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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #34

Friday 12 December 2025 (1 day only)

9:00am – 5:00pm

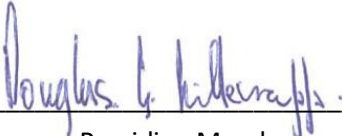
Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois Street Port Augusta SA 5700	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair	Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair
		Chevahn Hoad – Board Member
	Scott Michael - Board Member	Jodie Harris – Board Member
	Mark Mayfield – Board Member	
	Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager	Abby Richards - Executive Officer
SAAL Staff:	Louise Myers – Manager Business Services (LM) Item 34.7	
	Ben Moulton – Manager Operations (BM) Items 34.9, 34.10, 34.11	
	Julia Short – Water Resource Officer (JS) Items 34.12, 34.13	
Guests:	Simon Lewis and Colin Harris – Friends of Mound Springs 34.12	
	Antony Lockyer and Alecia Wright – ElectraNet (MS Teams) 34.18	
Apologies:	Sanchia Treloar – Board Member	
Time	Item#	Items
900		Pre meeting discussion – Board and General Manager only
930	34.1	Welcome and apologies The chair opened the meeting with acknowledgment of Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered Apology Sanchia Treloar, Board Member
	34.2	Accept agenda <i>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board accepted.</i>
	34.3	Declarations of interest Conflict of Interest was declared by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Mayfield declared a potential conflict of interest, stating that he knows the presenter, Alecia Wright from ElectraNet (Item 34.18), through a professional association.
	34.4	Acceptance of minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAALLB Meeting #33 22-23 October 2025 – Approved by Ellen. Seconded by Jodie and Scott SAALLB In Camera #33 22-23 October 2025 - Approved by Ellen. Seconded by Jodie and Scott SAALLB Circular Motion OOS #23 28 November 2025 - Approved by Ellen. Seconded by Jodie and Scott
	34.5	Action list review The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board noted the Action List status.
945	34.6	IN CAMERA
1044		<i>Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</i>
1045	34.7	Governance and Finance Update The Manager Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 26 November 2025. <i>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board -</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accepted the financial overview and associated reports and endorsed the application of a 2.4% increase to water and landscape levies in 2026-27 noted the contract and grant agreements executed covering the period 29 September 2025 to 17 November 2025. endorsed the policy statement outlining the Board’s commitment to climate risk and opportunity management, including the defined roles and responsibilities and endorsed the proposed implementation approach aligned with Circular 007 noted the sponsorship report

