

# Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board

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# Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board

## Minutes – Public Meeting 1-20 Thursday 23 April 2020 - 11am - Microsoft Teams

### Meeting Procedure

#### 230420-1-1.1 Attendance

**Chair:** Dianne Davidson

**Ex Officio:** Regional Manager: Amy Goodman  
RMT: Michelle Finch, Claire Stephenson, Denise Fowles, Amy Lee  
Executive Officer: Helene Norman

**Apologies:** None

#### Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and Opening:

The Presiding Member, Dianne Davidson, acknowledged that all participants were meeting on the lands of different traditional owners and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. The meeting also acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and the relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.

#### 230420-1-1.2 Declaration of Interest

Nil

#### 230420-1-2.1 Landscape SA transition - Adoption of Existing NRM Strategic Plan

Amy Lee, Manager Planning and Evaluation, provided a paper to the Board, outlining the process required to transition to a new Landscape Plan under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. Transitional clauses in the Landscape Act allow for existing NRM Plans to be adopted by the Landscape Board (to the extent that is in our new region) during the transition period.

Amy recommends that the Board adopt the existing NRM Strategic Plan until the new Landscape Plan is adopted by the Landscape Board.

**ACTION:** Amy Lee to draw up a schedule starting in July for the process of developing a Murraylands and Riverland Strategic Plan to ensure it is developed quickly.

#### The Board endorse the recommendation:

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board adopts the current Strategic NRM Plan for the SA Murray-Darling Basin region until the new Landscape Plan is adopted.

#### 230420-1-3.1 Any other Business

nil

#### 230420-1-3.2 Next Meeting

- 7<sup>th</sup> May on Microsoft Teams at 9am – 1 hour meeting (pm forum the day before)

#### 230420-1-3.3 Meeting Close

Public Meeting closed at 11.10am



Dianne Davidson AM

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**Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board**

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Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 2-20			
<b>Date: 28 May 2020</b>			
<b>Start Time:</b>	8.36am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	1.20pm
<b>Location:</b>	Berri	<b>Room:</b>	Jack Seekamp Room
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Jim Godden, Jason Size		
<b>Staff:</b>	Amy Goodman (Regional Manager), Claire Stephenson* (Manger Community Engagement), Denise Fowles* (Manager Sustainable Landscapes), Amy Lee* (Manager, Planning and Evaluation), Michelle Finch* (Manager Business Services), and Helene Norman (Executive Assistant)		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>	Minister David Speirs MP* (Minister for Environment and Water), Matt Ward* (Director, Landscape Services) and Cate Hart* (Executive Director, Environment, Heritage and Sustainability)		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nil		
<b>Notes</b>	* indicates attendance by virtual means		

Item	Welcome
1.1	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair introduced all new Board members, and welcomed all present.
1.2	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> Nil <i>Matt Ward and Minister Speirs joined the meeting</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>Presentations</b>
2.1	<b>Minister for Water and the Environment, David Speirs</b> , joined the meeting. Minister thanked all members for nominating and congratulated them on their appointment, noting that this is a significant government reform. The Minister acknowledged that the Murraylands and Riverland region is a very important food production region in the state, and this drives the focus for the region. It is the Minister's direction to

