

MURRAYLANDS AND RIVERLAND LANDSCAPE BOARD

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board acknowledges the First Peoples of the lands and waters we live and work upon. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual and cultural connection to Country.

Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 9-25	
30 October 2025	
Start Time:	9:30am
Location:	Meningie Sailing Club, B1, Meningie SA 5264
Present:	<u>Board:</u> Frances Simes (Chair)(Teams) Greg Cock, Brian Lund, Tammy O'Malley (Teams) <u>Staff:</u> Bryan McDonald, Amy Lee (Manager Strategy and Engagement), Renata Rix (Manager, Sustainable Landscapes), Michelle Finch (Manager Corporate Services, Tamika Parker (Business Support Coordinator, Murraylands), Miranda Leckie, Senior Project Officer, Strategic Planning, Marcela Rosero, Team Leader, Planning and MERI (Item 6), Barb Cowey (Principal Regional Advisor, PIRSA, Item 5 (Teams))
Apologies	Andrew Biele, Jason Size, Samantha Blight

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1.	Welcome, Apologies and Agenda check. Frances Simes, 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. Greg Cock, Chair, then further acknowledged that the board were meeting on Ngarrindjeri Land, in the Coorong Council region, Brian Lund's area and that the man on the fifty dollar note David Unaipon, grew up in Raukkan just down the road.
2.	Conflict of Interest – No new disclosures.
3.	Board Calendar The Annual Calendar of board meeting items was provided to the board.
4.	Adoption of <u>Minutes from the previous meeting (8-25)</u> held 25 September 2025


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	<i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Minutes of Meeting 8-25 held 28 August 2025.</i>
5.	<p>PIRSA Update:</p> <p>Barb Cowey provided a verbal update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ag Town of the Year will be announced next Wednesday with the award event at Lot 100, Lameroo is a finalist with tickets still available • PIRSA Community Drought Program, Grants are still available, the Northern Mallee and parts lower are still at critical points and these grants are designed to bring community together and are relatively simple to apply for. • PIRSA Thriving Communities Program is now closed – applications being assessed • Olive Workshop being run by CCW in partnership with PIRSA next Wednesday 1.00pm @ the Berri Hotel, the flyer will be sent to the board members • Algae Bloom, reminder that the dedicated website is updated with new and existing programs and information • Economic Development Network is recommencing this group constitutes 4 council Economic Development Managers, RDA, Office of small and family Business and PIRSA. • International Dark Skies, Calperum Station is in the process of receiving its first sky data set, Desk Top analysis indicates it may be only 0.02 outside the darkest of dark skies. • Cross Border Commissioners coming together in November, with the Industry Task Force, this will be the first time SA's new industry representatives meet the wider network • A new Workforce Strategy is being developed for the Agriculture Sector, Dept of Skills Dev – PIRSA will be supporting this by "interviewing" key employers across different sectors to gain a comprehensive understanding of the broader workforce issues. • Woodlane Orchards while they didn't win the national award their State win highlights the importance of diverse food products and raises the profile of the value of traditional food waste.
6.	<p>Regional Planning Update</p> <p>The Board received a presentation on The Regional Planning Update. Highlights of this discussion includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated the sustainable agricultural landscape priority description to include primary production. • Updated the description of FA4 for sustainable agricultural landscapes to include extreme events.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checked that the description of FA3 for healthy natural landscapes includes private land, confirmed that it does. • Have updated our role section to include sustainable ecological development and sustainable state economy from the objects of the act and to say we work on pastoral lands. • Have updated the continuous improvement guiding principle to say 'in all areas of our work'. <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board provides feedback and notes the suggested changes to be made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The landscape board's vision statement; • The landscape board's guiding principles; • The updated priorities and focus areas for 2026-2031. <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board notes the engagement update and RMYC summary report.</p>
7.	<p>Chairs Report</p> <p>The Chair provided a written report to the board members. In addition to this written report the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan McDonald will be attending the NRM Regions Australia AGM on Frances' behalf. • The Chairs forum will be held on 12 November and will be attending on Teams. • The Mallee Peake Roby and Sherlock Community Reference Group will be meeting on 17 November in Lameroo. • Water Levies have been sent out. <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Chairs Reports.</p>
8.	<p>Board Member's Report</p> <p>A record of activities undertaken by individual board members was presented to the board.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Board Members' Reports.</p>
9.	<p>General Manager's Report</p> <p>The General Manager provided their report, outlining the activities undertaken by the General Manager over the last month.</p> <p>ACTION: The weekly update that is sent to Board Members will now include General Manager Activities and Staffing Updates and will be removed from the General Managers Report.</p>

