

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board presents Communique #1 - Highlights from board meeting held 28 July 2020.

First Nations engagement

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board discussed the current partnerships, engagement and participation with First Nations people in the region, as well as options for future engagement opportunities to ensure the objects of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* and the aspirations of the community are reflected in board business. This will be an ongoing piece of work at both a regional and state level.

The strong relationship between the SA Arid Lands and Alinytjara Wilurara (AW) regions will see ongoing opportunities explored to collaborate in land management where First Nations people are the primary agents for delivering work on ground.

Far North PWA - Water Allocation Plan

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board's Water Advisory Committee met on 27 July 2020, where the committee went through the final 'draft' of the Far North Prescribed Wells Area Water Allocation Plan.

A new fully edited plan is to be presented to the board at the September 2020 board meeting upon the final consultation plan, implementation plan and package for the Minister are completed.

Member for Stuart joins meeting

Member for Stuart - Dan van Holst Pellekaan was welcomed to the board meeting by the Chair and introduced to the board members. The hour long conversation covered many of the topics the board were reviewing at the meeting and then the local member provided an overview of the issues that are brought to him by the local community and his ideas around the Board's support in addressing some of these matters.

Landscape boards connect for workshops

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board and staff were joined by members of the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (and staff) for two induction workshops that were delivered on the topics of

Finance and Governance, a part of the state-wide induction and development program for all new Landscape Boards.

Both Landscape boards, which had held their scheduled meetings separately on 28 July, took the opportunity to meet informally over dinner and then for the mandatory training on 29 July 2020. It was a valuable opportunity for new boards to align and identify opportunities for future collaboration.

Board representatives for district Landscape Groups

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board members, recognising the ongoing importance of connecting with the *seven regional landscape groups has allocated specific board members, and a proxy, as board representatives for each landscape group.

**With the Port Augusta and Flinders Ranges council areas now included within the redefined boundary of the SA Arid Lands region a new group is being created for Port Augusta-Quorn, and the footprint of the North Flinders district is being extended.*

The board representatives for each landscape group are:

Gawler Ranges – Scott Michael proxy Kurt Tschirner

North East Pastoral – Sanchia Treloar proxy Ross Sawers

North Flinders – Tim Flowers proxy Ellen Litchfield

Kingoonya – Ross Sawers proxy Sanchia Treloar

Marree Innamincka - Douglas Lillecrapp proxy Tim Flowers

Marla Oodnadatta - Ellen Litchfield proxy Douglas Lillecrapp

Port Augusta Quorn – Kurt Tschirner proxy Scott Michael

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board meetings for 2020:

23 & 24 September 2020

25 & 26 November 2020

Please check the website for further details:

[SA Arid Lands Landscape Board](http://www.landscape.sa.gov.au)