

MURRAYLANDS AND RIVERLAND LANDSCAPE BOARD

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: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 7-21			
Date: 26 August 2021			
Start Times:	9.30am		
Location:	Renmark	Room:	Renmark Paringa Council Chambers
Present	<p>Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Jim Godden, Sandy Iosefellis, Caroline Phillips, Jason Size</p> <p>Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Michelle Finch (Business Services Manager), Denise Fowles (Manager, Sustainable Landscapes), Amy Goodman (Manager, Strategy and Engagement), Helane Norman (Executive Officer)</p> <p>Alyson Modlinski (Team Leader, Investment and Information), Amy Lee (Team Leader, Planning and MERI), Sylvia Clarke (Citizen Science Project Officer), Eilidh Wilson (Senior Project Officer Planning and Policy).</p> <p>Item 6: Tony Siviour (CEO, Renmark Paringa District Council), Henry Du Reiu (Deputy Mayor Renmark Paringa District Council)</p> <p>Lunch Guests: Brett Kennedy, Kym Manning, Humphrey Howie, Graham Frahn (Citizen Science Award recipient)</p>		
Apologies	Nil		

PUBLIC MEETING – 9.30am	
1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</p> <p>Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open at 9.30am and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.</p> <p>A special welcome to newly appointed board members Caroline Phillips and Sandy Iosefellis.</p>
2.	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>No further declarations</p>
3.	<p>Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting (6-21) held 22 July 2021</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Minutes of Meeting 6-21 held 22 July 2021.</i></p>
Presentations	
4.	<p>Investment and Information Team Presentation (Alyson Modlinski)</p> <p>The Team Leader, Investment and Information gave a presentation what the Investment and Information team do and who they are. Major achievements have been all arrangements for</p>

