

# Limestone Coast Landscape Board Meeting No 11

We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to Country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal peoples visiting / attending from other areas of South Australia

## **Confirmed Minutes of Meeting 11**

Thursday, 24 June 2021

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Locatio	n:	Robe	Room:	Caledonian Inn, 1 Victoria Street	
Chair Attendees:		Penny Schulz  Board Members: Ben Hood (to 15:56), Bruce Wood, Mark Bachmann, Miles Hannemann, Robbie Davis.  Staff: Steve Bourne (GM-LCLB), Liz Perkins, Mike Stevens, Nat Misic, Sue Botting (to 15:05), Amanda Giles (to 15:35).  Executive Officer: Anya Karsten.			
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6.4 GFAC- Out of Session Closed Session Draft Minutes (#5A, 03/05/2021), Meeting (#6, 01/06/2021) and Risk Register

6.5 Closed Session Action List

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6.6 Enforcement and Compliance Register

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## **Item 2 Public Gallery**

## 2.1 **Public Gallery**

Chris Oldfield, "The Naracoorte News" journalist to 13:00.

## Item 3 Meeting Items

## 3.1 Water Program

## **Presenter: Liz Perkins**

## **Points of Discussion:**

- The board agreed to add a second day to the August 2021 board meeting dedicated to the water program.
- The board is keen to hold a joint meeting with the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage (SEWCD) Board in September 2021.
- Karst Springs visit was nominated for the day's program inclusion. Three water experts from different agencies will be invited as guest speakers.

## Noted.

# 3.2 Formation of a Landscapes Affecting Activities and Water Affecting Activities (WAA) Control Policy

### Presenter: Liz Perkins

## **Points of Discussion:**

- The board noted that all regions will develop a WAA Policy and acknowledged that
  policy is not well understood in the community and it is critical to improve this as soon
  as possible.
- Engagement with Local Government is critical in this consultation.

## Resolution - the board:

 Approved the formation of a Land Affecting Activity and Water Affecting Activity Control Policy, effective from 1 July, to ensure policy coverage while further development, consultation and approval of new control policies occurs.



## Carried.

## 3.5 Work Health and Safety & Injury Management Plan

#### **Presenter: Steve Bourne**

#### Points of Discussion:

• The board noted excellent engagement from staff during the consultation stage of the WHS and Injury Management Plan and commended Steve Bourne and Le-Anne Thomson on the high standard of work.

#### Resolution - the board:

- 1. Approved the Work Health and Safety & Injury Management Plan 1 July 2021 30 June 2023.
- 2. Noted that the plan will be reviewed in 12 months' time.

#### Carried.

## 3.6 **Pest Plant and Animal Strategy Summary Document**

## **Presenter: Mike Stevens**

## **Points of Discussion:**

- The board discussed the inclusion of a "Decision tree" lay out; it was suggested to design it a similar way as the Appendix 1 "Land Management Pre-Compliance", pg 31 of the agenda package.
- The board asked to expand the best practice section of the document (land management at the local scale).
- The aim of this document is to enable staff on the board to have informative, high standard conversations with landholders.
- The board appreciated the hard work put into the development of the Summary Document.
- Further edits were suggested such as inclusion of information on feral deer, pg 65 of the board agenda pack.
- Penny Schulz will email Mike Stevens a few further dot-points for inclusion.
- The board asked to include a web address and the contact number on the last page of the document for convenience.

## Resolution - the board:

1. Recommended further edits to the revised Pest Plant and Animal Strategy to be approved Out of Session.



### Carried.

## 3.7 | African Lovegrass campaign

## **Presenter: Mike Stevens**

## **Points of Discussion:**

- The board noted excellent results achieved with help of live mapping tool as some extra data became available.
- An example of an infestation around Millicent being detected quickly due to direct engagement of landholders and Operations Team staff was discussed.

## Resolution - the board:

1. Noted the outcomes of the 2020-21 ALG campaign and discussed the points raised in the strategic risks and opportunities section.

