

MINUTES

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #35

DAY 1 - Wednesday 25 March 2026

10:00am – 5:00pm

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois Street Port Augusta SA 5700	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair Sanchia Treloar – Board Member 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) Items 33.15, 33.16 Kate Cornelson – Planning & MERI Officer (KC) Items 35.9 to 35.11 Charlie Eager - Senior Biosecurity Project Officer (CE) Items 35.16 to 35.18 Julia Short – Water Resource Officer (JS) Items 35.20	
Guests:		
Apologies:	NIL	
Time	Item#	Items
1000		Pre meeting discussion – Board and General Manager only
1030	35.1	Welcome and apologies The chair opened the meeting with acknowledgment of Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for Thursday 26 March received by Ellen Litchfield and Scott Michael.
	35.2	Accept agenda The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board accepted the agenda noting several items moved from Day 2 to Day 1
	35.3	IN CAMERA
	35.4	Acceptance of minutes - SAALLB Meeting #34 12 December 2025 – accepted Chevahn Hoad. Seconded Jodie Harris - SAALLB In Camera #34 12 December 2025 – accepted Mark Mayfield. Seconded Jodie Harris
	35.5	Action list review The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board noted the Action List status.
1045	35.6	IN CAMERA
1130		<i>Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</i>
1134	35.7	Governance and Finance Update The Manager Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 11 March 2026. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: accepted the financial overview and associated reports and noted the mid year budget review round 1 carryover and impacting budget adjustments submitted to Treasury. noted the aged debt owed to the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board, endorsed the recommendation to defer action on historical titles and cease future invoicing further advice received, considered the options for treating Multiple Parties Listed on Crown Land Lease and endorsed option 4 and endorsed the waiver of small (<\$5) aged debt accrued prior to the commencement of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019.

		• noted the potential risks associated with the Oracle transition as it relates to MyWater migration. • noted the contracts and grants agreements executed covering the period 17 November 2025 to 26 February 2026. • noted the training that has been undertaken. • adopted the updated HR policies and endorse the new Referrals Management policy. • noted the Sponsorship Report • noted the Work Health and Safety Report • noted the Related Party Disclosures Report
35.8		Draft Board Budget 2026/27 IN CAMERA
1220		<i>Louise Myers left the meeting and Kate Cornelsen joined the meeting at this time</i>
1220	35.9	Referrals Management Policy The Board was presented with a new Referrals Management Policy for managing referrals to ensure processes, roles and responsibilities are clarified and practice embedded. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • endorsed the policy statement outlining the board's management of referrals, including the defined roles and responsibilities. • noted the proposed procedure and flowchart for managing referrals.
35.10		Project Status Report The board was presented Project Status Report for December 2025 to February 2026 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board's 2021-26 strategic priorities. Note: Applying project extensions due to recent rain events. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the December 2025 to February 2026 Project Status Reports.
35.11		SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Regional Landscape Plan 2026-31 & Outcomes of Consultation The board was presented the draft Regional Landscape Plan (RLP) for 2026-31 based on the outcomes of public consultation. Following endorsement, the draft RLP and associated consultation report will be submitted to the Minister for approval. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board • reviewed and endorsed the submission of the board's draft RLP for 2026-31 and associated consultation report for Ministerial approval.
1245		<i>Kate Cornelsen left the meeting at this time</i>
1245		LUNCH BREAK
130	35.12	IN CAMERA
	35.13	IN CAMERA
1405		<i>Kate Cornelson and Michelle Murphy joined the meeting at this time</i>
35.14		Community Engagement and Communications Annual Report The Planning and MERI Officer presented the Community Engagement and Communications Annual Report for the period January to December 2025. The report included additional information on: • first nations groups engaged • districts delivery occurred • alignment with the board's strategic priorities • technical advice • outcome measurements, beyond the number of events and number of people attending that was reported in 2024. ACTION: JGS and CS – revisit media strategy and present to board for input and influence – rationale and reasoning behind media releases as tactics in communications strategy. (and comms plans)