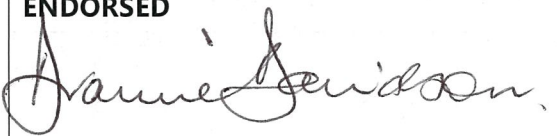
	<p>Grassroots Grants, especially broadening the recipient base (as compared to who used to receive them) and finalising the 2021/22 Business plan.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Native animals can be captured, but to date it has just been pest plant and animals, working with wetlands team now on capturing other creatures.</p> <p>Collecting digital data – this is where efficiencies will occur.</p> <p>Limited efficiencies have been realised collaborating across regions as there are many differences between regions.</p>
5.	<p>Planning and MERI Team presentation (Amy Lee)</p> <p>The Team Leader, Planning and MERI introduced members of the team, and as board members would have a good insight into the planning aspect of the team, explained that the presentation would only cover Referrals, Climate Change and Citizen Science.</p> <p><u>Referrals</u>: Eilidh Wilson elaborated on the importance of referrals, the types of referrals that are referred to the board, and prioritising the comments made by triaging due to resource constraints.</p> <p>Questioned if the triaging of referrals be included on the risk register?</p> <p><u>Climate Change</u>: The IPCC have recently released the sixth assessment report indicating that change is happening faster than predicted, questioning how active the board should be in this space. Further discussion on Climate Change needs to be required in the future.</p> <p><u>Citizen Science</u>: Sylvia Clarke explained what projects the citizen science program are currently involved in, in conjunction with other MRLB teams. A Citizen Science Project Officer position has been advertised.</p> <p>ACTION: Include Triaging of referrals on the risk register</p> <p>ACTION: Include Climate Change discussion in a future agenda</p> <p><i>Alison Modlinski left the meeting.</i></p>
IN CAMERA MEETING	
	<p>The meeting moved in Camera to discuss several items from 10.30am until 12 noon.</p>
PUBLIC MEETING reconvened at 12pm	
6.	<p>Renmark Paringa Council – Deputy Mayor Henry Du Reiu and CEO Tony Siviour</p> <p>Renmark Paringa Council has an environmental officer fully funded by Council (Myles Fauser).</p> <p>The environmental officer is partnering with the Berri Barmera District Council on a Lake Bonney Caring for Country project, with the balance of time being spent on the Australian water stewardship program.</p> <p>Other items of interest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational work with students. • Assisting with PFA fruit fly key messaging • McCormack centre being leased to PIRSA, McCormack centre is looking for a long term tenant after PIRSA have finished, • Bookmark Creek project,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental watering <p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> illegal mooring of houseboats (probably not grey water compliant) on main river or Ral Ral Creek, for long periods of time, degraded river banks, water quality, and exploring possibility of development to extend off river marina/inland housing project. Also lobbying for tidying up of houseboats support environmental watering, but causing problems with riverbank slumping Salt is a problem with trees dying, questioned if anything be done with environmental watering to fix this. Corellas would be the biggest issue for overabundant native species. Kangaroos are an issue at Chowilla and Calperum and also Katarapko. (DEW issue) Pigs, goats are also occurring at various locations in the Riverland.
	<p>Lunch: The Board was joined by Graham Frahn, Kym Manning, Humphrey Howie and Brett Kennedy for lunch.</p> <p>Di Davidson presented a citizen Science award to Graham Frahn for his extensive contribution to Citizen Science and monitoring on his property at Taylorville, and in the Riverland.</p>
7.	<p>Presentations from lunch guests</p> <p><u>Kym Manning</u> (SA Carp Frenzy): biggest carp fishing competition in Australia, with \$70,000 raised for community projects.</p> <p>Built fish hotels with now around 100 in Lake Bonney, biggest manmade structure to put into Lake Bonney, and also added dead river red gums for additional habitat.</p> <p><u>Humphrey Howie</u> (Chair of Renmark Irrigation Trust RIT): provided the board with an insight into the RIT, and the alliance for water stewardship certification.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commended the Board for getting the Water Advisory Committee and the Water Management Steering committee going, Keen to have consensus of the carryover policy in place. Concern of build-up of litter in the box flats, which could be dangerous in the event of a fire. <p><u>Brett Kennedy</u> (SA Fruit Fly Program)</p> <p>Brett provided a presentation on the Fruit Fly outbreak, what it looks like now, and what will be occurring up to the end of the year for the 5 concurrent outbreaks in Riverland, as well as in Adelaide.</p> <p><i>Amy Lee, Eilidh Wilson and Sylvia Clarke left the meeting.</i></p>
Items for decision	
8.	<p>PIRSA Wild Dog program report and request for financial contribution</p> <p>PIRSA's Wild Dog Coordinator, Heather Miller provided a written report on the Wild Dog Trapper program and requested board funding support for the program for the 2021-22 year.</p>

	<p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Noted the financial request made by PIRSA;</i> <i>b. Approved provision of the requested \$18,750 to the Wild Dog Trapper Program for 2021/22, as the final year of the original program; and</i> <i>c. Resolved to forensically consider costs and benefits of any further requests.</i>
9.	<p>State Landscape Strategy</p> <p>The General Manager presented an update on status of the State Landscape Strategy being steered by Landscape Services as per Part 3, Section 44 (1) of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019. Feedback has been requested from key stakeholders before public consultation begins.</p> <p>Further comments to be received from members this week and added to Greg's comments. It is an overarching high level document, and generally the board agree with the content.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board authorises staff to respond to this consultation to support the Board's views and to include Board Members submissions.</i></p>
Committees & Sub-Committees	
10.	<p>Finance Committee</p> <p>August <u>minutes from the Finance Committee</u> meeting were provided to the board.</p> <p>Statement of financial position - total assets of \$14.18m, liabilities of \$4.168m, leaving retained earnings (net assets) @ 30 June 2021 of \$10.012m, which will be accounted for by future liabilities.</p> <p>The <u>Financial Statements</u> for the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board for the year ended 30 June 2021 have been forwarded to the Auditor General's Department. Thank you to Michelle and the team for pulling this together in a tight time frame.</p> <p><u>Working Capital Requirements</u></p> <p>The Business Services Manager presented a paper outlining the necessity to retain working capital to cover costs in the first 3 months of each financial year, prior to receiving levies from councils and licence holders.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Accepted the Finance Committee minutes.</i> <i>b. Noted the requirement to retain \$2.7m as Working Capital.</i> <i>c. Noted that ELT approved the holding of \$2.7m as a cash reserve to be utilised as Working Capital on August 9, 2021.</i>
11.	<p><u>Water Advisory Committee Minutes August meeting</u></p> <p>The Water Advisory Committee met on August 12th and provided meeting minutes to the board. This was the first meeting chaired by new Chair, Don Plowman.</p> <p>Concern that the committee was writing a letter without board's knowledge or approval.</p> <p>ACTION: Request change in minutes of the August WAC (The ACTION about Don writing a letter to DEW, needs to be changed to Don requests the board to approach DEW...)</p> <p>ACTION: Ensure committee meeting minutes are provided to all committee members after the meeting and prior to them coming to the Board.</p>

