

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Communiqué



The South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board met in Port Augusta on 21 - 22 April 2021 for board meeting #6.

Goat Management in the SA Arid Lands

The board met with PIRSA during this meeting to review and familiarise the current legislative and policy context for managing goats under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. Given the many historical discussions with community, stakeholders, previous Natural Resources Management and Pastoral boards as well as the livestock industry, the board is mindful of the complex range of issues that need to be worked through in its administration of the Landscape Act.

A pragmatic approach will be taken to consider the best outcomes for the environment, industry and landholders. The board is committed to developing its goat strategy with all partners and within the requirements of the Act. Community will be engaged as the board progresses the strategy. This process will take time and be thoroughly worked through to realise outcomes that incorporate scientific evidence, environmental and legal responsibilities and economic opportunities.



Separation from Department for Environment and Water (DEW)

Mid-April 2021 saw the final step in the separation of the Department for Environment and Water and Landscape Boards, with shared business support services staff transitioning across to the boards.

While partnerships will continue with DEW and the National Parks and Wildlife Services of SA, (Flinders and Outback), the formal business delivery is now completely separate and as such, board staff are now all based in the Railway Station building.

The board was fully briefed on the new operating arrangements, service level agreements with DEW and the new structures that exist with the long reform process and transition finally complete. The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board now has a fully integrated organisational structure and is operating as a completely autonomous entity, as proposed with the Landscape Act reform.

Regional Landscape Plan and Business Plan

Recent consultation on the 'draft' strategic Regional Landscape Plan resulted in feedback from the community and stakeholders. This feedback was provided to the board for consideration.

The regional plan will be finalised based on board advice along side the annual business plan after final adjustments resulting from the board's endorsement of the 2021/2022 financial budget.

Both the Regional Landscape Plan and the Business Plan will be submitted to the Minister for consideration, with a view of a 1 July 2021 adoption.

Upcoming Events

- RCS Grazing workshop, Pt Augusta 11-14 May
- School of the Air Science Day 12 May
- Kids on Country, Hiltaba 13-14 May
- Business of Managing Pastoral Country Forum, Coober Pedy 18-20 May
- North East Pastoral Field Day, Mannahill 29 May
- SAAL Pastoral Field Day 2 & 3 December

2021 Meeting Schedule

The next SAAL Landscape Board meeting will be held in Port Augusta on 23 and 24 June 2021. Please check the website for the agenda.

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