

Kangaroo Island Landscape Board
Meeting 54 – 26 August 2026 Minutes

Meeting Title:	Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting # 54		
Date:	Wednesday 26 August 2026		
Start Time:	12:02pm	Finish Time:	4:25pm
Location:	KI Landscape Board	Room:	Boardroom
Attendees:	<i>Board Members:</i> A Heinrich, (Chair), B Cooper, P Davis, G Flanagan, J Gellard, H Groffen, P Rismiller <i>Staff:</i> W Durack (General Manager), K Hankel (Board Support Officer), D Male (Business & Planning Manager), V Wilson (Communications and Media Coordinator), J Sullivan (Manager Sustainable Landscapes), R Mussared (Project Support Officer), J Walter (Weeds Officer), S Walsh (Weeds Officer) Guests: L Dohle (PIRSA)		
Apologies:	D Laslett, T Sandeman (DEW – NPWS)		

Item	
1.	Preliminary Matters
1.1	Welcome, Apologies, Acceptance of Agenda The Chair acknowledged Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting today. The agenda was accepted as written. Apologies received from D Laslett. Decision 54/1.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: Approves the agenda as written. CARRIED by resolution
1.2	Conflict of Interest Disclosures No conflicts were declared. Decision 54/1.2 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 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 54/1.3 <i>Moved: JG Seconded: HG</i> That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board accepts the minutes of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board Meeting held on 24 June 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 – Native Vegetation Council has sent through details of the revised guidelines for smaller burns and W Durack provided a response and advice on this. Waiting for outcome. 51/2.2 Draft Budget 2026-27 The Board requested for Strategic Initiatives to be discussed at a future meeting. COMPLETE – To be discussed at Item 2.4 with ongoing discussion at a future 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 COMPLETE – Destination Management Plan Item 2.3 will include an overview of the Board’s involvement in tourism strategy and TOMM. 52/3.3 Tasmanian Blue Gum Update W Durack to brief the Federal Member on the issue of Tasmanian Blue Gums COMPLETE – Meeting was held last week with Minister Watt’s chief advisor which W Durack, KIC Mayor, and KIC CEO attended. A meeting with the State Environment Minister on Friday will include stakeholders KILB, KIC, CFS, NPWS, AgKI, Parndana Progress Assoc and KI EcoAction. 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 COMPLETE – V Wilson is undertaking case studies and forming stories from these and this will be ongoing. 53/3.2 Board Member Recruitment 2026-27 K Hankel to source further information regarding the appointment of Deputy Presiding Members COMPLETE – Members advised to include in their application email any position on the Board they wish to apply for. Forward Planning Corella item is noted for next meeting; W Durack is setting up a meeting with KICE/Department of Education to discuss the issue in conjunction with Bird Flu and will report back to the Board in September. Decision 54/1.4 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: Notes the actions relating to matters arising from previous meetings of the Board. CARRIED by resolution
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2.	For Discussion
2.1	Compliance Workshop 2.4.1 Dam Compliance J Sullivan provided an overview on the Dam Compliance program and the paper. With Stage 1 of the program largely complete, Stage 2 will commence and will encompass imagery of dams constructed / modified during 2020-2025. From this point on, more regular reviews will be undertaken and statewide, there is a recognition of a change to a target of annual detection. It is important to note that on those properties where unauthorised dams were located, staff worked with the landholders to assess how to rectify the issue without removing the dam where possible and the majority of cases have been dealt with without escalation. It is noted that since the commencement of the program, there has been a significant increase in Dam Applications being received as compared to previous years. With the Senior Compliance Officer position now obsolete, some compliance activities will move to the newly created Sustainable Landscape Officer role, which is being recruited for currently, with the support of the Manager Sustainable Landscapes and the Hills & Fleurieu Landscape Board. A paper will be brought to the Board at a future meeting to discuss the process for Stage 2 Dam Compliance. 2.4.2 Weed Compliance J Sullivan, J Walter and S Walsh provided a PowerPoint presentation. It is noted that there is no current compliance work on weeds taking place. In an effort to have greater control of weeds on KI, the key will be community consultation and consistent messaging across different platforms. Education and support for landholders to undertake their own control will be important. A paper on the proposed delivery model and resourcing will be provided at a future Board meeting. Decision 54/2.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: Notes the outcomes achieved through Stage One of the dam compliance program, including the formal recognition of dams that would have been approved had an application been received, the increase in dam permit applications assessed since the commencement of the dam compliance campaign, and the resolution of formal compliance actions. Notes the proposed scope and approach for Stage Two of the program, including assessment of the 2020–2025 aerial imagery layer and the introduction of an annual change detection process from 2027. Notes the organisational arrangements for continued delivery of the compliance program following a structural review. CARRIED by resolution ACTION: Board Papers to be presented on delivery models for both Dam Compliance and Weed Compliance at a future meeting.