	<p>this Board in a changing climate that it focus on water, sustainable agriculture, pest plants and animals, in order to create a resilient landscape with improved biodiversity in a changing climate. The reform decentralises Landscape Boards from DEW, and brings the board closer to the Minister and the community.</p> <p><i>Minister Speirs left the meeting.</i></p>
2.2	<p><i>Cate Hart joined the meeting</i></p> <p><b>Landscape Overview – Matt Ward and Cate Hart</b></p> <p>Matt Ward (Director, Landscape Services) and Cate Hart (Executive Director, Environment, Heritage and Sustainability) presented an overview of Landscape Reform, what’s new in the Landscape Act and what has remained from the NRM Act, the planning process, and expectations.</p> <p>Presentation attached.</p> <p><i>Matt Ward and Cate Hart left the meeting.</i></p>
2.3	<p><b>Board Member Introductions</b></p> <p>Board members introduced themselves. The Chair summarised that there is a significant breadth of experience and knowledge within this Board, and all members have good links to community groups at the local level.</p> <p><i>Claire Stephenson, Denise Fowles, Amy Lee and Michelle Finch left the meeting</i></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Circulate CVs of all members with the other members  <b>ACTION:</b> A media release which will be prepared on the appointment of the Landscape Board, is to be circulated to all members and approval gained from all members prior to release.</p>
2.4	<p><b>Chair’s expectations and priorities, and reflection on presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An exciting challenge for the new board to implement the reform outlined by the Minister. The board needs to seek the right balance in what is delivered in the region. It is important that the reform is not just a rebrand of the work that has been previously implemented. The Minister has asked the Board to undertake a rigorous analysis of the programs delivered in the region and to make calls on what is working and what isn’t.</li> <li>• The Chair is expecting that Board meetings will be interactive, where all members are involved, not just rubber stamping of decisions.</li> <li>• Corporate services – currently and for many years past, all corporate services are provided by DEW for approximately \$22,000 per full time equivalent. A review of Corporate Services has been initiated and the Chairs of all Landscape Boards have recommended to the Minister their preferred option. There is likely to be a shift to a hybrid model where some services may be purchased from DEW and other services delivered in a manner chosen by the Boards.</li> <li>• Workforce – All staff are currently employed by DEW. A machinery of government transfer will see the staff who are transitioned be employed by the Board’s General Manager. Staff who are funded by the levy and Australian government are considered to be in scope to transfer to the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board. 60.2 FTE staff have been identified as in-scope.</li> <li>• The General Manager’s Position is expected to be advertised shortly. The GM will be employed by the Chief Executive of DEW, on the recommendation of the Board.</li> <li>• The Chair encouraged Board members to use their networks to understand community’s needs and wishes and to promote the Board’s work by building relationships and partnerships.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Committees of the Board</b></p> <p>A priority for the Board will be to determine which Committees the Board will establish. Under the Landscape Act, the Board is able to establish Committees, but if the Board wishes Committees to be paid sitting fees, Ministerial approval is required.</p> <p>The SAMDB NRM Board had 3 NRM Groups in operation: the Mallee and Coorong; the Ranges to River; and the Rangelands. The Mallee and Coorong Group is still very active and the Chair is keen for this group to continue. The other groups will finish as they are impacted by boundary change.</p> <p><b>Water Advisory committee:</b> The Board support the concept that a water advisory committee be formed as a priority. The Committee members must have strong links into the community, but not necessarily representing specific groups or irrigation trusts. Ideas included a membership of around 8-10 people, to cover any issues related to underground and surface water anywhere across the region. Such a committee would report directly to the Board.</p> <p><b>Groups/other committees</b> – discussion considered the possibility of 3 committees, and further consideration is required as to whether committees are geographically or thematically based. Staff have requested feedback from the chairs of the River Murray Advisory Committee, Mallee and Coorong, Rangelands and Ranges to River NRM Groups. This feedback will be collated and included in ‘Committees of the Board’ board paper to be discussed at the June Board meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACTION:</b> Board paper to be prepared on the establishment of Committees of the Board.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Strategic items</b>
3.1	<p><i>Claire Stephenson, Denise Fowles, Amy Lee and Michelle Finch re-joined the meeting</i></p> <p><b>Regional Business Overview – Amy Goodman and RMT (Regional Management Team) members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Documents that will continue to guide the work of the Board: Strategic Plan, Regional Action Plan, Business Plan. These have been developed over many years with expertise from many sources.</li> <li>• 5 prescribed water areas in the region with a Water Allocation Plan for each</li> <li>• Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Business Plan has been adopted by the Landscape Board.</li> <li>• Business Services - Michelle Finch             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manages Finance, Customer service and Administration, HR, Executive support to the Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sustainable Landscapes – Denise Fowles             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manages Sustainable Water use, Sustainable Agriculture, Wetlands and floodplains, Landscape Ecology, District Operations teams</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Planning and Evaluation – Amy Lee             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Manages Planning, Policy and MERI, Investment information and Water Management – WAP and Water policy</li> <li>○ Plan to do things, and then reviewing the effectiveness</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community Engagement - Claire Stephenson             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Partnership and engagement – Youth engagement, education, aboriginal engagement,</li> <li>○ Communications and engagement – print material, website, events, media releases</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Community engagement for Water infrastructure and operations</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Presentation to be shared with Board members.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Murraylands and Riverland Board Business Plan 2020-21</b> – Amy Lee (Manager Planning and Evaluation)</p> <p>The NRM strategic plan was adopted in May as the interim plan, and the Initial Business Plan (which includes transitional arrangements) was adopted by the chair out of session, as it was required to be completed early in May.</p> <p>The Business plan is prepared annually. The Regional Manager explained the plan in more detail, noting that the expenditure item shown as ‘program support’ for each operational areas is an expense not explained well; it will be improved in the next Plan.</p> <p>Input is required from the board for the development of the next 21/22 Business Plan. The Board will need to have sufficient knowledge in this area to commence work on the Business Plan in October.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Induction</b> – Claire Stephenson (Manager Community Engagement)</p> <p>The Regional Manager and Manager Community Engagement provided a document listing both mandated and optional topics for Board induction over the next few months, which was discussed.</p> <p>Members suggested the possibility of a ‘getting to know you’ session. The induction program had included a session on identifying Board values and principles for decision making towards the end of the year, but can be brought forward.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Provide members with the compulsory training and induction modules which must be completed.</p> <p>J Size and J Godden, both with good knowledge of water, would like further information on water policy to get them up to speed, to be able to respond appropriately when queried.</p> <p>Any questions that Board members have, need to be directed to the Regional Manager.</p> <p>At this stage the Chair is the only approved media spokesperson for the Landscape Board unless the Chair grants specific approval to another Board member.</p> <p><i>Denise Fowles, Amy Lee, Michelle Finch and Claire Stephenson – left the meeting (at the Chairs request)</i></p>
4	Procedural Matters
4.1	<p><b>Minutes</b> from the previous Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board meeting held on 23 April 2020 were adopted as a true and correct record.</p>
4.2	<p><b>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Business Plan 2020/21</b></p> <p>The decision made out of session to adopt the Business plan was ratified by the Board.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The Board approved the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Business Plan 2020/21 - An initial business plan under the Landscape South Australia Act 2019,</p>

