

# MINUTES

## SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #24

**DAY 1 Tuesday 23 April 10:00am**

<b>Location:</b>	SAALLB Board Room, Port Augusta	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Kurt Tschirner – Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager	Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair Tim Flowers - Board Member Sanchia Treloar – Board Member ( <i>MS Teams</i> ) Abby Richards - Executive Officer
<b>SAAL Staff:</b>	<i>Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice</i> Louise Myers – Manager Business Support (LM) Items 24.8	
<b>Guests:</b>	NIL	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Scott Michael - Board Member	
1042	24.1	The Chair opened the meeting - <b>noted</b> . Registered apology from Scott Michael
	24.2	Agenda for the meeting was <b>accepted</b> .
	24.3	<b><u>Declaration of interests</u></b> Kurt Tschirner (1) declared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently conducting paid work with Kokatha Corporation.</li> <li>• Commenced paid work with the Flinders Ranges Council.</li> </ul>
	24.4	<b><u>Acceptance of minutes</u></b> SAALLB meeting #23 21-22 February 2024 <b>approved</b> by the board. SAALLB In Camera #23 21-22 February 2024 <b>approved</b> by the board.
	24.5	<b><u>Board Performance Self-Review</u></b> Conducted by Jodie Harris.
	24.6	<b><u>Action list review</u></b> <i>The board <b>noted</b> the Action List status.</i>
1100	24.7	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1127		<i>Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</i>
	24.8	<b><u>Governance and Finance</u></b> The Manager of Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 10 April 2024. The board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 <b>accepted</b> the financial overview and associated reports.</li> <li>2 <b>approved</b> the granting of the Instruments of Authorisation for Procurement -Contract Pre-Approval - Payment and Disbursement, Contract Execution, Contract Execution - Purchase Cards, Debt Write-Off and Disposal, to be executed under Common Seal by the Presiding Member.</li> <li>3 <b>endorsed</b> the final draft budget for 24/25, noting additional projects and funding currently under negotiation.</li> <li>4 <b>noted</b> the undertakings to update out of council data prior to new invoicing cycle in September, and <b>note</b> the recruitment of a short term, casual administrative officer.</li> <li>5 <b>adopted</b> the 2023/24 Financial Management Compliance Program.</li> <li>6 <b>endorsed</b> the Legislative Compliance Register for the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board.</li> <li>7 <b>noted</b> the information provided in relation to organisational planning, and <b>approve</b> the conversion of term position P26255 to ongoing for the current incumbent.</li> <li>8 <b>noted</b> the Work Health and Safety report</li> <li>9 <b>noted</b> the agreements executed covering the period 21 January 2024 – 2 April 2024</li> <li>10 <b>noted</b> the related party disclosures report</li> <li>11 <b>noted</b> the sponsorship report.</li> </ol>
1147		<i>Louise Myers left the meeting at this time.</i>