## Carried.

## 3.3 Water Planning and Management Charges and Water Resource Management

## Presenter: Dan Jordan, Neil Power, Mike Fuller

## Points of Discussion:

- The board expressed concerns about a potential lack of transparency due to not being able to identify value for money which constitutes a large volume of the board's budget and requested further discussion.
- The board asked how the 'fee for service' is accounted for and what is paid annually from the SE region for the well drilling permits.
- The board asked the presenters if there were any strategies being developed to allow for an annual meter reading to provide greater accountability. An example of remote metering reporting, similar to Victoria was discussed. The costs of start-up and the annual data charge were discussed.
- The board noted that the water security statement feedback will be discussed at the joint LLC Water Steering committee meeting in July 2021.
- The board asked to receive a copy of the slide show presentation..

### Resolution - the board:

1. Noted the Water Planning and Management Charges and Water Resource Management presentation.

#### Noted.



## **LUNCH 13:00 - 14:00**

## 3.4 Landscapes Affecting Activities Control Policy

**Presenter: Mike Stevens** 

#### Points of Discussion:

- The board discussed best land management practice and how land affecting activities need to be controlled (eg carbon rich soils, dehydration, rock mulching etc).
- The appropriate legislation regarding control was discussed (eg. Landscape SA Act 2009, Aboriginal Heritage Acct 1988? ))
- It was noted that a significant land use change can be monitored with the use of technology.
- The board discussed the importance of education and demonstrating benefit to community and environment when choosing the best land management practice.
- Steve Bourne (or GM) will take this issue to the General Managers' meeting to ensure consistency in approach across all regions.
- The board stated the required balance of the agricultural productive capacity of land vs environment.

#### Resolution - the board:

- 1. Provided strategic direction around further drafting of the LAA control policy:
  - 1) Requested that General Managers develop an over-arching policy, consistent across all regions by the first week of July, timing with WAA if possible.
  - 2) Requested each individual member identify key issues or concerns eg soil carbon.

Sue Botting left the meeting at 3:05pm.

# 3.8 Limestone Coast Automatic Weather Station Network – Results of survey and community consultation

**Presenter: Nat Misic** 

## **Points of Discussion:**

- The board noted that 60 Weather Station Network survey responses were received indicating genuine engagement from the community.
- Questions concerning the optimum number of stations and functionality, best pricing and funding options and the potential sharing of the weather data with beneficiaries were raised. It was suggested to consider the opportunity to promote the LCLB when the community has access to free data.
- It was proposed that further investigation is needed with next steps outlined for the board to consider at the August 2021 meeting. Information concerning the condition of the stations and their maintenance would be available..



#### Resolution - the board:

- 1. Noted that results from the Limestone Coast Weather Station Network Survey demonstrated the community's strong support for increasing the number of sites and improving functionality of the network. Decommissioning in 2024 would pose some level of reputational risk.
- 2. Considered the option of the LCLB hosting a stand-alone weather station network from 2024 that is not reliant on partnerships with DEW or other Landscape SA regions.
- Approved investigations into further options and costings for increasing the number of stations, with possible improved functionality and fit-or-purpose data platforms.
   Potential service providers to be recommended prior to a decision being made before December 2021.
- 4. Considered the need for a communications strategy to promote the network over the next 12 months.

#### Carried.

Amanda Giles left the meeting at 15:35.

## 3.9 Landscape SA Award Nomination

## **Presenter: Penny Schulz**

## **Points of Discussion:**

- The Board suggested nomination of partners and various groups with whom it works including:
  - 1. Coorong Tatiara LAP
  - 2. Port MacDonald Landcare Group
  - 3. MacKillop Farm Group
  - 4. Friends of Moot Yang Gunya
  - 5. Ms Lyn Jones
  - 6. Ms Dee Provis

## Resolution - the board:

1. Recommended that the Regional Management Team (RMT) will develop applications and forward to the Board prior to submission by the Chair.

#### Carried.

3.10 | Sponsorship of the Limestone Coast Leadership Program



Resolution - the board: 1. Approved sponsorship of the Limestone Coast Leadership Program, in the amount of \$7,500 (ex GST) per year, for 3 years. Carried. **4 Consent Schedule** Item **Consent Schedule** 4.1 **Current Items:**  4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.4A and 4.4B. **Media and Communication Statistics** The Board thanked the team for running the media statistics report. Resolution - the board: 1. Noted the Communications and Engagement Statistics for May 2021. Noted via consent schedule. National Landcare Program - phase 2 (NLP2) Smart Farms Small Grants (SFSG) Resolution - the board: 1. Noted the successful National Landcare Program – phase 2 (NLP2) Smart Farms Small Grants (SFSG) projects funded in the Limestone Coast and in South Australia. Noted via consent schedule. **Correspondence Register** 4.4 Resolution - the board: 1. Accepted the correspondence for May - June 2021. Noted via consent schedule. Correspondence from Ken Grundy – First Nations Enquiry 4.4A Resolution - the board: 1. Noted the correspondence from Ken Grundy. Noted via consent schedule.

