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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #36

Wednesday 24 June 2026, 8:30am – 1:00pm

SESSION 1 | SAAL Board Meeting

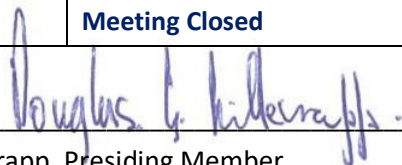
Location:	Great Northern Lodge, Quorn	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Sanchia Treloar – Board Member Scott Michael - Board Member Mark Mayfield – Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair Chevahn Hoad – Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer	
SAAL Staff:	Cherie Sauer – Manager PACE Natasha Hall – Manager Landscape Operations Aaron Smith – Senior Water Project Officer Brett Devitt – Community Landscape Officer	
Guests:		
Apologies:	NIL	
Time	Item#	Items
0830		Pre meeting discussion – Board and General Manager only
0845	36.1	Welcome and apologies The chair opened the meeting with acknowledgment of Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
	36.2	Accept agenda The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board accepted the agenda
	36.3	Declarations of interest Jodie Harris – Item 36.10 – Chair of Port Augusta Coastcare, successful applicant of the 2026/27 Grassroots Grants round.
	36.4	Acceptance of minutes - SAALLB Meeting #35 25-26 March 2026 – Accepted by: All - SAALLB In Camera Meeting #35 25-26 March 2026 – Accepted by: All - SAALLB Out Of Session Meeting #24 25 May 2026 – Accepted by: All
	36.5	Action list review The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board noted the Action List status.
0900	36.6	IN CAMERA
0930	36.7	Governance and Finance Update The General Manager presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 10 June 2026. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: accepted the financial overview and associated reports and noted the mid year budget review round 1 outcome. approved the granting of the Instruments of Authorisation for Procurement -Contract Pre-Approval - Payment and Disbursement, Contract Execution, Contract Execution – Purchase Cards, Debt Write-Off, Disposal and Small Debt Write Off/Underpayment, to be executed under Common Seal by the Presiding Member. noted the agreements executed covering the period 27 February 2026 – 27 May 2026 noted the contracts and grants agreements executed covering the period 17 November 2025 to 26 February 2026. noted the Service Level Agreement (SLA) with DEW and recommend its signing unless any final items are identified for revision.

		• approved the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Freedom of Information Statement to be published as a stand-alone document on the board's website • adopted the updated policies • noted the Sponsorship Report • noted the Work Health and Safety Report • noted the Related Party Disclosures Report.
0945	36.8	IN CAMERA
0955	36.9	Project Status Report The board was presented Project Status Report for March to May 2026 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board's 2021-26 strategic priorities. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the March to May 2026 Project Status Reports.
1000		<i>Break</i>
1015	36.10	IN CAMERA
1020	36.11	IN CAMERA
1035	36.12	Biosecurity Overview The Manager Landscape Operations provided an update on the recent activities undertaken regionally within the Biosecurity Team which included: <u>Pest Plant Control</u> 8 deployments of pest plant control were completed during the March-May period, by 5 contractors with a main focus of buffel grass. The control occurred across various locations along the Augusta Highway, Quorn Road/Flinders Ranges Way, Tarcoola Road, Stirling North, Spear Creek Road, Gawler Ranges Road, and the Outback Highway. <u>Drone Boxthorn Trial</u> Drone aerial control was recently conducted on a property of over 12ha of inaccessible terrain to target boxthorns. The area was sprayed over three days with the reported damage to boxthorns being effective and the impact to buffer vegetation (mostly non-native plants) being minimal. <u>2026-2027 DIT Roadside Weed Control Funding</u> SA Arid Lands, Murraylands & Riverland, Northern and Yorke, Eyre Peninsula and Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Boards have received funding from the Department of Infrastructure and Transport over 2 years for roadside weed control work for the next financial year. <u>Large Feral Herbivore (LFH) Control</u> An aerial control was undertaken in late April across hotspots in the Marla-Oodnadatta region. The control took place over 8 properties removing horses, camels and donkeys. A final control funded through planned projects is planned for November 2026. <u>SAAL Pest Control Pricing Schedule</u> The reviewed SAAL Pest Control Pricing Schedule was presented to the board. The schedule is updated annually to reflect changes in prices of manufactured baits and also to keep SAAL rates reasonably consistent with those of other landscape Boards. <u>SAAL Pest Control Fees and Charges Policy and Roadside Pest Plant and Control Policy review</u> The SAAL Pest Control Fees and Charges Policy and Roadside Pest Plant and Control Policy were presented to the board with minor editorial changes have been made to reflect the SAAL board's role more generally in facilitating services. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the most recent biosecurity activities undertaken regionally. • noted the renewed SAAL Pest Control Fees and Charges Policy

