED** by resolution **ACTION:** W Durack will draft a response letter for Board Members to review.
3.	**Strategic Matters or Items for Decision**
3.1	**Business Plan 2026-27** D Male provided an overview of the Business Plan 2026-27. At the previous meeting, provided a draft budget which informs the plan. Noted B Mussared has ensured the Business Plan is consistent with the Landscape Plan in terms of style and considered the consultation advice received. From this point, will be sent to the Minister for endorsement.

	Discussion about the pie chart on the funding sources page which has 42% as Other – suggestion to make this described clearer as it is a large section. Also some consistency corrections required for photos. Board Members were otherwise happy with the document and found it very easy to read and understand. **Decision 53/3.1** *Moved: HG Seconded: BC* That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board; 1. ***Approves*** *the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Business Plan for 2026-2027.* **CARRIED** by resolution
3.2	**Board Member Recruitment 2026-27** W Durack provided an overview of the paper. A discussion was carried out regarding the Board needing a Local Government Member. It was agreed one would not be sought specifically. J Gellard agreed to be on the recruitment selection panel noting availability only during the second week of the intended selection process. A discussion about the skill set of the current Board was undertaken and it was agreed there is a good cross-section of farming and environmental backgrounds. There is potential to increase the tourism knowledge base. **Decision 53/3.2** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board; 1. ***Notes*** *five members' terms expire 30 January 2027* 2. ***Approves*** *selection panel to include J Gellard* 3. ***Does not approve*** *appointment of deputy ordinary or deputy presiding members* 4. ***Endorses*** *the suggested Skills Matrix for all Board Members to complete* **CARRIED** by resolution **ACTION:** K Hankel to find out more information about the appointment of Deputy Presiding Members.
4.	**Standing items and items for noting (only discussed if removed from consent schedule)**
4.1	**WHS Update June 2026** **Decision 53/4.1** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. ***Notes*** *the progress made in reviewing and improving the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board WHS Framework.* **CARRIED** by consent schedule
4.2	**Correspondence – Incoming and Outgoing** **Decision 53/4.2** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:

	1. ***Notes*** *the incoming and outgoing correspondence since the previous Board Meeting on 27 May 2025.* **CARRIED** by consent schedule
4.3	**Compliance Steering Committee Update – June 2026** **Decision 53/4.3** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board 1. ***Notes*** *the progress made regarding compliance activity across Kangaroo Island and the status of formal compliance activities.* **CARRIED** by consent schedule
4.4	**Water Officer: May Progress Update** **Decision 53/4.4** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board 1. ***Notes*** *the successful work completed within the water space during the month of May 2026.* **CARRIED** by consent schedule
4.5	**Finance Audit and Risk Committee Report** **Decision 53/4.5** That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: ***Accepts*** *the following out-of-session recommendations from the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee that the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board* 1. ***Endorse*** *the May 2026 revenue and expenditure finance reports* 2. ***Endorse*** *the reviewed procedures:* *a. WHS01 Consultation and Representation Procedure* *b. WHS01 Resolution of Work Health and Safety Issues Procedure* *c. WHS03 Job Safety Analysis (JSA) and Safe Work Practice (SWP)Procedure* **CARRIED** by consent schedule
5.	**Closure**
5.1	**Next meeting** As per the approved meeting schedule, the Board **confirmed** the next meeting will be held on 26 August 2026. D Laslett will be an apology for August meeting.
5.2	**Board Member Feedback** Board appreciated the operational updates.
5.3	**Board Claims and Administration Items** Members were asked to complete the claim form enclosed in the agenda pack.
5.4	**Meeting closed** at 11:48am

Signed: A. Heinrich DATE: 26 August 2026

Andrew Heinrich (Chair), Kangaroo Island Landscape Board