	<b>The Board also noted the limitation regarding the Landscape SA branding and public release of the Business plan.</b>
4.3	<p><b>a. Future meeting dates and venues</b></p> <p><b>Decision: The Board agreed that the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board normal meeting day will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, with venues to be decided relevant to speakers and items on the agenda.</b></p> <p><b>b. Forms required</b></p> <p>The Executive Officer provided all members with personal detail and declaration forms required for final appointment as Board members. Probity and Police checks will also be required.</p>
4.4	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Board approved that the Correspondence be received.</p>
4.5	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>nil</p>
4.6	<p><b>In-Camera session for Board Members</b></p> <p>nil</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Meeting Closure</b>
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<b>Date: 25 June 2020</b>			
<b>Start Time:</b>	10.00am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	3.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	Berri	<b>Room:</b>	Jack Seekamp Room
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Barb Cowey, Jim Godden, Lisa Rowntree, Jason Size		
<b>Staff:</b>	Amy Goodman (Regional Manager), Claire Stephenson (Manger Community Engagement), Denise Fowles (Manager Sustainable Landscapes), Amy Lee (Manager, Planning and Evaluation), Michelle Finch (Manager Business Services), and Helane Norman (Executive Assistant)		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>	Heather Miller* (State Wild dog coordinator, Biosecurity SA), John Virtue* and Brad Page* (Biosecurity SA, PIRSA)		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nil		
<b>Notes</b>	* indicates attendance by virtual means		

Item	Welcome
1.1	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair, welcomed new Board members Barb Cowey and Lisa Rowntree, and all present.
1.2	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> Nil
1.3	<b>Action List</b> The Board reviewed the Action List.
2	<b>Presentations</b>