	<p>Matters of significance need to be identified and noted in the minutes.</p> <p>ACTION: That 'Delivery Shortfall' be on the September Board agenda.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board accepted the Water Advisory Committee minutes, with the requested changes.</i></p>
12.	<p>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</p> <p>The Manager Sustainable Landscapes presented monthly reports and the minutes from the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee's two recent meetings, along with their planned Workplan for the 2021-22 year.</p> <p>Along with meetings, the committee are planning to hold a volunteer celebration, a sustainable agriculture forum, participation in Karoonda Farm Fair and another Local Government forum. The issues and tactics need to be that of the community, and clarification of the role of the committee is required. The Workplan will be considered at the next board meeting when the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee attend.</p> <p>As a result of the Local Government forum held in July the committee, along with representatives from the Mid Murray Council, have developed a discussion paper on Roadside impacts of Trail bikes and 4 wheel drivers in the Mallee, which they would like the Board to approve for circulation to Councils.</p> <p>Stephanie Evans has resigned from the MCAC , but will still provide updates to the committee on the Mantung Maggea Land Management Group</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Noted the report from the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee.</i> <i>• Noted the resignation of Stephanie Evans from MCAC</i> <i>• Noted MCAC's appreciation for the support from Tony Randall over many years.</i> <i>• Endorsed Lucy Kluge as a new member of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee.</i> <i>• Approved circulation of the paper developed after the Local government forum in July, to discuss motorbikes on roadsides to Councils in the Murraylands and Riverland.</i> <p>ACTION: Chair to write a letter of acknowledgement to the committee.</p> <p>ACTION: Provide TOR's and Acronyms to new members.</p> <p>ACTION: The Southern Mallee Pest Weed Project be presented to the board.</p>
13.	<p>Sensitive and Significant Issues</p> <p><u>Financial Management compliance program</u></p> <p>The General Manager provided an overview of what is required under Treasurers Instruction 28 (TI 28) where it is mandated that the Chief Executive must develop, implement, document and maintain a robust and transparent Financial Management Compliance Program each financial year. This was completed by ELT on the 21 July 2021, noted by the finance committee and been presented to the board for approval.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Financial Management Compliance Program (FMCP) for the year ending 30 June 2021.</i></p>
Other items	

14.	Chair's report – verbal The Chair reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair's forum will be held on September 8 • Attended RDA meeting on August 12 in Berri • Attended Water Advisory Committee meeting on August 12 in Berri • Unavailable for MRLGA meeting on August 13.
15.	General Manager's Report The General Manager provided the board with an overview of his activities and the highlights and achievements of staff for the last month. The report included the referral report and the strategic risk register for August. <i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the General Manager's Report (incorporating the Referrals report and the Risk Register).</i>
16.	Correspondence The correspondence list for August was presented to the board. <i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the correspondence.</i>
17.	Action List The board noted actions on the action list.
18.	Member's Contributions <u>First Nations engagement</u> - Jem and Chris are working on a date that will suit RMMAC and the Board. <u>Amy Goodman</u> has resigned as Manager Strategy and Engagement after a long involvement with this organisation. The Chair presented Amy with flowers and thanked her for her services to the Landscape Board and preceding boards over the last 21 years.
19.	Other In Camera Items if required Nil
20.	Next meeting details – 23 September at Murray Bridge
	Close at 3.04pm

ENDORSED 	Dianne Davidson AM Presiding Member Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Date: 23/9/2021
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