

## SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Minutes

### SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting 7

Day One

Wednesday 23 June 2021 10:00am – 5:00pm

Location:	SA Arid Lands Board Room Railway Station Port Augusta SA
Attendees:	<p>Ross Sawers Chair</p> <p>Douglas Lillecrapp Board Member</p> <p>Ellen Litchfield Board Member</p> <p>Kurt Tschirner Board Member</p> <p>Sanchia Treloar Board Member</p> <p>Scott Michael Board Member</p> <p>Tim Flowers Board Member</p> <p>Jodie Gregg-Smith General Manager (GM)</p> <p>Anne Dickin Executive Officer</p>
SAAL Staff:	Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice
Guests:	<p>Andrew Curtis CEO, Livestock SA</p> <p>Brad Page Principal Biosecurity Officer – Pest Animals, PIRSA</p> <p>Chris Clowes Assistant Director, Established Pest Animals &amp; Weeds, Biosecurity Strategy &amp; Reform DAWE</p> <p>David Beatty Program Manager, Meat &amp; Livestock Australia</p> <p>Geoff Power Chair, SA Dog Fence Board</p> <p>Greg Mifsud National Wild Dog Management Co-ordinator, CISS (<i>via MS Teams</i>)</p> <p>Heather Miller Wild Dog Planning Coordinator, PIRSA</p> <p>Ian Evans Australian Wool Innovation</p> <p>Ian Rowett Chair, Sheep Industry Fund Board</p> <p>Joe Keynes President, Livestock SA</p> <p>John Virtue A/Executive Director Biosecurity, PIRSA</p> <p>Kerrie Ashcroft, Director K.Ashcroft Consulting (<i>via MS Teams</i>)</p> <p>Lindell Andrews Dog Fence Rebuild Manager, PIRSA</p> <p>Shalan Schofield Director, Established Pest Animals &amp; Weeds, Biosecurity Strategy &amp; Reform DAWE</p>
Apologies:	Member for Stuart - Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP
1000	<p>1 The Chair opened the meeting.</p> <p>The apology received from the Member of Stuart was <b>noted</b>.</p> <p>2 The agenda for the meeting was <b>accepted</b></p> <p>3 The Chair called for any conflict of interest disclosures of which there were none.</p> <p>4 Minutes for SA Arid Lands Landscape Board meeting held on 21-22 April 2021 were <b>accepted</b> with one amendment to the conflict of interest declaration from Ross Sawers being that he is working with Australia Integrated Carbon not 'A1 Carbon'.</p>
1010	<i>At this time Ellen Litchfield arrived at the meeting.</i>