		The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the January to December 2025 Community Engagement and Communications Report.
1440		<i>Kate Cornelsen left the meeting at this time</i> <i>Charlie Eager and Josh Copley joined the meeting at this time.</i>
1440	35.16	Biosecurity Update The Senior Biosecurity Project Officer provided an update on the recent activities undertaken regionally within the Biosecurity Team which included: <u>HR</u> • Interviews for the Operations Manager role on Friday <u>Weeds</u> • Locations of the January/February Weed Control was provided stating the target species and duration of each operation. • Further weed control will occur once roads are opened after the recent rain events. <u>Pest Animals</u> • 2x large herbivore control operations have taken place since December 2025 for the control of horses, camels and goats across several properties. • Northeast Pig Baiting – As of February 2026, active bait stations are currently in operation. Due to recent rain events the cameras monitoring these bait stations have not been reachable to determine the success of the baiting. • The GM has recently conducted an interview with ABC Radio on the boom bust nature of the region, from drought to flood with a focus on the challenges that follow recovery times including the concerted and consistent effort needed to tackle pigs and goats in the outback. <u>H5 Bird Flu</u> • SAAL has secured Commonwealth H5 Bird Flu Threat Mitigation funding to support aerial control of pigs and large herbivores across the Coongie Lakes RAMSAR area. Due to recent flooding events discussions have commenced to replan operations for mid-August and carry over of funding negotiated. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • Noted the most recent biosecurity activities undertaken regionally.
	35.17.1	IN CAMERA
	35.17.2	IN CAMERA
	35.18	IN CAMERA
1543		<i>Charlie Eager and Josh Copley left the meeting at this time</i>
1552		<i>Julia Short joined the meeting at this time</i>
	35.20	Water Advisory Committee Overview The Water Project Officer provided an overview of the current water related activities and issues which included: <u>Water Affecting Activities Control Policy – Draft</u> • Policy is still in draft. Will be sent to the Crown Solicitors office following the board meeting. <u>SA Water BPOP</u> • Landscape Boards and SA Water are currently reviewing the Best Practice Operating Procedure (BPOP). SA Water would like to have the BPOP finalised and implemented by 1 July 2026. <u>Fenced Springs Project</u> • The Arabana Rangers have scheduled a 9-day field program for June this year and FOMS will attend to provide guidance and to hand-over the responsibility for the fenced springs on Arabana Country. <u>LPF Springs Project</u>

	- SAAL is applying for project funding, approximately \$300k under the Landscape Priorities Fund (LPF). The theme for 2026-27 is <i>Building nature-based resilience to climate change</i>. - An application for a monitoring program of springs and permanent pools in the Flinders Ranges will be submitted for a two year project. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: Noted the update on the WAA Control Policy. Noted the update on the SA Water BPOP. Noted the update on the Fenced Springs Project. Noted the update on the LPF Springs Project.
1633	<i>Julia Short left the meeting at this time</i>
	<i>Break</i>
1643 35.15	IN CAMERA
1700	Meeting Closed

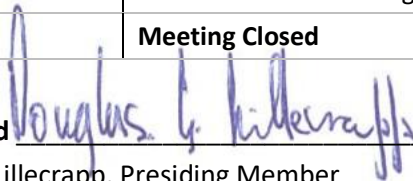
DAY 2 – Thursday 26 March 2026

8:30am – 12:00pm

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois Street Port Augusta SA 5700	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Sanchia Treloar – Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager Chevaan Hoad – Board Member Mark Mayfield – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer	
SAAL Staff:	NIL	
Guests:	NIL	
Apologies:	Scott Michael - Board Member Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair	
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830		Meeting Reconvened
915	35.21	Kangaroo Partnership Project Report The General Manager provided an update on recent activities of the Kangaroo Partnership Project which included: - Drone technology workshops have been held across five landscape boards. - Kangaroo Movement Project – aim to understand how kangaroos move through a landscape and what challenges that fence placement or artificial water sources have on their movement. 11 kangaroos were collared. Some collars have provided 3 months data. - AWC AI Gates Project - The smart gates are now built and undergoing pre-deployment testing in Perth before being shipped to Kangaroo Island. - FAGM Cam Project – this project is based on a cost effective, networked and automated photo point cameras that provide real-time information on biomass, cover and status. One camera will be installed along the Dog Fence, and nine cameras installed in other locations. - KI Market Project – three restaurants in Kangaroo Island have registered their interest in the trials. - SSAA Farmer Assist Project – Shooters have spent 21 days at three properties removing kangaroos. - Parliamentary Enquiry report has been received, the KPP steering committee has responded. - Yarning Circles - The Kangaroo Partnership Project is delivering a series of gatherings to better understand First Nation groups advice/ideas on kangaroos and their management.

		The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the Kangaroo Partnership Project Update
929	35.22	District Group Updates The Board was presented the recent activities of its seven Landscape Groups. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board • noted the activities outlined in the Landscape groups Report.
945	35.23	Presiding Member Report The board was updated on the Presiding member's recent activities. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the Presiding Member report.
950	35.19	Declaration of Release Areas under the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act An update was provided to the board on the two new releases that was declared by the Minister 22 January 2026. 1. Whyalla West release area which spans approximately 6,500 km² in the Upper Spencer Gulf Region 2. Gawler Ranges East release area which spans approximately 5,200 km² on the Upper Eyre Peninsula The declaration follows the public consultation that occurred in 2024 which sought feedback on the locations, boundaries as well as any sensitivities and constraints that may be affected by development on the land. Further consultations will occur as part of the licensing process for individual projects. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the Declaration of Release Areas under the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act.
1000	35.24	Correspondence The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the correspondence report
	35.25	IN CAMERA
	35.26	Public Comment NIL
1015	35.27	Forward Agenda Items
	35.28	Any other business
	35.29	Board Communique • Endorsed Plan to go to Minister • Community Engagement data – events, functions • Pigs • Water Affecting Activities
1040		Meeting Closed

Approved


Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Date: 26 August 2026