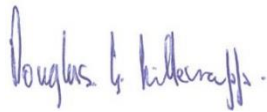
1148	24.9	<p><b><u>Draft Business Plan 2024-25</u></b></p> <p>The Draft Business Plan 2024-25 was presented to the board. The final version will be presented to the board prior to the June 2024 meeting.</p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the DRAFT SAAL Board Business Plan, taking into account any further recommendations put forward by the Board.</i></p>
12.07	24.10	<p><b><u>International Rangelands Congress</u></b></p> <p>The board was briefed on the upcoming International Rangelands Congress that will be hosted in Adelaide 2025.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The opportunities for SAAL to be involved with showcasing our region and communities.</li> <li>• The level of Sponsorship the board will contribute to the event with the decision of 'Gold' level sponsorship of \$30k.</li> <li>• The exhibition opportunities for SAAL to purchase booth space</li> <li>• A Working Group will be formed.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Develop an email from the board to the district group chairs as a recommendation to discuss at upcoming meetings to quarantine an adversary from their group funds to support group and community members to attend the congress.</p> <p><i>The board;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>discussed and identified</b> the level of Sponsorship it will commit to the IRC in 2025 being 'Gold' level of \$30,000.</li> <li>• <b>discussed and determined</b> an approach for maximising participation for presentations and facilitating attendance for SAAL community members, Board and Committee members.</li> </ul>
1240		LUNCH BREAK
1310	24.11	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1339	24.12	<p><b><u>Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Draft Regulations</u></b></p> <p>The response to the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Draft Regulations that has been developed and submitted by SAAL staff was presented to the board.</p> <p><i>The board <b>notes</b> the response to the HRE Act Draft Regulations.</i></p>
1345	24.13	<p><b><u>Landscape South Australia Act Review - Report</u></b></p> <p>A discussion was held on the report of the independent review of the LandscapeSA Act that has been tabled in Parliament and now made public to the public. The board reviewed the recommendations in the report. Feedback will be submitted with the state wide process with the other boards. Each of the 60+ recommendations were discussed.</p> <p><i>The board identified and concurred with the recommendations <b>for collective Landscape Board development of the report for the Independent Review of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019.</b></i></p>
1507		Short break taken
1530	24.14	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1610		Reshnee Lalla joined the meeting at this time
1612	24.16	<p><b><u>Biosecurity Update</u></b></p> <p>The board was updated on the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HR – new position of a Field Officer to be appointed. A Rangelands Goat Management Coordinator position will be advertised in May/June.</li> <li>• Training – Biosecurity staff organised internal training of staff on weed identification and collection for formal identification through the State Herbarium.</li> <li>• Recent completion of a Feral Goat Operation in the Gawler Ranges and Aerial Control Operation in the Flinders Ranges.</li> <li>• A feral pig control workshop was held recently at Cockburn.</li> <li>• Buffel Grass and African Rue weed control spraying across various locations</li> <li>• Wild Dog Baiting</li> <li>• Presented with the Large Feral Herbivore Policy for endorsement following minor amendments.</li> </ul>

	<p><i>The board;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>noted</b> the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team.</li> <li>• <b>endorsed</b> the Large Feral Herbivore Policy</li> <li>• <b>endorsed</b> the issuing of action orders for properties that have failed to undertake any mandatory wild dog baiting in the spring and autumn of 2023-24.</li> </ul>
1620 24.17	<b>IN CAMERA</b>
1700	<b>Meeting Closed</b>

<b>SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #23</b>	
<b>DAY 2 Thursday 22 February 9:00am</b>	
<b>Location:</b>	SAALLB Board Room, Port Augusta
<b>Attendees:</b>	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Kurt Tschirner – Board Member Sanchia Treloar – Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair ( <i>MS Teams</i> ) Tim Flowers - Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer
<b>SAAL Staff:</b>	<i>Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice</i> Aaron Smith – Senior Water Resource Officer (AS) Item 23.16 Reshnee Lalla – Manager Landscape Operations (RL) Item 23.17, Item 24.20 Louise Myers – Manager Business Support (LM) Items 24.20 Cherie Gerlach – Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement (CG) Item 24.20
<b>Guests:</b>	NIL
<b>Apologies:</b>	Scott Michael - Board Member
840	<b><u>Reconvene Board Meeting</u></b>
845 24.15	<p><b><u>Water Advisory Committee Overview</u></b></p> <p>The board was presented an overview of current water related activities and issues which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MyWater – new online water licencing portal.</li> <li>• WAP Meri Plan and MOU – final version presented to the board for endorsement</li> </ul> <p><i>The board;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>noted</b> the matters outlined with the paper</li> <li>• <b>endorsed</b> the MERI Plan for the Far North Prescribed Wells Area and the accompanying Memorandum of Understanding.</li> </ul>
941 24.19	<p><b><u>Project Status Report</u></b></p> <p>The board was presented with the Project Status Report for February – March 2024 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board’s 2021-26 priorities.</p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the February – March 2024 Project Status Report.</i></p>
1015 24.18	<p><b><u>Outback Drought Resilience Plan – Presentation, Anna Pannell URPS</u></b></p> <p>A presentation was given by Anna Pannell from URPS for an update of the Outback Drought Resilience Plan.</p> <p>Items covered were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background on the process of the development which included the steering committee, interviews conducted, online surveys, workshops</li> <li>• ‘What we Heard’ following the regional engagement</li> <li>• Opportunities to enhance resilience</li> <li>• What the next steps are – preparing of the draft plan, engagement of the plan and CSIRO approval of the final draft plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> The General Manager will email a copy of the draft plan to Ellen Litchfield and Kurt Tschirner once received.</p>
1057	<i>Ellen Litchfield left the meeting at this time</i>