Presenter: Steve Bourne



## 4.4B Correspondence from Roger Roberts – Salt Creek Rabbits

#### Resolution - the board:

1. Noted the correspondence from Roger Roberts.

Noted via consent schedule.

# Item 5 Standing Items

5.1 LC Landscape Board - Draft Minutes (#10, 22/04/2021)

**Presenter: Penny Schulz** 

#### Resolution - the board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting No 10, held on 22/04/2021.

Carried.

## 5.2 Business Arising

Ben Hood left the meeting at 15:56.

5.3 Governance, Finance and Audit Committee (GFAC) - Draft Minutes Out of Session

Meeting (#5A, 03/05/2021) and Draft Minutes Meeting (#6, 01/06/2021)

Presenter: GFAC Chair

**Discussion points:** 

## Resolution - the board:

- 1. Noted the GFAC met on 1 June 2021.
- 2. Noted the financial reports for the period ended 30 April 2021 and the key points highlighted in the summary report.
- 3. Adopted the Risk Management Policy.
- 4. Approved the Risk Management Framework Overview.
- 5. Approved the Chair to sign the instruments of delegation: "Powers and Functions", "Purchase Cards", "Contract Execution", "Procurement Contract Pre-Approval-Payment and Disbursement" and "Debt Waiver and Write Off".
- 6. Approved the Legislative Compliance Register 2020-21.
- 7. Noted the 2020/21 Quarter 3 Finance and Output Report.
- 8. Approved the Pest Management Products and Services Price List 2021-22.
- 9. Noted that the Committee approved the draft Minutes of GFAC meeting No. 5, 9 April 2021 as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting held on 22 April 2021 and Out of Session, No. 5A, 3 May 2021.



Board Contract report	
1. The board noted nil contract register entries received.	
Noted.	
Presiding Member's report	
1. The Board noted the Presiding Member's report.	
Noted.	
Penny Schulz thanked members who supported her fund-raiser for those affected by MS.	
Board members' reports	
Nil.	
General Manager's report	
1. The board noted the General Manager's report.	
Noted.	
Actions List	
Robbie Davis asked for the actions be presented in the reverse order – with newest actions	
being at the top of the list.	
Other business	
Points of Discussion:	
Pig Outbreak.	
Olive groves.	
6 Closed Session	
Closed Session – Commencement	
Resolution – The board:	
1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting with staff members Steve Bourne and Anya Karsten present in the meeting at 16:35.	
Carried.	



#6.1	Board Performance Report		
#6.2	LCLB – Closed Session Draft Minutes (#10, 22/04/2021) and Out of Session (#10A, 21/05/2021)		
#6.3	Business Arising		
#6.4	GFAC – Out of Session Closed Session Draft Minutes (#5A, 03/05/2021) and Draft Closed Session Minutes (#6, 01/06/2021) and Risk Register		
#6.5	Closed Session Action List		
#6.6	Enforcement and Compliance Register		
	Closed session – cessation  Resolution – The board:		
	1. Moved out of the closed session of the meeting at 16:46.		
	Carried.		
ltem	7 Meeting Closing		
7.1	Approval for the General Manager to action the decisions from the closed session of the		
	meeting 11		
	Resolution – the board:		
	1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items from		
4	meeting No. 11 and resolutions to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.		
	Carried.		
7.2	Meeting review and communication:		
7.2	<ul> <li>Weather Stations;</li> <li>Communication with DEW on Water;</li> <li>12 months since the LCLB's first meeting.</li> <li>Highlights – Lovegrass campaign, collaboration with Local Government.</li> </ul> Meeting Closed at 16:56.		
Item	8 In-Camera Session		

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board,	, meeting No. 11, 24 June 2021 – confirmed as
a true and correct record:	

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Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date:

19 August 2021

