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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #33

DAY 1 - Wednesday 22 October 2025

10:00am – 5:45pm

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois Street Port Augusta SA 5700	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Sanchia Treloar – Board Member Scott Michael - Board Member Mark Mayfield – Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair Chevahn Hoad – Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer	
SAAL Staff:	Louise Myers – Manager Business Services (LM) Items 33.15, 33.16 Cherie Sauer – Manager PACE (CG) Items 33.19 Ben Moulton – Manager Operations (BM) Items 33.9, 33.12, 33.13 Aaron Smith – Senior Water Resource Officer (AS) Items 33.17, 33.18 Julia Short – Water Resource Officer (JS) Items 33.17	
Guests:	Travis Tobin - CEO and Gillian Fennel – Chair Livestock SA (<i>MS Teams</i>) Brad Page - PIRSA, Geoff Power - Dog Fence Board	
Apologies:	NIL	
Time	Item#	Items
1000		Pre meeting discussion – Board and General Manager only
1030	33.1	Welcome and apologies The chair opened the meeting with acknowledgment of Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
	33.2	Accept agenda <i>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board accepted.</i>
	33.3	Declarations of interest Conflict of Interest was declared by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Douglas Lillecrapp, Ellen Litchfield, Sanchia Treloar, Scott Michael - Livestock SA Members Sanchia Treloar – husband, Greg Treloar has been appointed as Chair of the Frome Dog Fence Board
	33.4	Acceptance of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAALLB Meeting #32 27 August 2025 – accepted Jodie Harris. Seconded Chevahn Hoad SAALLB In Camera #32 27 August 2025 – accepted Jodie Harris. Seconded Chevahn Hoad
	33.5	Action list review The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board noted the Action List status.
1040	33.6	Project Status Report The board was presented Project Status Report for July to September 2025 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board’s 2021-26 strategic priorities. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> noted the July to September 2025 Project Status Reports.
1043	33.7	IN CAMERA
1115	33.8	IN CAMERA
1230		<i>Lunch Break</i>
1312		<i>Charlie Eager joined the meeting at this time</i>
1312	33.9.2	IN CAMERA
	33.9.3	IN CAMERA
1405	33.9.1	IN CAMERA

1424		<i>Charlie Eager left the meeting at this time</i>
1424	33.10	IN CAMERA
1457		<i>Ben Moulton left the meeting at this time</i>
1457	33.11	IN CAMERA
1531		<i>Ben Moulton joined the meeting at this time</i>
33.12		<p>Biosecurity Overview</p> <p>The Manager Landscape Operations provided an update on the recent activities undertaken regionally within the Biosecurity Team which included:</p> <p><u>HR:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance Officer will commence employment 27th October 2025. <p><u>Weeds</u></p> <p><u>Future Drought Fund: Biocontrol Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nationwide Weed Biocontrol Network, a project led by the Centre for Invasive Solutions. PIRSA and SA Landscape Boards are acting as enabling partners in the project rollout. This initiative aims to trial mass rearing and release of new biocontrol agents targeting species such as boxthorn, Opuntia spp., horehound, sagittaria, and others. <p><u>Priority Weed Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District-specific priority weed posters have been completed and are currently being deployed in the North East region. The North East Pastoral Community Landscape Officer has arranged for signage to be installed at shelters near the Olary public toilet stop and the Yunta Telecentre and A4 posters printed copies are displayed at the Olary Hotel and Yunta Telecentre <p><u>SA Pest and Weed Conference</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three SAAL Biosecurity staff attended the 7th South Australian Weeds & Pest Animals Conference held in Adelaide. <p><u>SAAL Preferred Weed Supplier Panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SAAL Biosecurity team has successfully overseen a public tender process to establish a three year panel of preferred weed contractors to support the Native not Noxious project. <p><u>Roadside Weed Control Collaboration</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and project plans have been finalised for Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) funded roadside weed control projects. This cross-regional collaboration between the Northern and Yorke and Eyre Peninsula Landscape Boards represents a \$300,000 investment in coordinated buffel grass management. <p><u>Buffel Grass</u></p> <p><u>ARTC Strategic Plan for Management of Buffel Grass in the Rail Corridor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC), has circulated their Draft Strategic Plan for Buffel Grass to SAAL, as well as to the Northern & Yorke and Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Boards, requesting feedback ahead of broader public consultation. <p><u>Buffel Grass Control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAL are collaborating with NPWS in the Gawler Ranges region to control Buffel Grass on Kingoonya/Lake Everard Road to reduce source of infestation and spread into the Gawler Ranges and Eyre Peninsula region. <p><u>Pest Animals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reports of a deer sighting in the Quorn pass with monitoring cameras installed. Reports of feral pigs breeding, spread and the associated impacts continue across the North East Pastoral region. Monitoring cameras have been redeployed around permanent springs in the Wilochra and Boolcunda catchments for Feral Pig surveillance. Aerial control operations are scheduled to commence in early November, with a follow-up program planned for May 2026 within the Coongie Ramsar footprint. SAAL has secured additional funding through the Landscape Priority Fund (LPF) for two further aerial control programs targeting large feral herbivores. The first of these is planned for early December in the Oodnadatta region, where landholders have reported feral donkeys, camels,