	<p><i>In camera</i> minutes for SA Arid Lands Landscape Board meeting held on 21-22 April 2021 were <b>accepted</b> as a true and correct record.</p> <p>Minutes for SA Arid Lands Landscape Board out of session meeting held on 12 May 2021 were <b>accepted</b> as a true and correct record.</p>
5	Board Action List reviewed and <b>accepted</b> by the board.
6	Correspondence report <b>noted</b> .
1015	<p><i>At this time Michelle Smith and Melanie Boxall joined the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>The Chair acknowledged the work performed by the Manager Business Support during her time with the NRM and Landscape Board, advising Michelle is to commence a new role at DEW within the National Parks and Wildlife Service from 1 July 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Melanie Boxall was introduced to the board, who will be acting in the role of business manager until the position is filled.</i></p>
7.1	<u>Financial Overview and Work Health &amp; Safety</u>
7.2	<p>Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee spoke to the financial reports and Work Health and Safety report.</p> <p><b>It was noted</b> that board staff cannot be mandated to have a COVID-19 vaccination however certificates are being received from staff when they have received both courses of the vaccination.</p> <p>Financial overview and associated reports and Work Health and Safety report <b>noted</b>.</p>
7.3	<p><u>Deputy Chair Appointment</u></p> <p>The board considered appointing a deputy chair with Ellen Litchfield expressing an interest in the role which was supported unanimously by the board.</p> <p>Appointment of Ellen Litchfield as deputy chair for the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board <b>approved</b>.</p> <p><b>Actions:</b> Update Board Governance Handbook with process to appoint; and description of the role; a deputy chair for tabling at the August 2021 board meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Prepare advice to the Minister of the board's decision to nominate a deputy chair.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Chair to raise topic of attendance at Chairs' forums by deputy chairs.</p>
7.4	<p><u>Risk Management Framework and Risk Register; Risk Guideline Escalation Process</u></p> <p>Finalised Risk Management Framework and Risk Register and Risk Guideline Escalation process <b>noted</b>.</p>
7.5	<p><u>Governance and Finance Committee Meeting Recommendations</u></p> <p><b>It was agreed to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Note</b> minutes of GFC meeting held 9 June 2021;</li> <li>▪ <b>Approve</b> Freedom of Information Statement to be published as a stand-alone document on the board website;</li> <li>▪ <b>Approve</b> scheduling one meeting a year in the SA Arid Lands region with the August 2021 board meeting to be held in Hawker;</li> <li>▪ <b>Adopt</b> Community Engagement Policy; Visual Communications Policy; Website Management Policy; Sponsorship Policy; Outgoing Grants Policy; DEW Fraud and Corruption Control Policy for board use taking into account feedback provided by the board.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> Define engagement as being a two way conversation within the Community Engagement Policy with amendments to be made to the policy without a requirement for bringing back to the board.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Policy review cycle to be three yearly - noting review can be requested by the board at any time or if required e.g. due to changes to legislation.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Note</b> nil Contracts or Grants executed;</li> <li>▪ <b>Note</b> Related Party Transactions report;</li> <li>▪ <b>Note</b> nil sponsorship applications received;</li> <li>▪ <b>Note</b> verbal accommodation update.</li> </ul> <p>The board was advised of a late paper sent to the Chair of the board and the Chair of the Governance and Finance Committee ahead of this meeting for the instruments of authorisation to update the current financial delegations.</p> <p>Presiding Member to sign Procurement – Contract Pre-Approval – Procurement – Payment and Disbursement; Contract Execution; and Corporate Authorisation and Contract Execution – Purchase Cards <b>approved</b>.</p>
1125		<i>Short break taken - Michelle Smith and Melanie Boxall left the meeting.</i>
1140	8	<p><u>Water Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>Water Advisory Committee to approve any agreed Best Practice Operating Procedures for Water Affecting Activities that meet the board's requirements <b>endorsed</b> and overview report <b>noted</b>.</p>
1150		<i>At this time Cherie Gerlach joined the meeting</i>
	9	<p><u>Grassroots and Board Grants 2021/2022</u></p> <p><b>It was noted</b> that the lack of applicants for grants is a state wide issue this year.</p> <p>The board was advised that the additional funds requested for the 2021/2022 grassroots grants would be sourced from previous community grant funding that had been under prescribed.</p> <p>Grant recipients for the 2021/2022 Grassroots Grants round <b>approved</b>.</p> <p>Additional \$30,000 to support the Building Pastoral Sustainability Innovation grant program sourced through the previous Community Grants fund budget line which has \$14,000 available and \$16,000 from general carryover funds <b>approved</b>.</p>
1205		<i>At this time Cherie Gerlach left the meeting.</i>
	10	<p><u>Board Performance Report for Minister</u></p> <p>The board was provided with an overview of the 'draft' board performance report 2020/21 prepared for the Minister. The board was advised feedback on the Board Performance Report 2020/21 could be provided prior to its submission on 30 June 2021.</p> <p>Board Performance Report 2020/2021 to be provided to the Minister <b>endorsed</b>.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Submit Board Performance Report 2020/2021 to the Minister by 30 June 2021.</p>
1214		<p><u>Livestock SA Meeting</u></p> <p>Discussion was held on board member attendance at the Livestock SA meeting being held at the Port Augusta Golf Club at 2:00pm on Thursday 24 June 2021.</p>
1220		<p><u>Wild Dog Management Workshop</u></p> <p>Discussion was held in preparation for the wild dog management workshop agenda item.</p>
1230		<p><u>Letter to Minister - Pastoral Bill</u></p> <p>A letter to the Minister was tabled for review by the board in relation to the lack of a response from the Department (PIRSA) to the comprehensive submission provided by the board that was intended to guide the final drafting process of the Pastoral Bill review.</p> <p>Signing of letter to the Minister by the Chair for the Pastoral Bill review submission <b>approved</b>.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Send letter from Chair to Minister for the Pastoral Bill review submission.</p>
1240		<i>A break for lunch was taken</i>
1306	16	Project Status Report <b>noted</b> .