2.2	Country Planning Update R Mussared joined the meeting with B Wilson and S Kemp joining via Teams. The history of the project as well as the current status and plans moving forward were discussed. In 2024, KILB applied for funding through LPF to bring the three First Nations groups together; Ngarrindjeri, Kurna Yerta and Narungga. In September 2024, over 40 representatives from the groups gathered on KI to commence the process. The Board has been working with the three body corporates since that time to develop the Country Plan with B Wilson and S Kemp facilitating. Initial work has been assisting to build the relationship between the Nation groups themselves but, moving forward, we hope to build the relationship between the Board and the groups. The Project is due to end 30 June 2027 but it will be an ongoing process with the Plan ultimately designed to assist in promoting engagement between the First Nations groups and KI stakeholders, including KI Landscape Board. The Chairs of the three Nations group body corporates along with B Wilson and S Kemp will be attending the September Board meeting to present a draft of the resulting Country Plan. A strategy for the coming 12 months will also be stepped out so the momentum can continue. Decision 54/2.2 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: <i>Notes the delivery of the Kangaroo Island Country Plan project to date.</i> CARRIED by resolution
2.3	Destination Management Plan W Durack provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Board's involvement as a stakeholder in the South Australian Tourism Commission's Kangaroo Island Destination Management Plan. There are some areas the Board would like to be more involved in but, those where SATC have KILB listed are agreed to be the high priority areas. Additionally, the Board would like to be noted as an interested party on section 1.10 – Planning Code noting our previous involvement with reviewing Native Vegetation Assessments for tourism developments. W Durack will advise SATC of this interest. Decision 54/2.3 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: <i>Notes the finalisation and imminent launch of the Kangaroo Island Destination Management Plan 2026–2030 (the DMP).</i> <i>Notes the feedback provided by the General Manager to the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC) on the projects relevant to the Board.</i> <i>Provides input on the level of engagement the Board considers appropriate for each of the DMP projects relevant to the Board, to inform future project roll out.</i> <i>Notes that identification as a key stakeholder in the DMP does not imply ownership, funding or delivery responsibility, and that any resourcing commitment arising from project activation will be brought back to the Board.</i> CARRIED by resolution

2.4	Strategic Initiatives Prioritisation W Durack and D Male provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the budget, project shortfalls, Landscape Plan gaps and considerations for where investment is put. The Board noted their particular areas of interest that would fit within the criteria and that they would like the staff to consider are biosecurity, KILB Nursery, NRM Education, Marine, Country Plan and Volunteers. The Leadership Team will consider further and provide recommendations at the next Board Meeting. Decision 54/2.4 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. Notes the ~\$429,333 strategic initiatives allocation within the approved 2026–27 Business Plan, and that these funds remain unallocated. 2. Notes the framework developed by the leadership team for identifying and prioritising strategic initiatives, drawing on the Strategic Plan 2026–31, the Business Plan 2026–27 and the Board's functions under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019. 3. Discusses the balance to be struck between maximising delivery for the community, building momentum in existing programs, and strengthening the Board's resilience to a reduction in short-term grant funding. 4. Provides guidance on the Board's appetite for carrying a portion of the fund forward as organisational contingency, and on any priorities it wishes to see reflected in the recommended allocation. 5. Notes that a recommended allocation of the fund will be brought to the Board for approval at a future meeting. CARRIED by resolution ACTION: The Senior Management Team will consider further and provide recommendations at the next Board Meeting.
2.5	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. Attended the Yorke Peninsula for the Chairs Forum and noted the work on reintroducing species in the area as well as a lot of talk about Bird Flu. Decision 54/2.5 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board; 1. Notes the activities of the Chair of the Board since the last meeting CARRIED by resolution
2.6	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. The Declaration of Cats under the Landscape Act is moving forward and PIRSA will be writing a brief to present to the Board.