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the Work Health and Safety Report • noted the related party disclosures report. • noted the incidence of theft and the actions undertaken to reduce future risk with additional recommendations in addition to those identified.
1110	<i>Louise Myers left the meeting at this time</i>
34.8	<p>Project Status Report</p> <p>The board was presented Project Status Report for October to November 2025 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board’s 2021-26 strategic priorities.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the October to November 2025 Project Status Reports.
1115	<i>Ben Moulton joined the meeting at this time</i>
1115 34.9	<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"> • New Compliance Officer commenced 27 October 2025 <p><u>Weeds</u></p> <p><u>SAAL Preferred Weed Supplier Panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The public tender process has been complete to establish a three-year panel of preferred weed contractors. • Successful contractors can now engage to undertake works for SAAL. <p><u>Buffel Grass</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ARTC Strategic Plan for Management of Buffel Grass in the Rail Corridor</i> – Feedback was provided by SAAL Staff to the AW Statewide Buffel Grass Coordinator regarding the ARTC Strategic Plan for Management of Buffel Grass. The consolidated feedback from all Landscape Boards have been submitted to ARTC. • <i>Buffel Grass Strategic Planning</i> – A collaboration between SAAL and the AW Statewide Buffel Grass Coordinator is ongoing to review and refine management and mapping approaches. • <i>Buffel Grass Control</i> - A MOAA was established with DEW, Far West Parks to fund up to \$15,000 for targeted Buffel Grass control along Kingoonya Road to reduce source of infestation and spread into the Gawler Ranges and Eyre Peninsula region. The funding was utilized to purchase herbicide, and this work was undertaken over 3 days between Dec 1st- 3rd. <p><u>Hudson Pear</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning is currently underway to coordinate targeted control of Hudson Pear within the SAAL region. • CLOs have undertaken follow up visits to properties with Hudson Pear infestations, including one major infestation that continues to be actively managed by local landholders and several smaller also detected near Port Augusta. • Works will commence on the increasing community awareness through social media and other communications channels. <p><u>Pest Animals</u></p> <p><u>Large Feral Herbivore Control</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large feral herbivore control program completed across Coongie Lakes RAMSAR and neighbouring areas. • Control of large feral herbivores completed the first week of December 2025 across the Marla/Oodnadatta region, across 9 properties.. <p><u>Fox Baiting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discovery for Recovery/Bounceback fox baiting</i> - In November, SAAL Biosecurity staff, supported by the Northern Flinders CLO and DEW Bounceback teams, coordinated the distribution of 9,705 feral fox and wild dog baits. <p><u>Feral Pigs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East Pig Baiting was conducted in the NEP Region.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media interview through the 'Into the Bush' regular radio segment was conducted in relation to pig management and control <p><u>H5 Bird Flu</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAL has secured \$456,000 in Commonwealth H5 Bird Flu Threat Mitigation funding to support aerial control of pigs and large herbivores across 150,000 hectares within the Coongie Lakes RAMSAR and surrounding area, and planning for the 2026 operations has now commenced. <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> noted the most recent biosecurity activities undertaken regionally.
1115	34.10	IN CAMERA
	34.11	IN CAMERA
1149		<i>Ben Moulton left the meeting at this time</i>
1150		<i>Julia Short and Patrick Wilson (SAAL) and Simon Lewis and Colin Harris – Friends of Mound Springs joined the meeting at this time</i>
	34.12	<p>Friends of Mound Springs (FOMS) Presentation</p> <p>Simon Lewis and Colin Harris – Friends of Mound Springs provided a presentation on the programs conducted for conservation and management of GAB springs in SA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The roles and responsibilities and suggestions for the future were discussed for SAAL to help facilitate transition for longer-term monitoring and maintenance of springs. A field trip for all concerned parties to be scheduled in the new year for a formal handover process. Formal processes of the handover will progress in 2026.
1245		<i>Lunch Break</i>
1335	34.13	<p>Water Advisory Committee Overview</p> <p>The Water Project Officer provided an overview of the current water related activities and issues which included:</p> <p><u>Finnis Springs Station Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAL Water staff alongside Arabana Elders, FOMS and the Threatened Plant Action Group. attended a GAB Springs cultural burn on Finniss Springs in mid-November after being invited by the Arabana Rangers to attend. <p><u>Water Accounting Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief update on the current trials taking place for the Water Accounting Project and what was discussed at the latest Water Accounting Advisory Group meeting. <p><u>GAB Springs Monitoring Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAAL Staff are continuing to progress the GAB Springs Monitoring project and are now working with DEW to start formalising the funding and responsibilities of each agency. <p><u>Water Affecting Activities control Policy: Communications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft of the new WAA Control Policy has been circulated to teams in the Department for Environment and Water for their feedback. Consultation will commence in 2026 <p><u>Springs Fencing and Maintenance Proposal – FOMS Presentation to the Board</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief discussion had following the presentation provided by Friends of Mound Springs <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the update on the Finniss Springs Project. Noted the update on the Water Accounting Project. Noted the update on the GAB Springs Monitoring Project. Noted the update regarding the review of the WAA Control Policy and associated communications. Noted the update on the Springs Fencing and Maintenance proposal and background on Friends of Mound Springs.
1406		<i>Julia Short left the meeting at this time.</i>