		<p>and horses numbering in the hundreds. Additionally, there has been an increase in camel sightings around Lake Eyre.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the most recent biosecurity activities undertaken regionally.
33.14		<p>Kangaroo Partnership Project Report</p> <p>The General Manager provided an update on recent activities of the Kangaroo Partnership Project which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project updates provided on Small Drone Learning Events, Kangaroo Movement, AWC AI Gates, FAHM Cam, KI Market and SSAA Farmer Assist. • The April submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry into Kangaroo and Wallaby Populations in SA by the KPP was called to give evidence to the Natural Resource Committee. • The Natural Resource Management Regions Australia Community of Practice on Kangaroo Management has achieved consistent attendance of NRM members nationally. • The Kangaroo Partnership Project has initiated Landscape Board collaboration in seeking understanding First Nation groups advice/ideas on the subject of kangaroos (management, cultural importance, social impacts and future change). • The Kangaroo Partnership Project was successful in its Ecological Society of Australia abstract submission and will presenting at the November conference. The presentation will primarily focus on the social, collaborative, and innovation outcomes. <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the KPP Report.
1555		<p>Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</p>
1555	33.15	<p>Governance and Finance Update</p> <p>The Manager Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 8 October 2025.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accepted the financial overview and associated reports. • endorsed the 2024-25 SA Arid Landscape Board Annual Report and authorise the Presiding Member to sign the report once the audited financial statements are available. • noted the development of the Finance Reform Program and the impact it may have on the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board. • noted the Out of Council Levy Collection update and the Your Levy at Work brochure. • noted the agreements executed covering the period 1 July to 29 September 2025. • noted the workforce reporting report. • accepted the amendments to the FIN-16 Incoming Funding Policy, FIN-17 Outgoing Grants Policy and FIN-20 Interstate and Intrastate Travel Policy. • noted the sponsorship report • noted the Work Health and Safety Report • noted the related party disclosures report.
1611	33.16	<p>Board and Committee Meeting Schedule 2026</p> <p>The Manager Business Services presented the proposed Board and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026.</p> <p>Due to board member availability, it was agreed to amend the meeting schedule from six to five board meetings. The scheduling of Water Advisory Committee and Governance and Finance meetings will be adjusted accordingly to align with this revised structure.</p> <p>It was agreed the Regional Board meeting will be held in the Port Augusta / Quorn district.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accepted the proposed the board and committee meeting schedule for 2026 with amendments from six to five board meetings.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussed and determined the Annual Regional Meeting for 2026 will be held in the Port Augusta / Quorn district.
1620		Aaron Smith and Julia Short joined the meeting at this time.
1621	33.17	<p>Water Advisory Committee Overview</p> <p>The Senior Water Project Officer and Water Project Officer provided an overview of the current water related activities and issues which included:</p> <p><u>Finniss Springs Station Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the recent and upcoming collaborations with Arabana Aboriginal Corporation (AAC) on Finniss Springs projects including the recent springs monitoring field trip, springs prioritisation and bore fed wetland management. <p><u>Springs Fencing and Maintenance Proposal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the proposal outlining how AAC may take on the responsibility of managing fenced GAB springs, and activities currently undertaken by Friends of Mound Springs Volunteers. <p><u>Springs Monitoring Project Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A high-level proposal was presented for a GAB Springs Monitoring Project, as part of SAAL and DEW's shared responsibilities in the Water Allocation Plan, the Board's responsibilities in its Regional Landscape Plan and duty of care under federal legislation. <p><u>Water Affecting Activity Control Policy: Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was provided on the progress on the review of the WAA Control Policy. <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the update on the Finniss Springs Projects. • Noted the Springs Fencing and Maintenance proposal and endorsed SAAL staff to start discussing the proposal with Arabana Aboriginal Corporation and Friends of Mound Springs • Endorsed the preliminary plan for the GAB Springs Monitoring Project, to allow SAAL staff to develop it into a full proposal and start working on Memorandums for DEW, • Noted the update regarding the review of the WAA Control Policy, • Noted (and discusses as necessary) the matters outlined within this paper and attached.
1700		Aaron Smith and Julia Short left the meeting at this time.
1700		Cherie Sauer and Kate Cornelsen joined the meeting at this time
1700	33.19	<p>Draft Regional Plan Review</p> <p>The PACE Manager and MERI Officer presented the Draft Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31 for public consultation for endorsement and a summary of the outcomes for the review of the RLP 2021-26 for noting.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the draft SA Arid Lands Landscape Board's Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31 for public consultation • Noted the summary of the South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board Regional Landscape Plan 2021-26 review
1745		Meeting Closed