2.1	<p><u>Local Induction:</u>  <b>Governance and Financial Management – Michelle Finch (Manager, Business Services)</b>                  The Manager, Business Services, provided an overview of Finances on a regional level, and explained how to interpret monthly financial reports that will be received by Board members.</p> <p>The Chair highlighted to all members to consider how the Board can work together with organisations to deliver increased outcomes within our region, and benefitting from any additional funds that can be received from partnering.</p> <p>The Governance document was distributed to Board members.</p>
2.2	<p><b>Regional workforce - Amy Goodman (Regional Manager)</b>                  The Regional Manager gave an overview of the workforce that will be transitioning to the Landscape Board and the process that will occur to make this happen. The overview included the staff numbers, teams, status and locations.</p>
2.3	<p><i>John Virtue, Heather Miller and Brad Page joined the meeting via teams.</i></p> <p><b>PIRSA Biosecurity SA - SA Wild Dog Policy - John Virtue (General Manager Strategy Policy and Invasive Species), Heather Miller (SA Wild Dog coordinator) and Brad Page (Principal Biosecurity Officer)</b></p> <p>The presentation gave an overview of PIRSA Biosecurity SA, Declared plants and policies, and in particular, the changes to the SA Wild Dog Policy, and issues encountered in managing them. The SA Wild Dog policy is supported by SAWDAG.</p> <p><i>John Virtue, Heather Miller and Brad Page left the meeting.</i></p> <p>The Board discussed the zone boundaries identified in the policy . Members thought it was important that the Landscape regions had flexibility in implementing baiting for these zones.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the SA Wild Dog Policy.</b></p>
3	Strategic items
3.1	<p><b>Landscape Reform – Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eight chairs from each Landscape Board have been meeting at least monthly to discuss issues of the Landscapes reform, and are keen to get started with implementing the changes. They will be meeting in the DEW Waymouth Street office on the 1<sup>st</sup> July for the launch of Landscapes SA.</li> <li>• General Manager position will be advertised within a week.</li> <li>• Corporate Services – After a consultant’s report, the Minister has requested that regions will review corporate services that the Board will require and who will provide each service. They can be provided by DEW, individually tendered and provided, partnered with other entities (eg LGA or RDA), pooled between Landscape Boards, or any combination of these or other options as determined by the Board. There is a necessity to know how much each of our</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>services cost (that makes up the corporate services model) to enable the Board to make an informed decision.</li> <li>Looking to develop a working relationship with councils, and look more widely for opportunities in partnering with other organisations.</li> </ul>
3.3	<p><b>Regional Manager's Report</b> The Regional Manager, Amy Goodman, presented a monthly report on the business and what work is occurring within the region.</p> <p>The members noted the report and thanked the staff for the information provided. The members asked that for future reports a summary from the General Manager and senior managers be included at the beginning of the document. The types of reporting that will be presented to the Board will be discussed further at future meetings.</p>
4	Items for Decision
4.1	<p><b>Contract Execution and Corporate Authorisation Delegations – Michelle Finch (Business Services Manager)</b></p> <p>The Business Services Manager presented a paper on the different procurement financial authorisations and delegations that are required for Board, Managers and staff that need to be considered by the Board.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsed the 2020/21 Contract Execution and Corporate Authorisation Delegation Instruments for Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board staff and DEW staff.</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved the Chair to sign the Instruments of Delegation on behalf of the board once the Minister and the Chief Executive, DEW have delegated Contract Execution and Corporate Authorisation to the Board.</b></li> </ul>
4.2	<p><b>Grassroots Grants Program – Amy Lee (Manager, Planning and Evaluation)</b></p> <p>The Manager, Planning and Evaluation, presented a paper on the Grassroots Grants Program, with the changes suggested after the initial discussion at the informal board meeting.</p> <p>Board members would like to see all applications and be able to provide feedback on the applications that will be considered in the decision making process.</p> <p>During the assessment process consideration should be given to potential opportunities in the Landscape Priority fund projects, as having projects ready to submit as a bid for the fund is also to be considered by the Board.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noted the updated GRG program timeframes</b></li> <li>• <b>Endorsed option 1 for the GRG program assessment process</b></li> <li>• <b>Endorsed the simplified GRG program application form for small projects up to \$3,000</b></li> <li>• <b>Noted the key messages for Board members to use when promoting the GRG program</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Amy Lee to provide possible questions that Board members can help assess the applications.</p>

4.3	<p><b>Committees of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b> – Amy Goodman (Regional Manager)</p> <p>The Regional Manager presented a paper on establishing Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board committees, and draft Terms of Reference for each committee</p> <p><u>Water Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>A Committee of up to 10 to focus on all the water resources in the region for the Board.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference were amended in line with suggested changes.</p> <p><u>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>A committee of 7 community members to engage the local community, local government and industries in landscape management activities, and advise the Board on local issues.</p> <p><u>Finance and Risk Committee</u></p> <p>A committee to oversee the financial management of the Board, to keep under review its financial policies and procedures and to act to address associated governance risks and opportunities to help the Board ensure its resources are used efficiently and effectively.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved the amended Terms of Reference for the Water Advisory Committee.</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved the Terms of Reference for the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved the Terms of Reference for the Finance and Risk Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved that all existing NRM Groups be abolished effective 1 July 2020 and request that the Minister publish a notice in the Government Gazette to give effect to this decision.</b></li> </ul>	
4.4	<p><b>Transitioning of Water Affecting Activities control Policies</b> – Amy Lee (Manager, Planning and Evaluation)</p> <p>The Manager, Planning and Evaluation presented a paper on transitioning the Water Affecting Activities Control Policies that are attached to the current SA MDB NRM Board’s 19/20 Business and Operational Plan, as part of the adopted Regional NRM plan to ensure they will continue to be in place until a revised Water Affecting Activity Control Policy can be gazetted by the Minister.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b></p> <p><b>Resolved that the provisions of the SA MDB NRM business plan under section 75(3)(h)(ii) of the NRM Act, insofar as it applies for the purposes of section 127 of that Act (i.e. WAA rules), will continue to form part of the adopted SA MDB regional NRM plan and will continue to apply in relation to the relevant part of the board’s region, as constituted on and after 1 July 2020.</b></p>	
5	Consent Schedule	
5.1	<b>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 2-20 held 28 May 2020</b>	The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Meeting 2-20 held on 28 May 2020.
5.2	<b>First nations engagement within the region</b>	The Board <b>noted</b> the overview of First Nations engagement within the region.