1407	34.14	<p>Landscape Group Membership Recruitment</p> <p>The General Manager presented to the board the timelines for the Landscape Group Member recruitment for 2026.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the commencement and timelines for the 2026 call for recruitment to its seven SA Arid Lands Landscape Groups
	34.15	<p>Grassroots Grants Round 7 – 2026/27</p> <p>The General Manager presented the proposed 2026/27 Grassroots Grants Round, timelines and criteria to the board.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted and endorsed the timelines and guidelines for the rollout of the 2026-2027 Grassroots Grants round
	34.16	<p>Regional Landscape Plan Consultation Update</p> <p>The General Manager provided an update on the progression of the public consultation on its five-year strategic Regional Landscape Plan (RLP).</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • noted the paper Regional Landscape Plan consultation update
	34.17	<p>Regional Board Meeting 2026 – Draft Itinerary</p> <p>A draft itinerary for the SAAL regional board meeting in June 2026 was presented to the board. The meeting will be based around both Port Augusta and Quorn to visit various areas of interest.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed and endorsed the Regional Board Meeting Itinerary
1450		<i>Antony Lockyer and Alecia Wright – ElectraNet joined the meeting at this time</i>
1450	34.18	<p>Northern Transmission Project Overview</p> <p>Antony Lockyer and Alecia Wright from ElectraNet presented to the board an overview and progress on the Northern Transmission Project.</p>
1530		<i>Ellen Litchfield left the meeting at this time</i>
	34.20	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>NIL</p>
	34.21	<p>Forward Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement & Communications Annual Report (last presented March 2025) • Draft Annual Business Plan & Proposed Budget • Regional Tour • Election Outcome
	34.22	Any other business
	34.23	<p>Board Communique</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOMS Presentation & partnership • Biosecurity Data & Aerial Control • Merry Xmas Wrap Up
	34.24	<p>Presiding Member Update</p> <p>The board was updated on the Presiding member’s recent activities. Mark Mayfield provided an update on the recent Chairs Forum in Adelaide which he presented on behalf of the Chair.</p> <p>The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the Presiding Member report.

34.25	Correspondence The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the correspondence report
1540	Meeting Closed

Approved  Date 26/03/2026
Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS			
Identified	Item	RO	Due Date
Mtg #34	Community Engagement & Communications Annual Report (last presented March 2025)	CS / MM	Mtg #35 March 26
Mtg #34	Draft Annual Business Plan & Proposed Budget	LM	Mtg #35 March 26
Mtg #34	Regional Tour	CS / BD	Mtg #35 March 26
Mtg #34	Election Outcome	JGS	Mtg #35 March 26
Mtg #34	First Nations Nominations Board Member Recruitment	JGS	Mtg #35 March 26
Mtg #34	Water Accounting Project - update from statewide policy tailoring to our region	Water Team	Mtg #36 June 26

BOARD ACTION LIST

Ref #	Action Item	RO	Status/Comments
33.11	Board Succession Planning - email skills matrix of the current board members to the Board.	JGS/AR	Refer GM Update and plans for 2026. Present to the board in 2026
33.9.1	Wild Dog Management follow up pathways to leverage funding –	JGS	Application submitted to Livestock SA for small grant after meeting with LSA. Working with PIRSA and Dog Fence Board on Predator management levy option
34.10	Goat Management Nature Informed Decision-Making project – draft scope to be presented to the Livestock SA Rangeland Producer Advisory Group that Scott Michael is a committee member.	BM	
34.11	Wild Dog Management Investigate what the criteria is as to who and how to apply funding through the CIF	BM	
34.12	Formal letter of thanks to FOMS for attending and for their service to the region identifying the pathway for future collaboration and signing off on the agreed outcomes of this meeting.	AS	

Completed Actions – Meeting #34

33.9.1	Wild Dog Management	JGS / BM	Complete – emailed to Travis Tobin 03/11/2025
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	1. Draft letter to CEO of Livestock SA on behalf of Douglas Lillecrapp regarding the Continuation of Partnership and Future Direction of the Biteback Program		
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