DAY 2 – Thursday 23 October 2025

8:30am – 1.30pm

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois Street Port Augusta SA 5700	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Sanchia Treloar – Board Member Scott Michael - Board Member Mark Mayfield – Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair Chevahn Hoad – Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer	
SAAL Staff:	Ben Moulton – Manager Operations (BM) Cherie Sauer – Manager PACE (CG) Items 33.20 Aaron Smith – Senior Resource Water Office Community Landscape Officers – BD, RH, VL	
Guests:	District Group Chairs/Proxy – Nathan Manders, Alison Nunan, Richard Williams, Jeff Bowey, SIMEC Mining	
Apologies:	NIL	
Time	Item#	Items
850	33.20	Combined Board and District Group Chairs/Proxy's SAAL Landscape District Group chairs and proxies and Community Landscape Officers joined the board meeting. The board provided an update on recent discussions and activities within the board. The Landscape Group chairs and proxies provided an update from each district.
1015		<i>Aaron Smith joined the meeting at this time</i>
1028	33.18	Okavango Presentation The General Manager and the Senior Water Resource Officer presented to the board and District Group chairs and proxies on the recent trip to Okavango River Basin Workshop held in August.
1100		<i>Aaron Smith left the meeting at this time</i>
1116	33.20	SA Arid Lands Indigenous Ranger Gathering 2025 and Volunteer Celebration The PACE Manager provided an overview on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SA Arid Lands Ranger Gathering – video presented and provided an overview of the event that was held on Finniss Springs on Arabana Country with Arabana Elders and Rangers hosting the gathering. Volunteer Celebrations 2025 – held in Adelaide Friday 17th October to recognise and celebrate the contributions of volunteers who dedicate their time supporting our region.
1128		<i>Landscape District Group chairs and proxies left the meeting at this time</i>
1129	33.22	Public Comment NIL
1130	33.23	Forward Agenda Items
	33.24	Any other business
	33.25	Board Communique <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Livestock SA, PIRSA, Dog Fence Board Group members Lake Eyre Basin alliance and Okavango Regional Plan
	33.26	Presiding Member Report The board was updated on the Presiding member's recent activities. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> noted the Presiding Member report.

33.27	Correspondence The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>noted the correspondence report</i>
1203 33.21	IN CAMERA
1300	Meeting Closed

Approved

Douglas L. Lillecrapp

Date 16/12/2025

Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

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