5.3	<b>Update on Ag Knowledge Grants Program 2020-21</b>	The Board <b>noted</b> the update on the Ag Knowledge Grants program for 2020-21
5.4	<b>Correspondence outgoing</b>	The Board <b>noted</b> the letter of support for the River Murray and Mallee Aboriginal Corporation grant application.
<i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendations within the consent schedule.</i>		
<b>6 Other Business</b>		
6.1	<p><b>Any other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Future gatherings for Board members</b> A meeting (for Board members only) will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 at the Karoonda Council chambers to discuss a consensual way to approach the strategic plan.</li> <li>• <b>Approach to developing the Landscape Strategic Plan:</b> Previously, the approach has been a workshop style planning day with RMT working with the Board to develop the strategic plan. RMT is currently working on a concept statement (what the process will look like) to workshop with the board in August.</li> <li>• <b>Alternatives for office accommodation in Murray Bridge</b> Manager, Business Services is currently looking at options for office space for staff in Murray Bridge taking into account projected staff numbers and arrangements. When information is available Board will need to consider options.</li> </ul>	
6.2	<b>Members Contributions</b> Nil	
6.3	<b>In-Camera session for Board Members</b> Nil	
6.4	<b>Next meeting – 23 July at Murray Bridge</b>	
	Meeting closed at 2.49pm	



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<b>Date: 23 July 2020</b>			
<b>Start Time:</b>	9.00am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	3.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	3 South Tce, Murray Bridge	<b>Room:</b>	Murray Bridge Council Chambers
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Barb Cowey, Jim Godden, Lisa Rowntree, Jason Size		
<b>Staff:</b>	Amy Goodman (acting General Manager), Denise Fowles (Manager Sustainable Landscapes <i>for Item 2 to 6</i> ), Michelle Finch (Manager Business Services <i>for training and Items 2 to 6</i> ), Amy Lee (Manager Planning and Evaluation <i>for items 2 to 6</i> ), Claire Stephenson (Manager, Community Engagement <i>for items 2 to 6</i> ), and Helene Norman (Executive Assistant).		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>	Glenn O'Bryan ( <i>for items 2 to 6</i> )		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nil		

Item	
	Financial Training, delivered by Mark Priadko, was undertaken by board members.
1.	<b>In Camera meeting</b>
	<i>The Board approved under the provisions of Section 7 (3) of the Landscape Regulations an order be made that the public be excluded from attendance at the meeting with the exception of acting General Manager, Executive Officer, Water Resources Manager and Senior Project Officer, River Murray WAP, in order to consider, in confidence, a matter on the grounds that water market sensitive information was presented and discussed.</i>
2.	<b>12.00pm Public Meeting</b>
2.1	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present.


2.2	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> Nil</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Strategic items</b>
3.1	<p><b>Landscape Reform</b> – Chair and acting General Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Manager recruitment is proceeding, anticipate completion by end August.</li> <li>• Staff transfer to the Landscape Board is complete.</li> <li>• Grassroots Grants call has commenced. Board asked staff to follow-up promotion of Grassroots grant program to ensure a wide uptake.</li> <li>• Landscape Priorities Fund – available later in the year. Look at options for shovel ready projects and important to actively bid for. Awaiting guidelines on the fund.</li> <li>• The General Manager is progressing establishing the necessary arrangements as required under WHS.</li> <li>• WHS cases - 2 active cases transferred from DEW to the new Board on transition.</li> <li>• Corporate/ business services review is progressing.</li> </ul>
3.2	<p><b>Chair’s report</b> Meetings with Council CEOs and Mayors and other relevant organisations have been occurring over the past weeks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural City of Murray Bridge on 13 July (D Davidson and G Cock)</li> <li>• Karoonda East Murray district Council on 15 July (all board members)</li> <li>• Ben Fee (Murraylands and Riverland RDA) on 15 July (all board members)</li> <li>• Berri Barmera Council on Thursday 16 July ( D Davidson and J Size)</li> <li>• Landcare SA via teams on 20 July ( D Davidson and J Size)</li> <li>• Native Vegetation Council via teams on 22 July (D Davidson), discussed were heritage grants, trail bikers on roadside issue, removal of roadside vegetation for bushfire mitigation/prevention.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Discuss trail bike issue with councils that have tried to combat problem previously. Possible collaboration with Primary Producers SA and like groups.</p>
3.3	<p><b>General Manager’s Report</b> The acting General Manager, Amy Goodman, presented a monthly report on the business and what work is occurring within the region.</p> <p>Discussion was had on the proposal to develop a Biosecurity Act for SA. A Biosecurity Forum is scheduled for next week, which will be attended by the General Manager.</p> <p>Board members suggested that reporting against the Business Plan would be useful as part of the General Manager’s report.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Include Progress of Business Plan as a standing item on future agendas.</p> <p><i>Break for lunch.</i></p>