24.20	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b> <i>The board <b>noted</b> the Correspondence Report.</i>
24.21	<b><u>Presiding Member Report</u></b> The board was updated on the Presiding Member's recent activities. <i>The board <b>noted</b> the Presiding Member report.</i>
24.22	<b><u>Board Member Updates</u></b> <i>See Appendix at the back of the minutes</i>
24.23	<b><u>Public Comment</u></b> Nil
24.24	<b><u>Forward agenda items</u></b> Fortescue – to present to the August meeting in relation to potential energy projects they may be involved in under the HRE developments. People Matter Survey – Report
24.25	<b><u>Any other business</u></b> NIL
24.26	<b><u>Meeting Appraisal</u></b>
24.27	<b><u>Board Communique</u></b> Item 24.10 – International Rangeland Congress – introduce this event Item 24.13 – Independent review of the Landscape Act Item 24.14 – Combined Pastoral Board Meeting Item 24.18 – OCA presentation – Outback Drought Resilience Plan
24.28	<b><u>Board Member Travel Arrangements</u></b>
1118	<b>Meeting Closed</b>

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Date 28/06/2024

Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member  
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

# **APPENDIX**

## **District Group Updates – SAALLB Meeting #24**

### **Marla – Oodnadatta**

**Community Landscape Officer:** Tori Love

**SAALLB Board rep:** Ellen Litchfield

**Group meetings:** held on 16<sup>th</sup> of March, next meeting to be held late May/early June

#### **Regional activities**

- Cricket and Conversations held on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March in Coober Pedy
  - Great turn out despite being 42 degrees and no air conditioning from Anna Creek, Wintinna, Arckaringa, Allandale, Mabel Creek, Mt Sarah and Mt Barry
- Landholder visits to Mabel Creek and Mt Clarence

#### **Upcoming activities**

- Review of District Action Plan – ongoing
    - Identified key areas for group priorities :
      - Restoring landscape function and managing soil erosion
      - Managing tourism impacts
      - Improving responsible domestic animal ownership
      - Valuing biodiversity assets through mitigating impacts of feral herbivores and pest predator species
  - Pig Baiting Trial at Macumba late May
  - Feral Pig Workshop in Oodnadatta postponed to early June
  - Group action of biosecurity signage for properties to help managing tourism impacts has arrived and will begin handing out to properties on landholder visits
  - Participating in friend of Mound Springs Working Bee Trip in mid-June alongside FOMs and Arabana Rangers
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### **Kingoonya**

District: Kingoonya

Community Landscape Officer: Tori Love

SAALLB Board Rep: Kurt Tschirner

Group meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> of April, next meeting to be held late May/early June in the region

#### **Regional activities**

- Landholder visits to North Well, Millers Creek, Billa Kalina, Mt Eba, Mcdoual Peak
- Attended Arid Recovery's Annual Pitfall trapping in late Feb
- Review of District Action Plan - Complete

#### **Upcoming activities**

- Support on Bush Heritages Bon Bon reserve Education trip to the Oodnadatta School
- Landholder visits to Bulgunnia
- Group to update and reprint Andy the Ant's Arid Adventures, a resource designed for kids when they are travelling through the SAAL region
- Design and delivery for buffel grass education posters for the region
- Designing FRRR family day for Kingoonya
- Exploring opportunities for Soil Workshop, including erosion prevention, water ponding

## **North East Pastoral**

**Community Landscape Officer:** Ryan Hayward

**SAALLB Board Rep:** Sanchia Treloar

**Group Meetings:** Held on Thursday 4 April in Yunta – **Next meeting:** June 20 in Olary Hotel

### **Group's key issues and activities**

- Started updating the NEP District plan in April 2024. District priorities complete and will set the groups key actions next meeting.
- Bait Injection Service completed in March.
- Feral Pig Workshop completed in Cockburn on April 11. Total attendance for the day was 10 people.
- Drought Resilience Plan consultation in Yunta with OCA March 14.
- Planning Outback Family Fun Day – Mannahill evening social with kids activities, various novelty events, finishing with dinner, live music and fire pit.