1308	17	The board was provided with an update on the activities of the Presiding Member. Presiding Member Report <b>noted</b> .
1313	18	The board was provided with an overview of the recent activities of the General Manager and a HR update for the positions of senior community ecologist, administration officer, business manager, and community landscape officer. General Manager Report <b>noted</b> .
	19	Updates on their respective Landscape Groups was provided by Douglas Lillecrapp, Kurt Tschirner, Tim Flowers and Ellen Litchfield. Board member verbal updates <b>noted</b> .
1330		<i>At this time Kerrie Ashcroft joined the meeting via MS Teams.</i>
1330	11	<u>Board Performance 360° Review Self Evaluation Results</u> Facilitator Kerrie Ashcroft explained the reports produced from the board performance 360° review recently completed by the board and opened discussion on the self-evaluation results.
1356		<i>At this time Kerrie Ashcroft left the meeting.</i>  The board discussed the suggestion for a different nominated board member at the end of each meeting to conduct an overview and assessment of the meeting which would then be discussed by the whole board for immediate feedback and comment. It was agreed that this exercise was a progressive way of thinking of the success of each meeting and focus on any 'blind spots' or areas for improvement and would provide objective self-improvement.  The board requested more time to review the board performance reports following what was discussed at the session today.  <b>Action:</b> Provide board more information on 360° process. Agenda item for August 2021 board meeting.  <b>Action:</b> Add 12 month review of Board Performance 360° Evaluation to forward agenda schedule.  <b>Action:</b> Seek appraisal template for an end of meeting review.
1425		<i>At this time Greg Patrick joined the meeting.</i>
1425	12	<u>Feral Goat Policy Options</u> Discussion was held on the feral goat policy options with it being agreed that the board would be provided with a list of strategies and clear next steps including consideration to conduct a survey to obtain stakeholder feedback and involvement. <b>Action:</b> Prepare feral goat policy strategies for board, project plan, stakeholder analysis.
1515		<i>A short break was taken</i>
	13	<u>Wild Dog Management Partnerships Workshop</u> An apology was noted for Jane Kellock Regional Chair, SA Livestock Research Council who was unable to attend the Wild Dog Management Workshop.  Stakeholders invited to attend the wild dog partnerships workshop were introduced to the board and then following a presentation by SAAL on the Biteback program were provided the opportunity to present on the issue of wild dog management. This included:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brad Page - PIRSA presentation entitled 'Wild Dog Eradication'.</li> <li>• Shalan Schofield and Chris Clowes DAWE presentation entitled 'Established Pest Animal and Weed Management, Wild Dogs and the Australian Government'.</li> <li>• Greg Mifsud – National Wild Dog Management presentation via MS Teams.</li> <li>• Ian Evans presented the priorities of the Australian Wool Innovation.</li> </ul>

- Ian Rowett spoke on behalf of the Sheep Industry Fund (Independent Sub-committee Livestock SA).
- Geoff Power presented an update and the priorities of the Dog Fence Board.
- Joe Keynes spoke on behalf of Livestock SA.
- David Beatty spoke on behalf of Meat and Livestock Australia.

The next steps for the Wild Dog Management Partnership were discussed which included the General Manager distributing the presentations provided at the workshop with a brief summary for considering the next steps and future investment in wild dog management.

**Action:** Prepare/distribute synopsis to attendees of wild dog management workshop.

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Day close

## Day Two

Thursday 24 June 2021 8:45am – 12:15pm

Location: SA Arid Lands Board Room Railway Station Port Augusta SA

Attendees:

- Ross Sawers Chair
- Douglas Lillecrapp Board Member
- Ellen Litchfield Board Member
- Kurt Tschirner Board Member
- Sanchia Treloar Board Member
- Scott Michael Board Member
- Tim Flowers Board Member
- Jodie Gregg-Smith General Manager
- Anne Dickin Executive Officer

SAAL Staff: Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice

Guests:

- Elena Anear – Assistant Director Strategy and Policy, PIRSA
- Helen Smith – Rural Solutions Communications and Engagement Consultant
- Bianca Lewis – Pastoral Unit, PIRSA

Apologies: N/a

0850 14 Recap of Day One Agenda Items

Discussion was held on the success of the Wild Dog Management workshop; board member attendance at Livestock SA board meeting; and 360° board performance review.

0920 Board Member Updates

Tim Flowers provided the board with an overview of the Santos Ltd Moomba carbon capture and storage (CCS) 25 year project being partnered by Beach Energy in South Australia which will store 1.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide per year with capacity for up to 20 million tonnes annually across the Cooper Basin. He advised that the project was generating a lot of international media.

Sanchia Treloar and Scott Michael gave an update on their respective Landscape Groups which were **noted**.

Discussion was held on the information being provided by Community Landscape Officers on the Landscape Group meetings to relevant board members and the value of this process.

