

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Communiqué



The South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board met on 24-25 February 2020 for board meeting #5 with a full agenda that included a joint meeting with the Pastoral Board of SA, a visit from the Member for Stuart and a risk management workshop.

Pastoral Board of SA

With the Pastoral Board also holding a meeting in Port Augusta, the opportunity was taken for members Bruce Nutt, Jenny Treloar, Jim Mc Bride, Executive Officer Andrew Willson and Pastoral Officer Emma Bury to attend the SAAL Landscape board meeting. Members of the Pastoral Board who participated via phone were David Larkin (Presiding Member); Mark Fennell; Colin Greenfield and Tammy Partridge.

Topics of interest to both boards were discussed, including future partnership opportunities, feral animal management; the overabundance of kangaroos; water infrastructure licencing and compliance; technology and carbon farming on pastoral leases and the Pastoral Board's key messages relating to the proposed Pastoral Bill.

Guest - Dan van Holst Pellekaan

The Chair of the board was pleased to welcome Dan van Holst Pellekaan to the board meeting. The opportunity to exchange information relating to the Board's current priorities and the issues the local MP was working on was a valuable one.

Far North Prescribed Wells Area WAP

With confirmation by the Minister for Environment and Water David Speirs of his adoption of the Far North Prescribed Wells Area Water Allocation Plan (FNPWA WAP) without amendment, the board was informed of the next steps in the process to implement the Water Allocation Plan.

A newly formed group comprising key water resources staff from the Department for Environment and Water and SA Arid Lands staff will manage the implementation plan for the FNPWA WAP, which includes the prepared engagement strategy. The WAP and the WAP Guide are on the [board's website](#).

Information sessions for the new FNPWA WAP will be held on request, as well as scheduled for Adelaide and at Landscape Group meetings for the Marree Innamincka, Marla Oodnadatta, Kingoonya and North Flinders.

SAAL Regional Landscape Plan

After extensive collaboration between district group members, staff and the board, the draft SA Arid Lands 5-year Regional Landscape Plan has been released for consultation with the SA Arid Lands community and stakeholders. With the direction from the Minister for regional plans to be more concise, the new 5-year plan clearly details the board's direction and priorities for the SA Arid Lands region. [Draft Regional Landscape Plan 2021-2026](#)

Risk Management

The General Manager and the SAAL leadership team joined the board for a facilitated risk management workshop. Work continues on this high priority issue with facilitator Leanne Muffet



Upcoming Events

- Online Grant Writing workshop 7 April
- RCS Grazing workshop, Port 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 is scheduled for 21 & 22 April. Please check the website for the agenda.

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