4	Items for Decision
4.1	<p><b>Policies and Procedures for the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <p>The Manager, Business Services presented a meeting paper on policies and procedures required for the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board to guide consistent and transparent decision making which comply with various Acts, Instructions and whole of government policies that the Board operates within.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adopts the broad range of DEW policies in Attachment 1,</b></li> <li>• <b>Adopts the Work, Health and Safety Policies in Attachment 2</b> <i>Noting that the Board members have not had an opportunity to sight the documents in attachment 1 and 2. This will be facilitated by the General Manager.</i></li> <li>• <b>Adopts the Out of Session Meetings, Common Seal and In-Camera Meetings policies in Attachment 3, 4 and 5.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> General Manager to make available copies of policies to members</p>
4.2	<p><b>Instruments of Delegation for functions and Powers under the <i>Landscape SA Act 2019</i>.</b></p> <p>The acting General Manager provided the Board with a new paper outlining the delegations required under the Landscape Act. The new paper recommended that the powers and functions of the Board be delegated to the General Manager, with the provision for the General Manager to sub-delegate to other staff if required, noting that part 2 cannot be sub-delegated.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Delegates its powers and functions in the Landscape South Australia Act contained in Column One (1) of the Schedule to this Instrument, to the person holding or acting in the position set out in Column Two (2) of the Schedule, for and on behalf of The Board;</b></li> <li>2. <b>Authorises the Presiding Member, to sign the Instrument of Delegation, appropriately witnessed, effective from 1st July 2020; and</b></li> <li>3. <b>Authorise the affixing of the common seal to the Instrument of Delegation.</b></li> </ol>
4.3	<p><b>Committees of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <p><u>Finance and Risk Committee</u></p> <p>The finance and Risk committee comprises Jim Godden, (Chair) and Di Davidson, along with the General Manager and Business Services Manager. The Chair has had initial discussions with Jeff McDonald about his role as the independent member on this committee. The Chair will meet further with Jeff to discuss this role.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> General Manager and Chair to meet with Jeff McDonald and discuss the role he will play.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved that Jim Godden be the Chair of the Finance and Risk committee.</b></p>



	<p><u>Water Advisory Committee</u>                  The Board is still working on the structure of the Water Advisory Committee.                  A further meeting will be held on Teams to discuss the composition of the committee on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Distribute the Water Advisory Committee TOR, adopted at the June meeting, to all Board members.                  Barb to circulate the list of people with their skills and knowledge.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Financial Report</b>                  The Manager, Business Services provided the papers that were discussed at the Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on Monday. The Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee presented the report to the Board, noting that the papers were the 2019/20 financials for the SAMDB NRM Board.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board note the Finance Papers for the South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board (SAMDBNRM Board) and that the outgoing SAMDBNRM Board Presiding Member accepts the Finance Papers out of session.</i></p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Items for Discussion</b>	
5.1	<p><b>Grants and funding opportunities</b>                  Members discussed funding opportunities that may be available for the Board to apply for.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Consent Schedule</b>	
6.1	<b>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 3-20 held 25 June 2020</b>	<i>The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Meeting 3-20 held on 25 June 2020.</i>
6.2	<b>Projects funded through the Agricultural Knowledge Grants 2020/21</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the assessment outcomes of the panel review for the 2020/21 Agricultural Knowledge Grant</i>
6.3	<b>Update on the SA Planning reforms</b>	<p><i>The Board:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>noted</b> that the implementation of the new planning system will be completed by the end of this year</li> <li>2. <b>advised</b> that no training needs have been identified.</li> </ol>
6.4	<b>Board update on monthly activity of referral requests</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the referral update.</i>
6.5	<b>Action List</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the action sheet.</i>

6.6	<b>Correspondence</b>	<i>The Board noted the correspondence.</i>
	<i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendations within the consent schedule.</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
7.1	<b>Any other Business</b> nil	
7.2	<b>Members Contributions</b> Nil	
	<b>Next meeting – 27 August at Murray Bridge</b>	
	Meeting closed at 3.00pm	

<p><b>ENDORSED</b></p> 	<p>Dianne Davidson AM  <b>Presiding Member</b>  <b>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b>  <b>Date: 27-8-2020</b></p>
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## Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board

### Minutes

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Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 5-20			
Date: 27 August 2020			
Start Time:	9.00am	Finish Time:	3.30pm
Location:	3 South Tce, Murray Bridge	Room:	Murray Bridge Council Chambers
Attendees:	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Barb Cowey, Jim Godden, Lisa Rowntree, Jason Size		
Staff:	Amy Goodman (Acting General Manager), Helane Norman (Executive Assistant), Items 4.1 and 4.5: Brenton James (Water Resources Assessment Officer) and Lyz Risby (Water Resources Manager)		
Visitors / Guests:	Sonya Furey for Item 1.		
Apologies:	Nil		