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	<i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the General Manager's Report and attachments.</i>
ITEMS FOR DECISION	
10.	<p>WAP Budget/Revenue Strategies The board discussed the WAP budget and revenue strategies.</p> <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Approved the Budget bid 'Murraylands and Riverland Water Allocation Planning' for submission to Treasury in November 2025;</i> <i>b) Approved the Development of a cabinet submission seeking funding for scientific investigations to support the Marne Saunders WAP amendment;</i> <i>c) Noted the connected to the HFLB cabinet submission and the opportunity to jointly raised the implications and science requirements to effectively manage these connected catchments.</i>
11.	<p>Draft Annual Report The Board discussed the draft annual report. Highlights of this discussion includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager Corporate Services to check Board members terms • Wording on page 17 of the report need to reflect "breeding" not "beating" • The table on pages 31 and 32 needs to be reviewed. <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Noted the draft Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Annual Report 2024-25;</i> <i>b) Noted the potential delays related to the inclusion of the Audited Financial Statements; and</i> <i>c) Provided any suggested changes.</i>
12.	<p>CEWH Contract Execution The Board discussed the CEWH contract execution.</p> <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Noted and ratified the decision made out of session on 30 September 2025 to execute the SLA agreement between DEW and the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board; and</i> <i>b) Noted and ratified the decision made out of session on 10 October 2025 to execute the contract with the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder.</i>

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13.	<p>Board Common Seal Use and Policy Update The Board discussed the Common Seal use and Policy Update.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Approved the Presiding Member of the Board, to sign the instrument of Authorisation – Use of the Common Seal on behalf of the Board, to be executed under Common Seal; and</i> <i>b. Noted the change of position number P26269 – Manager, Business Services to Manager, Corporate Services; and</i> <i>c. Noted the additions of position numbers P61507 – Business Support Coordinator Riverland and P26270 – Business Support Coordinator Murraylands to the instrument as witness in the use of the Common Seal, and the removal of P26272 – Executive Officer M&R Board; and</i> <i>d. Approved the changes made to policy MR-GOV-01 – Use of the Common Seal Policy to reflect the change of Position Number P26269 – Manager Business Services to Manager Corporate Services and the addition of position numbers P16507 – Business Support Coordinator Riverland and P26270 – Business Support Coordinator Murraylands.</i>
14.	<p>Finance Reports The Board discussed the Finance Reports.</p> <p>It was nominated that Greg Cock will attend of behalf of Brian Lund at the next meeting of the Finance Risk and Audit Committee.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the attached Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2025.</p>
15.	<p>Landscape Act Authorisations The Board discussed the Landscape Act Authorisations.</p> <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) Delegated its powers and functions in the Landscape South Australia Act contained in Column Two (2) of the Schedule to this Instrument to the General Manager, for and on behalf of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board; and</i> <i>b) Authorised the Presiding Member, to sign the Instrument of Delegation, appropriately witnessed; and</i> <i>c) Authorised the affixing of the common seal to the Instrument of Delegation.</i>

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ITEMS FOR NOTING	
16.	Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee The Board discussed the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee Meeting No.39. <i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the BFWDCC Draft Minutes of meeting No. 39</i>
17.	Correspondence The Correspondence list for September was presented to the Board. <i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the correspondence.</i>
18.	Action List The action list was reviewed by the board.
19.	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination of Water Planning Steering Committee Members. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tammy O'Malley will attend Greg Cock will attend if Jason Size is unavailable. Appointment of new Board Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal to appoint new members is with the minister.
	Next meeting details – 27 November 2025 – Murray Bridge Water Advisory Committee – 03 December 2025 - Loxton Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee – 16 March 2025 Finance Risk and Audit Committee – 18 November 2025 - Teams
	Meeting closed at 12:41pm

ENDORSED  <small>Frances Simes (Dec 1, 2025 12:39:03 GMT+10.5)</small>	Frances Simes Presiding Member Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Date: 27/11/2025
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