**Action:** Progress template for use by CLOs when communicating with the board.

20 Public Comment – Not applicable.

21 Any Other Business

21.1	<p><u>Service Level Agreement</u></p> <p>The board was advised that the final Service Level Agreement with DEW had still to be received for sign-off by the Chair.</p>
21.2	<p><u>Forward Agenda</u></p> <p>The board was asked to consider their strategic priorities in the view of setting future board meeting agendas and the value to the board of engaging partners to present at meetings.</p> <p>Discussion was held on future planned presentations from Peak Iron Mines for their Hawks Nest - Buzzard Hematite Project at the August 2021 board meeting and the follow up presentation from the Tri-Star Group at the October 2021 board meeting.</p> <p>A conflict of interest was declared by Ross Sawers due to his work for Peak Iron Mines.</p> <p><i>At this time Ellen Litchfield left the meeting.</i></p>
1000 21.3	<p><u>Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>The board was advised Rick Barratt, former NRM board member and current SA Arid Lands representative on the Lake Eyre Basin Community Advisory Committee, requested to meet with the board to discuss the Lake Eyre Basin and Arkaringa.</p> <p><b>It was agreed</b> to invite Rick Barratt to a Water Advisory Committee meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Invite Rick Barratt, LEBCAC member to Water Advisory Committee meeting.</p>
21.4	<p><u>Aboriginal Statement of Commitment</u></p> <p>Discussion was held on providing the board with regular updates on Aboriginal engagement. An appraisal of the modes of engaging and success of each region would be beneficial.</p> <p><b>It was noted</b> that Community Landscape Officers should be supported out in the field with mentoring and collaboration to assist with Aboriginal and community engagement.</p> <p><b>It was noted</b> that in the Port Augusta there were thirty different Aboriginal groups who were not local to the area.</p>
21.5	<p><u>Partnering with OCA and RDAFN</u></p> <p>The board supported the upcoming meeting of the SA Arid Lands General Manager with Mark Sutton, Director of the Outback Community Authority and Claire Wiseman, Chief Executive Officer RDA Far North as it was agreed that building strong relationships and collaborating with stakeholders in the region was essential to the board.</p>
21.6	<p><u>August Board Meeting Agenda</u></p> <p>The format for the August board meeting in Hawker was discussed and it was agreed to include visits to properties in the region, participate in Aboriginal cultural immersion, view on ground works and hold a community barbeque. Peak Iron Mines were expected to present to the board at this meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Organise 'draft' agenda for August 2021 board meeting in Hawker for review by the board.</p>
22	<p><u>Board Communiqué</u></p> <p><b>It was agreed</b> to include the following items in the board communiqué:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biteback Program - acknowledge partners who attended wild dog management partner workshop</li> <li>• Partners for Kangaroo management</li> <li>• Board Meeting to be held in Hawker in 24-26 August 2021</li> <li>• Landscape Group membership call results</li> </ul>



23	<p><u>Board Member Travel Arrangements</u></p> <p><b>It was noted</b> that the usual travel arrangements applied for board members for this meeting with the exception of Douglas Lillecrapp who would not be claiming the kilometres travelled and only half of the travel drive time as he had incorporated attendance at the meeting with a personal trip to Adelaide.</p>
1038	<i>Break for Morning tea</i>
1050	<i>At this time Elena Anear, Helen Smith and Bianca Lewis joined the meeting.</i>
24	<p><u>Pastoral Lands Bill – Alternate Land Use Consultation</u></p> <p>The purpose of the session was explained to the board which was to gather information and prepare a report for the Minister to consider options for alternate land use in relation to the 'draft' Pastoral Lands Bill 2020 and the opportunity for the board to have their viewpoint recorded. The board was advised that the request for consultation was a sub piece of work with a specific terms of reference which did not include providing an update on the issues identified by the board on feedback previously provided on the Pastoral Lands Bill.</p> <p>A possible conflict of interest was declared by the General Manager due to her deputy position on the Pastoral Board.</p> <p>During discussion the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders should have the opportunity to provide feedback on the revised bill and that the entire process has lacked transparency.</li> <li>• The board would ultimately like to receive a response from their initial submission.</li> <li>• Concern this single issue was the only matter for targeted consultation despite the many other concerns held by the board and community on other elements of the Bill.</li> <li>• Recommend to reinstate the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i> as an equal partner.</li> <li>• Issues of biosecurity and conservation have been removed from the Pastoral bill.</li> <li>• Climate change is a major change in the landscape – where is the support for maximising stocking rates coming from.</li> <li>• Native title rights should not to be diminished.</li> </ul>
1200	<p><i>At this time Elena Anear, Helen Smith and Bianca Lewis left the meeting.</i></p> <p>Discussion was held on the Pastoral Lands Bill Alternate Land Use consultation session.</p>
1215	<b>Meeting End</b>

Approved

Ross Sawers - Chair

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Date 25 / 8 / 2021