

Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee

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.

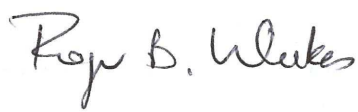
Meeting Title: Meeting No 6			
Date: Wednesday 30 June 2021			
Start Time:	9:30am	Finish Time:	2.45pm
Location:	Field trip to Lameroo properties; Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Office, Lameroo	Room:	Meeting Room
Attendees:	Roger Wickes (Chair), Carolyn Shaw, Daridyn Hayward, Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board: Andrew Biele Landscape Staff: Denise Fowles (Committee support), Mel White (Senior Project Officer, Water Resources), Helane Norman (attended while on leave)		
Apologies:	Andrew Hansen, Steph Evans, Yvonne Smith		

Item	Meeting Items
1. Field Trip	
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with Clive Bowman at his property to see his innovation in inventing machinery to print animal ear tags (for livestock, dogs and kangaroos), cow sales stickers, and brush fencing panels. Met with landholders Pete and Jill Rundle in a barley paddock to discuss rabbit issues amongst scattered paddock trees and hear of the confusion in dealing with native vegetation processes
2. Welcome	
2.1	Welcome and acknowledgement of Country
2.2	Minutes of previous Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee meeting held 19.4.2021 were circulated, and will be approved at the next meeting in August due to lack of quorum.
2.3	Business and Actions arising from the minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Murray Bridge volunteer celebration was attended by around 63 people in all and very well. After presentations, prizes were drawn and attendees all received a native plant. After lunch about half the attendees enjoyed the winter sunshine on a tour and talk at Paiwalla wetland, accompanied by the Mayor of the Mid-Murray Council.
3. Updates	
3.1	Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board update

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrew Biele provided the committee with an update. He said the first 12 months of new Board has been completed. Some members had now received term extensions and others will be leaving the Board. Two vacancies are to be filled. Asset checking has been completed. Repairs will be undertaken to Lameroo office. Grassroots grants were approved and successful applicants will receive letters soon. Staff located at the office in Berri are relocating to an office in Vaughan Terrace to achieve cost savings and be more fit for purpose; The Board is looking for new premises in Murray Bridge For the landholder who raised concerns regarding motorbikes on roadsides, the Board wanted to feedback that they had been made aware of the issues – Roger indicated has spoken to Lucy Kluge a number of times.
3.2	<p>PIRSA - Goat policy update and feedback to Board</p> <p>The meeting walked through the slides from the PIRSA presentation that had been given to the Board last week.</p> <p>There was discussion on feral goats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> issue has not changed for 50 years value of goats is high thinking should operate on land conditions the benefits / issues of retaining kid goats in captivity to grow them out was debated it was suggested mindset needs to change about goats <p>With regard to the options:</p> <p>1) <i>introducing mechanisms to encourage mustering of feral goats</i> - there was concern expressed about extending the period to 3 months as it was difficult to see how the young goats can put on enough weight in that time to make them saleable.</p> <p>2) <i>decreasing sheep and cattle stocking rates, where feral goat populations are high</i> - the committee suggested that the Pastoral Board and landholders should be doing this anyway.</p> <p>3) <i>managing goats as livestock</i> - the committee suggested that goats are already being run as livestock and there should be better controls on how they are managed.</p> <p>4) <i>increasing enforcement of current regulations</i> - the committee supported this</p>
3.3	<p>Mallee WAP and Peake Roby Sherlock WAP update</p> <p>Presentation: Senior Project Officer with the Water Resources Team, Melissa White introduced herself as a freshwater ecologist who has also worked in the Pastoral country. She outlined work done to date with regard to Mallee Water resources, explained the hydrology of the region and the process for the review of the Mallee WAP. Mel sought advice on who and how to engage with water users on the Mallee WAP and highlighted that the Water Advisory Committee does not currently have a member from the Mallee water resource user. Committee members suggested various community members as potential contacts for Mel.</p>
4. For Discussion	
4.1	<p>LG Meeting/Forum – Monday 19th July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme is roadside vegetation – including motorbikes, fire and legalities It will be held at the Institute supper room at Karoonda Speakers organised are from SAPOL and CFS and work is continuing to encourage a DIT participant Helane has sent out a meeting request and had good response from all Councils, except Renmark Paringa with 13 acceptances so far Helane and Roger will continue work on developing a program Helane will ask Tim Smythe (LGA) to talk about Council responsibility on roadsides

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All MCAC members are encouraged to attend • As a concerned local, Lucy Kluge will be invited to the Local Government Forum to participate in the motorbikes on roadsides issue discussion.
4.2	<p>Committee Workplan</p> <p>It was noted that the current workplan extends to September, to align with members' terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates are to be set for August and September meetings – Helene will send a doodle poll to determine date preferences • Need to develop a workplan for beyond September once the Board advises whether members' terms are to be extended. Helene advised this topic will be included on the next Board meeting.
4.3	<p>Committee membership</p> <p>Discussion occurred on committee membership.</p> <p>Potential new members for MCAC had been contacted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Moyle has taken on part time work and cannot commit; • Aaron Haby cannot commit; • Gary Flohr, Lucy Kluge and Rachel Dittrich have been contacted and are interested; • Other potentials were Brian Lund and Chris Tugwell. <p>Andrew Biele left the meeting at 2:25pm</p>
5. For noting	
5.1	<p>Remuneration and Reimbursements for Board and Committees</p> <p>The Policy has been reviewed and understood. It is understood that if the Board endorses activities in the MCAC workplan, that will be sufficient for remuneration.</p>
5.2	<p>Members reports</p> <p><u>Carolyn Shaw</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Murray Bridge Volunteer celebration on Sunday 21st June • Lowbank area some farmers have finished seeding but others are seeing too much risk to do so; • Recent GRDC magazine has a story about wild relatives to barley that may assist with drought management (feeds into looking after our soils). <p><u>Daridyn Haywood</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeding is nearing completion in the Mallee; • Attended lunch with Board and Local Government attendees in May <p><u>Roger Wickes</u> –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Murray Bridge Volunteer celebration on Sunday 21st June • Attended drought committee – funds are available for farmers through drought recovery and resilience program; • Water infrastructure rebate scheme is open to farmers; • Rotary club is giving funds to people in communities; • There are dry areas across the region / rainfall has not been consistent <p><u>Denise Fowles</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations given to the Board on funding for new projects including Landscapes Priority Fund and Water Infrastructure and Operating funding. • The Board had approved the State Government Climate Change Action Plan. • Coorong Council and LAP members had met with the Board at their June meeting

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress with staff accommodation changes in Berri, Mt Barker and Murray Bridge
6.1	Any Other Business Nil
6.2	Next meeting details – Local Government forum July 19 th at 10am at Karoonda Institute Supper Room, Peake Street, Karoonda, followed by an Advisory committee meeting commencing at 1pm Kylie Moritz will be invited to talk native grasses in September
	Meeting closed at 2.30pm

ENDORSED 	Roger Wickes Chair Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Date: 23 September 2021
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