

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 7			
Date: Monday 19 July 2021			
Start Time:	10am	Finish Time:	3pm
Location:	Karoonda	Room:	Karoonda Institute Supper Room, Peake Street, Karoonda
Attendees	Roger Wickes (Chair), Andrew Hansen, Daridyn Hayward, Landscape Staff: Denise Fowles (Committee support), Helane Norman (Minutes), Tracey Strugnell (Coorong Tatiara LAP)		
Apologies:	Steph Evans, Carolyn Shaw, Andrew Biele (Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board)		

A Local Government Landscape Forum on management of roadsides was held prior to the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Meeting.

2. Welcome – 1pm

2.1	The Chair welcomed all present, acknowledging the traditional owners of the land where we meet, and a special welcome to Tracey Strugnell, Coorong LAP.
2.2	Minutes of previous Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee meeting held on 30 June 2021 were unable to be adopted due to lack of a quorum. These minutes along with the minutes from meetings held on 22 February and 19 April 2021 will be adopted at the next meeting.
2.3	<p>Business and Actions arising from the minutes:</p> <p>Membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lucy Kluge – might attend the next meeting Rachel Dittrich and Gary Flohr have been approached and provided with information on the committee. Liz Moyle has just taken another job so is unable to commit at this time. Brian Lund, and Emily Morgan were also suggested. <p>ACTION: Andrew Hansen to contact Emily Morgan and Gary Flohr.</p> <p>Landscape LG Forum today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A good representative of councils with 6 being represented out of the 8 councils. Direction going forward is to pursue motorbikes on roadsides from an environmental viewpoint with erosion and native vegetation damage being the issues. Discussion was had on Dukes Highway reserve, and would be valuable especially where private vegetation adjoins the roadside/rail reserve. Next meeting to be held in March – Topics to be covered:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landscape SA – changes from NRM to Landscape SA, ○ Bushfire and other emergency recovery and resilience (short of info at the time of the fire, the recovery and how councils can be better prepared), ○ LoRaWAN update from Loxton Waikerie Council.
3. Updates	
3.1	<p>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</p> <p>No update was provided by the Board as they have not had a meeting since the last update.</p>
4. For Discussion	
	<p>Committee Workplan</p> <p><u>Upcoming meetings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday August 12th at Murray Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tony Randall – can provide information on the Regenerative Ag Project ○ Update from District managers on review of pest weeds priorities ○ Pest weed and Animal council programs (<i>Coorong council and Southern Mallee Pest weed joint council Programs</i>) ○ 2022 Forum Planning <p>It is important that discussion is promoted on new ideas that might be appropriate for our region, Regenerative Ag falls into this category, even though it will not be promoted everywhere, parts of the project may be beneficial in some parts of our region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday September 30th – possibly at Tailem Bend- to liaise with Kylie or Nicola. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Native grasses and Threatened Mallee Birds • Thursday November 11th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cover Cropping for sand hill stabilisation <p>ACTION: Denise to send project brief for the Regenerative Ag project to members prior to the meeting.</p>
4.1	<p><u>2021-22 Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Work plan</u></p> <p>The 20-21 Work plan was discussed and a draft will be brought back to the August meeting for approval by the committee before going to the Board.</p> <p>The Committee would like a time to meet with the Board included in this workplan.</p> <p>Suggested months for meetings are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - meeting • Forum - week of 14th Feb • March – LG meeting • April – Karoonda Farm Fair • April meeting • June meeting <p>Community connections that members have should be included in the Work Plan</p> <p>A discussion occurred on topics that might be included at the 2022 forum, with discussion on Soil acidity, and new technologies that might impact farmers in the future. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil acidity – neutralising factor - ability of products to change soil PH • New technology (rabbit warren collapse, Internet of Things) • Carbon farming

- Soil your undies results

ACTION: Include on next meeting agenda – 2022 Forum Topics and speakers

5. For noting

Reports:

Roger Wickes: Considerable time spent organising speakers for the LG forum, and has invited Darren Willis to talk to the boat owners association

Stephanie Evans: apology

Andrew Hansen: Coomandook Ag Bureau – activity has slowed with this Bureau over the last year due to COVID. Interest is there with landowners in the work of the group, but hard to find volunteers to do the organising and take on committee responsibilities.

Daridyn Hayward: Daridyn raised the suggestion of a farm rating system, (based on a number of criteria) to lower some of the 'red tape' that farmers have to go through to apply for stuff, or get a better rating with financial and other institutions. It would be based on farmers getting a higher rating if they had good farming practices, attend forums and workshops for self-education, community participation, involvement in quality control programs like clip care, good biosecurity etc. It would take a lot of administration, and have some benefit for the farmer. Overarching body like PPSA would be the right body to do something like this.

Carolyn Shaw: Apology

Yvonne Smith: Did not attend

Coorong Tatiara LAP (Tracey Strugnell) Tracey provided a very detailed report on the work of the Coorong LAP over the last year, funding received and projects undertaken. Highlighted are:

- Work with the Farm forestry network recently,
- work with the Yumali and Netherton communities since the fire last year, (also handing out proper fire-fighting kits provided by a Lifepoint church)
- Carbon farming
- 'Let's make the bucket bigger' 6 year project funded by Meat and Livestock Aust, working with three groups and Dr Mel Fraser,
- Andrew Harding – soil acidity yield impact – now and in the future and cost effectiveness for addressing this.

Coorong LAP are keen to have an on-going relationship with the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee.

6. Close


Report to the board

6.1

- Workplan topics
- LG forum today
- Possible annual meeting with the board
- Ag forum in February
- Name of committee

6.2

Next meeting details

	Thursday 12 August at 10am - Murray Bridge Office Board room. 30 th September possibly at Tailem Bend.
	Meeting closed at 2.30pm
ENDORSED 	Roger Wickes Chair Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Date: 23 September 2021

Agenda Item	Actions	Timeframe	Person Responsible	Completed
Meeting No. 7 – 19 July 2021				
2.3	Contact Emily Morgan and Gary Flohr regarding membership		Andrew Hansen	
4.1	Send project brief for the Regenerative Ag project to members prior to the meeting	August 2021	Denise Fowles	
4.1	Include on next meeting agenda – 2022 Forum Topics and speakers	August 2021	Miranda Leckie	