### **Regional activities coming up**

- Boolcoomatta Field Day – Landscape Rehydration. Thursday May 9 in conjunction with Bush Heritage. Guest Speaker Lance Mudgway from the Mulloon Institute WA.
  - Rural Leadership Training – Mannahill, May 28/29.
  - National Tree Day 28 July, Yunta Race Club (community event)
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## **Gawler Ranges**

**Community Landscape Officer:** Chris Fulton

**SAALLB Board Rep:** Scott Michael

### **Group's key issues and activities**

- The group most recently met on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. The focus of the meeting was updating the GR District Action Plan which will help guide group actions for the next few years.
  - The FRRR funded Outback Kids & Family Day which was planned to held at Nonning Station in April will instead be held in October. The motivation for this event is to bring together families from the most remote corners of the region to hear from guest speakers and socialise and reconne ct with each other. The design of the day will include educational and fun activities for children and teenagers and a resilience building component for the adults. There has been discussion about this with the GR group and the GR Progress Association.
  - Aerial goat control occurred on various GR properties 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>nd</sup> February. It was very successful with 3,000 goats removed from the landscape.
  - There was an OCA Drought Resilience event held at Nonning Station on April 10 which a small number of GR landholders and myself attended.
  - The group will have a shared group meeting with the PA/Quorn Landscape Group on 7<sup>th</sup> June at the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Gardens. There will be discussion on how the groups can work together into the future. There will be a presentation from Defence regarding pest plant and animal control programs being undertaken on their properties which are found in both the GR and PA/Quorn footprints.
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**District:** Port Augusta – Quorn.

**Community Landscape Officer:** Brett Devitt

**SAALLB Board Rep:** Kurt Tschirner

**Group Meetings:** Previous – April at Dutchman’s Stern. Next – June in Port Augusta – to be jointly held with Gawler Ranges Landscape Group

**Group’s key issues and activities**

- District weed control issues – African Rue (currently due to be treated week of 22-26 April)
- District planning process almost completed

**Regional activities**

- Port Augusta Coastcare Community Education Event was held Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Grassroots Grant Funded
- Landcare Assoc. SA – State Landcare Awards Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May
- Recently held workshops, including Seed Collection Workshop Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March in Quorn, and Marine Discovery Centre school incursions 3-5<sup>th</sup> April with up to 300 children involved at Carlton, Willsden, SOTA, and Caritas Schools.

**Grassroots Grants 2023-24**

Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden – Development of materials and workshops on nature play for the Children’s Garden.

Port Augusta Coastcare – Community Education Event.

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**District:** North Flinders Ranges.

**Community Landscape Officer:** Matthew Westover

**SAALLB Board Rep:** Kurt Tschirner

**Group Meetings:** The group met in Hawker on March 19

- Continued their district action plan review and chose tourism impacts, feral herbivores (goats & rabbits), feral cats and ground water as focus areas
- Discussed the upcoming native seed and arid gardening workshop
- Discussed the group membership call and who to approach about joining the group
- Will meet again in Port Augusta on May 28 (although we might make it later in the week to accommodate your availability)

**In other district news:**

- The native seed workshop was well attended (18 people) with lots of great feedback. We got a lot of comments about running propagation workshops as a follow up
  - The arid gardening workshop at Copley is set for April 29 and I’m expecting 15-20 attendees
  - Tomorrow I’ll be in Leigh Creek for the opening of the new Recourse Recovery Centre
  - Aerial goat shoot was completed through the North Flinders
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**Coast Care Port Augusta Update**

Jodie Harris – Chair of Coast Care Port Augusta

- Recently completed Clean Up Australia Day
- Information shared – 11 million tonnes of plastic waste on the sea floor. By 2050 plastic waste will outweigh all the fish in the ocean
- Held the Coast Care Community Day 6<sup>th</sup> April with 320 people in attendance