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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #37

Wednesday 26 August 2026, 10:00am – 2:30pm 1 DAY Only | ONLINE SAAL Board Meeting		
Location:	MS TEAMS	
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: Items 37.7 - 37.8 Anna Baulderstone, MERI & Planning Officer: Items 37.9 Cherie Sauer, PACE Manager: Items 37.9, 37.18 Natasha Hall, Manager Landscape Operations: Items 37.10 – 37.14 Aaron Smith, Senior Water Resource Officer: Items 37.15 Julia Short, Water Resource Officer – Items 37.15	
Guests:		
Apologies:	NIL	

Time	Item#	Items
1000		**Pre meeting discussion** – *Board and General Manager only*
	37.1	**Welcome and apologies** The chair opened the meeting with acknowledgment of Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
	37.2	**Accept agenda** The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board • ***accepted*** the agenda
	37.3	**Declarations of interest** • Nil
	37.4	**Acceptance of minutes** • SAALLB Meeting #36 24 June 2026 – ***Accepted by:*** All (*noting correct the date of minutes*) • SAALLB In Camera Meeting #36 24 June 2026 – ***Accepted by:*** All (*noting correct the date of minutes*) • SAALLB Out Of Session Meeting #25 10 August 2026 – ***Accepted by:*** All
	37.5	**Action list review** The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board • ***noted*** the Action List status.
1100	37.6	**IN CAMERA**
1115		*Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time*
1115	37.7	**Governance and Finance Update** The Chair of the GFC and Manager, Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 10 August 2026. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • ***accepted*** *the Financial Overview and associated reports;* • ***noted*** *the round 2 carryover and impacting budget adjustments submitted to Treasury;* • ***endorsed*** *the submission of the draft Financial Statements to meet audit requirements; (complete)*

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		• ***approved*** *the granting of the Instruments of Authorisation for Procurement - Contract Pre-Approval - Payment and Disbursement and Contract Execution – Purchase Cards, to be executed under Common Seal by the Presiding Member;* • ***noted*** *the findings of the 2025-26 Financial Management Compliance Program;* • ***noted*** *the variation to contract and grant agreements covering the period 28 May 2026 to 30 June 2026;* • ***adopted*** *the updated GOV-09 Electronic Signature Policy;* • ***adopted*** *the updated GOV-10 Gifts and Benefits Policy;* • ***adopted*** *the updated GOV-16 Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Policy;* • ***adopted*** *the NEW Artificial Intelligence and Large Language Model Policy, subject to amendments discussed by the GFC;* • ***noted*** *the Sponsorship Report;* • ***noted*** *the Work Health and Safety Report;* • ***noted*** *the Related Party Disclosures Report.*
	37.8	**Workforce Planning and Capability** The Manager Business Services provided a report with an overview of SAAL's workforce capability, trends and key risks and opportunities which occurred during 2025-26 which included: • Workforce Profile • Organisational Structure • Workforce Risks • Workforce Development and Capability • Workforce Demographics • Workforce Movements – separations, new positions, position reclassifications, additional duties allowances and maternity leave backfill arrangements • Workforce Health and Wellbeing The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • ***noted*** *the workforce planning and capability report.* • ***approved*** *the workforce planning and capability report to be presented annually to the board (August meeting)*
1130		*Louise Myers left the meeting at this time* *Anna Baulderstone joined the meeting at this time*
1130	37.9	**Project Status Report** The board was presented the Annual Achievements Report for the year 2025-26 and the Project Status Report for July 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 2025/26 Annual Achievements Report and the June & July 2026 Project Status Reports.*
1143		*Anna Baulderstone left the meeting at this time*
1143		*Break*
1205		*Natasha Hall joined the meeting at this time*
1205	37.10	**IN CAMERA**
	37.11	**IN CAMERA**
	37.12	**IN CAMERA**
	37.13	**IN CAMERA**
	37.14	**IN CAMERA**
1300		*Aaron Smith and Julia Short joined the meeting at this time*
	37.15	**Water Advisory Committee Overview** The Senior Water Officer provided an overview of the current water related activities and issues which included: <u>GAB Springs Monitoring</u>

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		• SAAL staff attended the Witjira Co-management Board meeting in Witjira National Park on 23 June where they presented an overview of the GAB Springs monitoring project and the interest in monitoring springs in Witjira National Park. • Co-Management Board supportive of the project • The Board asked SAAL to present the project with the Irrwanyere Native Title PBC before coming back to the co-management board with assistance for choosing springs that are culturally appropriate for monitoring • Further discussion is also required with DEW Parks to confirm collaboration and assistance in the project and long-term monitoring. <u>BHP Indenture</u> • Olympic Dam Indenture Amendment Act 2026 officially commenced on 30 July 2026. • DEM have advised that having the Act in operation commences section 14 only of the Amendment Act – the transitional provisions for the Aboriginal Heritage Act. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • ***Noted*** *the update on the GAB Springs Monitoring Project* • ***Noted*** *the update on the BHP Indenture* • ***Noted*** *the update on the DEW/SAAL Shared Position*
1325		*Natasha Hall, Aaron Smith and Julia Short left the meeting at this time*
1330	37.16	**Kangaroo Partnership Project Report** The General Manager provided an update on the recent activities of the Kangaroo Partnership Project highlighting: • Yarning Circles – Five yarning Circles have been held in collaboration with seven landscape boards. • SA Drought Hub Quarterly Webinar – KPP presented to the webinar on an update on funded projects. • Note upcoming forum to report on the learnings and recommendations of the project and consider inputs for future focus on kangaroo management. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • ***noted*** the Kangaroo Partnership Project Update
1340	37.17	**2027 Board Meeting Schedule** The board was provided the 2027 Board Meeting Schedule. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board; • ***discussed*** *and* ***decided*** *the June 2027 Regional Meeting Date* • ***accepted*** *the proposed or otherwise agreed board and committee meeting schedule for 2027.*
	37.18	**IN CAMERA**
1355	37.19	**IN CAMERA**
1357	37.20	**Presiding Member Report** The board was updated on the Presiding member's recent activities. Update provided by Mark Mayfield who attended the Chairs forum on behalf of the Chair. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • ***noted*** the Presiding Member report.
1357		*Ellen Litchfield left the meeting at this time*
	37.21	**Correspondence** The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board: • ***noted*** the correspondence report
	37.22	**IN CAMERA**

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37.23	**Public Comment** NIL
37.24	**Forward agenda items**
37.25	**Other Business** NIL
37.26	**Communique** • Wild Dog Policy • 12 month achievements report • Stats from Workforce Report • Next years regional meeting – 'Watch this Space'
1420	**Meeting Closed**

Approved _____ **Date** 29 October 2026

Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member

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