

Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee

Draft Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water we live and work upon, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.

Meeting Title: Meeting No 5			
Date: Monday 19 April 2021			
Start Time:	10.00am	Finish Time:	2.30pm
Location:	Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Office, Murray Bridge	Room:	Board Room
Attendees:	Roger Wickes (Chair), Steph Evans, Carolyn Shaw, Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board: Di Davidson, Landscape Staff: Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Denise Fowles (Committee support), Helene Norman (Minutes), Miranda Leckie (Volunteers), Sam Hardy (Wetlands ecologist)		
Apologies:	Andrew Hansen, Daridyn Hayward, Yvonne Smith		

Item	Time Meeting Standing Items Lead
1. Welcome	
1.1	Welcome and acknowledgement of Country
1.2	Minutes of previous Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee meeting held 22.2.2021 were circulated, and will be approved at the next meeting in June due to lack of quorum.
1.3	Business and Actions arising from the minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Celebration on agenda • Landholder brochure – completed • Local government meeting – on agenda
1.4	Forum – Review and future direction The forum was held on 2 nd March with fluctuating attendance over the day – approximately 30 attended at any one time.. The quality of the presentations was good but it was not a priority for many of the farmers in the area. A combined forum should be avoided in future, and look to bring in good key note speakers similar to the previous events (such as the focus on chemical resistance we held in Karoonda and brought in speakers from the CRC on weeds). The combined meeting ended up with compromises on what could be presented. Discussion occurred on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time of year • Location

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too many topics • Soil always seems to be a hot topic • Board to assist and make it a true Landscape event <p>Farm Fair – Review</p> <p>Steph Evans, Andrew Hansen, Roger Wickes and Carolyn Shaw attended the fair: Definitely a worthwhile event but there could be some improvements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members thought there was not much branding, nothing to say 'Landscapes is here' • Need an attraction to get people to stop and start talking such as a map with projects supported including photos. • Get free useful item that people can take away is memorable for visitors • Landscape SA levy – Promoting how the levy is spent. • Committee members shift time could be minimised to allow more members involvement, as Daridyn was willing to attend as well.
2. Updates	
2.1	<p>Andrew Meddle (General Manager) introduced himself and gave an account of his interests and previous work and his expectations of the board and its committees.</p> <p>All staff movement to the Landscape Board is now complete, and the board is looking at partnerships with other organisations (Govt and NGO's), and DEW.</p>
3. For Discussion	
3.1	<p>Expectations of the Advisory Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee is an Advisory Committee because Landscape Act does not have Groups • Members to bring issues of concern to the Board • Board need the committee to look at issues that arise in the community • Need 8-9 members for the Advisory committee, to be more functional • Location: The lower part of the region, but the committee should deal with dryland issues wherever they are. Rachel Dittrich (previous Ranges to River Group member), and Millie Nicholls were suggested. Also discussed the idea of a member from the pastoral country above the River Murray. • A one-off guest invitation to prospective members • Board is responsible for the vision, attitude and policy, and the staff and advisory committee members have to abide by this. • The Board is now developing a Landscape plan and Business plan and if the Committees work plan is developed and in sync with the Board's plans, the Board will approve in principle the committee's workplan and allow the committee to carry out the workplan. By agreeing in principle the Committee can adjust the plan as the year continues.
3.2	<p>Planning - <u>MCC Workplan 2020-21</u></p> <p><u>Volunteer Event</u> – Murraylands Volunteer Celebration will be held Sunday 20th June at the RSL Club in Murray Bridge, a 2 course meal will be provided, soft drinks will be provided if funding allows.</p> <p>To include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to Country.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RMYC to hand out awards to their outgoing year 12 (10 min), • Roger and a Board member to welcome/MC the event. • Lucky draw with giveaways. • Healthy Coorong Healthy Basin speaker, and • Paiwalla speaker at Paiwalla and short tour (allow 10 mins travel approx. 1 hr visit) after the lunch and other speaker • Board member Q & A was suggested but not supported. <p>Riverland volunteer celebration on 23rd May.</p> <p>ACTION: Miranda Leckie will complete organisation and running sheet, and distribute to members for comment. When approved invitations will be issued and promotion will begin.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Meeting – June 23</u> at Lameroo</p> <p>Daridyn to bring together topics as per the workplan,</p> <p>Water Allocation Speaker available to speak.</p>
3.4	<p><u>Local Government meeting</u></p> <p>Helane to ascertain LG availability for the 21st July.</p> <p>Councils to be invited are: Coorong, DCKEM, SMDC, Mid Murray, Murray Bridge, Loxton Waikerie, Berri Barmera, Renmark Paringa. Operational staff to be encouraged to attend as well as elected members/mayors.</p> <p>Discussion occurred re topics for the next meeting that might interest every council in the region:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside management including Native Vegetation on roadsides, recovery from bushfires, and motorbike damage on roadsides. • Update on LoRaWAN from Loxton Waikerie Council, possible uses and what they used it for. <p>Native Vegetation speaker on Protection or maintenance of roadsides, as well as a speaker from DIT and SAPOL.</p> <p>Fact sheets might be able to be produced to answer simple questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do I need to do if I need to replace a fence along a road? • What do I do if my roadside gets burnt? • etc <p>Tailem Bend will be the location.</p> <p>ACTION: Helane to ascertain if suggested date is good with councils.</p>
3.5	<p>Committee membership</p> <p>Discussion occurred on committee membership.</p> <p>Rachel Dittrich could be approached again. As discussed earlier, look to have 8-9 members.</p> <p>ACTION: Roger to talk to Aaron Haby, Rachel Dittrich, Lucy Kluge and Liz Moyle.</p> <p>Committee members terms expire in 1 September, Board to discuss committee extension.</p>
4. For noting	
4.1	<p>Presentation: Wetland team member, Sam Hardy (Wetland Ecologist) gave a presentation to the Committee on Environmental Watering, Frogs and Turtles in the region and the Healthy Coorong Healthy Basin project.</p>

	<p>Questioned if the River Murray River Boat owners can do something to assist monitoring? <u>FrogWatch SA</u> has a free app – FrogSpotter – that can be used by people to assist in data collection.</p> <p>Members thought more information is required to educate water users/public on the wetland watering, structures, where they are, and the logic/understanding behind the watering – QR code/phone tour might be a good option, which links to updated map and information?</p>
4.2	<p>Members reports</p> <p><u>Steph Evans</u> – attended Karoonda Farm Fair Saturday 10th April. Received email from property owner (Lucy Kluge) re damage and risk of roadside motorbike riders and public. This is a statewide issue for native Veg, Councils and SAPOL, problems also in NYLB area. ACTION: Include issue in report to the Board. Mantung Maggea have put in a 'Linking Landscapes' funding application, to manage the Mantung Maggea's members heritage agreements.</p> <p><u>Carolyn Shaw</u> Attended Karoonda Farm Fair on Friday 9th April</p> <p><u>Roger Wickes</u> – Drought meeting held mid-April but unable to attend. New drought funding through PIRSA available. Attended Karoonda Farm Fair Saturday 10th April.</p> <p><u>Denise Fowles</u> Mercunda Rockholes update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native vegetation are investigating the vegetation clearance, and actual location of fence. The Rockhole issue has been referred to Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation in the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
5.1	<p>Any Other Business Nil</p>
5.2	<p>Next meeting details – June 23rd at Lameroo</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 2.30pm</p>

<p>ENDORSED</p> <p><i>Roger B. Wickes</i></p>	<p>Roger Wickes Chair Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Date: 23 Sept 2021</p>
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