Item	
1.	<b>Governance Training, delivered by Sonya Furey, was undertaken by board members.</b>
2.	<b>10.30pm Public Meeting</b>
2.1	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.
2.2	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> Greg Cock – member of the Paiwalla trust Andrew Biele – Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee previous member Members indicated they would remove themselves from assessing Grassroots Grant applications received from groups that they are involved in.
3	<b>Strategic items</b>
3.1	<b>Landscape Reform – Chair and Acting General Manager</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The corporate and business services review is progressing. The catalogue of services should be available to Boards soon.</li> <li>• General Manager (GM) appointment process progressing</li> <li>• Acting General Managers from across the state are continuing to meet to discuss matters of state-wide interest including interactions with the Landscape Services office within DEW, support for the Landscape Chairs forum and Australian Government interactions</li> <li>• Landscape Board Charter not yet finalised by Presiding Members Forum and Minister</li> <li>• Branding: Exemption for branding without Government of South Australia emblem has been gained for marketing purposes only. Plan has been established for branding on uniforms and buildings.</li> </ul>
3.2	<p><b>Chair's report</b> A summary of meetings undertaken by the Chair was presented, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Pasin, MP for Barker on 24 July</li> <li>• Renmark Paringa Council on July 28 (J Godden and D Davidson)</li> <li>• Jeff McDonald, independent Finance Committee member, on July 28 (D Davidson and J Godden)</li> <li>• Coorong Council on August 4 (D Davidson and L Rowntree)</li> <li>• Chairs forum and then meeting with partners PIRSA Landcare, LGA, Indigenous leaders, Conservation Council and Nature Alliance.</li> <li>• Board workshop on August 7 (All board members)</li> <li>• Recruitment Panel for GM with Jim Godden on 18 August.</li> <li>• Conversations with Ben Bruce and Dan Jordan – and provided items for discussion with Board members.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Dan Jordan to be invited speak to the Board.</p>
3.3	<p><b>General Manager's Report</b> The Acting General Manager presented a monthly report on the business and what work is occurring within the region. Highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four essential positions have been advertised, to be filled on a contract basis.</li> <li>• Accommodation options for Murray Bridge continue to be explored</li> <li>• Grassroots Grants: 51 applications received. The assessment process will now commence including some early stage assessment by Board members. This will allow members to gain an insight into the types of projects and bodies which seek Landscape funding.</li> </ul>
3.4	<p><b>Landscape Planning – Developing the Landscape Plan</b> The Acting General Manager presented a paper on the draft process for developing the Landscape Plan over the next year.</p> <p>The Initial workshop is planned for 1<sup>st</sup> October at Karoonda Council chambers. Amy Lee and Bec Arnold will facilitate the workshop.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> General Manager to send link to the Scottish heritage plan to all board members.</p>

	<p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the proposed approach to developing the Landscape plan.</i></b></p>
4	<p><b>Items for Decision</b></p>
4.1	<p><b>Amended Water Affecting Activities (WAA) Control Policies</b></p> <p>A paper was presented by Brenton James (Water Resources assessment officer) on the new WAA Control Policy. Previously the Board had adopted the WAA policies in the NRM Plan, as an interim measure until new Policies were in place. The existing policies have now been incorporated into a set of WAA Control Policies, ready for approval by the minister and gazettal in the SA Government Gazette.</p> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation to endorse the Murraylands and Riverland Water Affecting Activities Control Policy and approve submission to the Minister for adoption.</i></b></p>
4.2	<p><b>Committees of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <p><b>1. Water Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>The Acting General Manager presented a paper to the Board, including an update, outlining the proposed membership of the Board’s Water Advisory Committee.</p> <p>The Chair of the committee will be decided. Possible members with good knowledge of the Mallee underground water and Aboriginal water interests need to be identified.</p> <p><b>Initial meeting</b> – 3.30 to 5pm, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Board members can attend in person or via Teams. Dan Jordan to be invited to the meeting.</p> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the appointment of Sheridan Alm, Rosalie Auricht, Anne Jensen, Greg McCarron, Clem Mason, Joanne Pfeiffer and David Zadow to the Water Advisory Committee for an initial period of 1 year.</i></b></p> <p><b>2. Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee</b></p> <p>A paper was presented to the Board on the steps that have been and need to be taken to transition the Box Flat Dingo control coordinating Committee under the NRM Act and NRM Boards to a committee under the Landscape Act. This committee will be registered as a committee of the MR Landscape Board and be managed as a joint committee with the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. The draft Terms of Reference were provided.</p> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board:</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Ratify the previous decision of the SAMDB NRM Board to transfer the Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee’s ‘funds, assets, rights and liabilities’ from the Limestone Coast Landscape Board to the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board; and</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Approve that the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee becomes an official Committee of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board; and</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Approve the Terms of Reference of the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee.</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Approve a member of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee be the Board’s representative for the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee.</i></b></li> </ul>