		• noted roadside Pest Plant and Control Policy • decided and approved on the decision to remove the flat fee from the state price schedule.
1045	36.13	IN CAMERA
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1145	36.16	Water Advisory Committee Overview The Senior Water Officer provided an overview of the current water related activities and issues which included: <u>GABWSP</u> The 2025-26 program has been finalised and included 6 non-infrastructure projects and 8 infrastructure projects with a total cost of \$1.37m (excluding GST). The infrastructure projects completed are expected to deliver an estimated 409.7 ML/y of water savings achieved through decommission and replacement of bores with uncontrolled flow, well headwork rehabilitation, and surface infrastructure piping works. Planning is underway for the 2026-27 Work Plan which will include several 2025-26 projects delayed due to weather and further projects expected to be identified in a planned GAB bore audit. <u>Razorback Mine Visit</u> SAAL staff attended a field trip with the Department for Energy and Mining (DEM) and Magnetite Mines to the proposed Razorback mine site, south-east of Yunta in early May. SAAL received the referral for the Mining Lease Application from DEM in early March for comment. <u>Water Accounting Project</u> SAAL is reviewing latest field trial results ahead of a meeting the Water Accounting Advisory Group (WAAG) in early July. With the Water Accounting Trial operating since 2023, SAAL staff will commence preparation of the final report for DEW Water Licensing, which will support the development of the Water Accounting Implementation Plan. The final report is expected to be completed by the end of July 2026. <u>GAB Springs Project</u> <i>Fenced GAB Springs</i> Arabana Aboriginal Corporation and the SAAL Board have signed the contract for the fee-for-service model, formalising the handover of FOMS' work to the Arabana Rangers. The funding will come from BHP. <i>GAB Springs Monitoring</i> SAAL staff are continuing to progress the GAB Springs Monitoring Project and are working with DEW to formalise a pilot field trip to investigate potential flow monitoring infrastructure at a selection of springs, with the support of Arabana. <u>LPF Springs Project</u> SAAL's proposed LPF funding proposal for a Flinders Ranges springs monitoring project is awaiting final Ministerial sign off. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the update on the GABWSP • noted the update on the Razorback Mine Visit • noted the update on the Water Accounting Project • noted the update on the GAB Springs Project • noted the update on the LPF Springs Project
	36.17	IN CAMERA

1247	36.18	Kangaroo Partnership Project Report The General Manager provided an update on the recent activities of the Kangaroo Partnership Project which included: • The KPP committee recently met for a Planning Day to review the project to date and to outline the next steps. • KPP Meeting was held in March which included a presentation from Brad Page, PIRSA on the Drought Resilience Package – <i>Reducing grazing pressure through kangaroo management</i>. • KPP Grant Programs – final reports to be submitted by August 2026 • Yarning Circles – facilitation of 4 Yarning Circles held in collaboration with 6 landscape boards. Overall, 53 First Nations people from 15 different groups have participated in this '<i>first of its kind</i>' initiative. A media release, published during reconciliation week (27 May – 3 June), helped highlight the conversations being had, promoting the KPP's wholistic approach to macropod management. • District Group Updates - The KPP participated in the Kingoonya District Group meeting, giving KPP updates and listening to the feedback from community members. • Kangaroo Management Reference Group – The KPP provided an update to the KMRG which was held in April. Most attendees were part of the kangaroo industry or part of governance and regulation. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the Kangaroo Partnership Project Update
1250	36.19	IN CAMERA
1230	36.20	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.
	36.21	Correspondence The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • noted the correspondence report
	36.22	IN CAMERA
	36.23	Public Comment NIL
	36.24	Forward agenda items
		Communique • Community event • Endorsement of Grassroots Grants 2026/27
1300		Meeting Closed

Approved



Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Date 26/08/2026