	Minister of Environment is travelling to KI on Friday and will be meeting with members of the Board and relevant stakeholders re Tasmanian Blue Bluegums. Decision 54/2.6 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 July / August 2026 3. Notes the report on legislative delegations CARRIED by resolution
2.7	Board Member Reports 2.7.1 P Davis • KIBMC 21 July 2026 – W Durack and P Davis attended. ○ Discussion on TBG wildings which generated the stakeholder’s letter. ○ Landscape treatment areas – 5yr fuel reduction program near Parndana. Cape Gantheaume and Cassini being reviewed for similar programs. ○ Last Resort Bushfire Refuges have been reassessed – safety, communication, food and water are necessities. ○ Now is the time to start fire season preparation. 2.7.2 H Groffen • AWC / KILB / KILfW collaborative meeting – talked about each of their own projects which was helpful and organised a Felixer program for western end in conjunction with KILB Biodiversity team. 2.7.3 J Gellard • FARCKI meeting, noting the committee is open to another member joining • TOMM committee meeting – getting a better handle on how to increase community and stakeholder understanding of the data for using it in decision making 2.7.4 B Cooper • KILand putting off staff has had a huge economic impact on the businesses in Parndana • Bird Flu communication needs to be clearer and is creating angst within the community. 2.7.5 G Flanagan • Grassroots Grants – visited plastic extrusion project but noted they have had technical issues. The school were grateful the Board visited and G Flanagan will return at a later date when they have fixed the machine. Garden space also visited and noted, although overgrown, appears to be being improved. • Water Policy meeting last night with good momentum • FARCKI meeting • Heading out with K Lashmar to resurrect direct seeder tomorrow • Noted ill and dead Crested Terns on the beach which were reported to the Hotline 2.7.6 P Rismiller

	• Water Policy meeting last night, felt there was good progress • Reef restoration email from Adelaide Uni sent out to Board members for information • Parndana School visit – kids are very engaged. Noted KIWN is also engaging with schools. <i>2.7.7 L Dohle</i> • Bird Flu – 6 PIRSA field staff will be engaged for collection on KI to help with rapid response • Quick Fill Tank – on track with CFS taking on ownership Decision 54/2.7 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board notes the attendance of members at various meetings or events on behalf of the board CARRIED by resolution
2.8	Other Business Nil
3.	Strategic Matters or Items for Decision
3.1	Organisational Values: Workshop Outcomes V Wilson provided a PowerPoint presentation. A summary of the workshop outcome and the next steps was outlined. With endorsement of the agreed Values, the Leadership Team will now review the expected behaviours and provide a further paper to the Board at a future meeting. Decision 54/3.1 <i>Moved: GF Seconded: HG</i> That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board; 1. Notes the outcomes of the whole-of-organisation Values Workshop held with staff and Board members on 22 July 2026. 2. Endorses Trust, Collaboration and Impact as the organisational values of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board. 3. Discusses its expectations for how the values apply to the Board's own conduct. 4. Notes that final values and behaviours will be returned to the Board for endorsement, and that implementation will be led by the General Manager and Leadership Team. CARRIED by resolution
4.	Standing items and items for noting (only discussed if removed from consent schedule)
4.1	Correspondence – Incoming and Outgoing Decision 54/4.1 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. Notes the incoming and outgoing correspondence since the previous Board Meeting on 24 June 2026. CARRIED by consent schedule
4.2	Compliance Steering Committee Update – August 2026 Decision 54/4.2 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
4.3	Water Officer: July Progress Update Decision 54/4.3 That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board 1. Notes the successful work completed within the water space during the month of July 2026. CARRIED by consent schedule
4.4	Finance Audit and Risk Committee Report Decision 54/4.4 <i>That the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board:</i> Receives the draft minutes of the Finance Audit and Risk KI Committee on 12 August 2026 and accepts the following recommendations that the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board: 1. Endorse the June 2026 revenue and expenditure finance reports 2. Approve the Presiding Member of the Board, sign the Instruments of Authorisation on behalf of the Board, to be executed under Common Seal 3. Approve the delegation of financial and legislative powers as per the Instruments of Authorisation and the delegation of those powers to the officers listed in the attached schedules, including: a) Financial - Procurement – contract pre-approval, procurement, payment and disbursements b) Legislative – Landscape South Australia Act 2019 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 23 September 2026. J Gellard will be an apology for the September meeting.
5.2	Board Member Feedback Weeds; The Board would like to see a focus on main weeds and get the farmers involved as they have real pride and knowledge of their land. Presentations; Noted over the last few meetings that the papers are very informative but presentations are often a repetition of the same information. Would like to see more case studies / more photos to reinforce the information rather than a repeat of it.
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 4:25 pm

Signed: 

DATE: 29 September 2026

Andrew Heinrich (Chair), Kangaroo Island Landscape Board