	<p><b>ACTION:</b> G Cock to confirm that Livestock SA endorses that the representative on this committee will be from the Sheep Industry fund Board.</p> <p><b>3. Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</b></p> <p>A paper was presented to the Board on the membership of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee, advising that letters had been sent to members of the previous Mallee and Coorong NRM Group, to gauge interest in being on the new committee. Favourable replies were received from the previous chair and members.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appoint Roger Wickes as the Chair of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee for an initial term of 12 months and</b></li> <li>• <b>Appoint Stephanie Evans, Carolyn Shaw, Andrew Hansen, Daridyn Hayward and Yvonne Smith, as members of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee for an initial term of 12 months.</b></li> <li>• <b>Note that Andrew Biele will be the Board representative on this committee</b></li> </ul> <p><b>4. Remuneration for Boards and Committees</b></p> <p>Advice on remuneration outside of public meetings is still to be received. Administrative support and Technical support will be provided to all committees established by the Board.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Acting General Manager to follow up with the Ministers office re status of this.</p> <p><b>5. Former NRM Groups – Formal notice to Minister for Abolition</b></p> <p>The Acting General Manager presented a paper that outlined the process to be undertaken to formally abolish the NRM Groups.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Recommend to the Minister for Environment and Water that the NRM Groups which had existed under the SAMDB NRM Board be abolished.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Acting General Manager to summarise the feedback previously received from Group and Committee chairs.</p>
4.3	<p><b>Pest Cost Recovery Fees and Charges</b></p> <p>A Board paper by Murraylands District Manager was presented, relating to cost recovery fees and charges for pest and weed control, following the annual review to ensure that costs outlaid for products and services are recovered adequately.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the proposed Cost Recovery Service charges and Pest Control Fee Schedule for 2020.</b></p>
4.4	<p><b>Service level Agreement between M &amp; R and H &amp; F Landscape Boards</b></p> <p>The Acting General Manager outlined the transitional service delivery arrangements for 2020-21 with the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, which need to be put in place as a result of Boundary changes with the introduction of Landscape SA.</p>

	<p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommended Service Level Agreement for 2020-21 between Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board and Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board.</b></p>
<p>4.5</p>	<p><b>River Murray WAP Amendments and Consultation Process</b>  Proposed minor amendments to the River Murray WAP were provided to Board members in the Board paper, and explained by Lyz Risby, Water Resources Manager. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The addition of water affecting activity permit policies related to drilling wells (not retrospectively)</li> <li>• Referencing the section 105 Authorisation for managed wetlands to take unregulated flows</li> <li>• Updating reference to the Landscapes Act and other related minor amendments</li> </ul> <p>The consultation strategy was outlined in the paper and will be amended to allow submissions to be made via phone due to COVID-19.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorse, in principle, the proposed amendments (that are in addition to the ELMA amendments) to the draft River Murray Water Allocation Plan that include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>The addition of water affecting activity permit policies related to drilling wells</b></li> <li>○ <b>Referencing the section 105 Authorisation for managed wetlands to take unregulated flows</b></li> <li>○ <b>Updating references to the Landscapes Act and other related minor amendments</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Note the additional proposed amendments have no impacts to other water users.</b></li> <li>• <b>Approve an amendment to the Consultation Strategy to include live streaming (in place of webinar) and individual phone calls for community members concerned about attending a (socially distanced) public meeting in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.</b></li> <li>• <b>Note the task schedule and in particular the 2 month statutory consultation period commencing 21 September 2020 and the likely requirement for an extraordinary board meeting to endorse amendments to the draft Plan on the week being 7 September 2020.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> A short MS Teams meeting will be required to endorse amendments, Lyz to send dot point summary when paper is ready to allow time for review of paper by members.  <b>ACTION:</b> Helene to set up 30 minute meeting, possibly evening.</p>
<p>4.6</p>	<p><b>Regional Communications</b>  A board paper was presented to the Board outlining the range of communications products used to connect with the community, which includes 'the drift' e-newsletter. Discussion occurred on what members would like to see in the e-newsletter, focusing on deliverables to levy payers and as a vehicle for partners to put in relevant information.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Further discussion on the 1 October after the planning session.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board:</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Note the current range of communications products used to connect with the community</b></li> <li>• <b>Continue a flag-ship electronic newsletter for Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board news.</b></li> </ul>
4.7	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>Paper that were discussed at the Finance and Risk Committee meeting held on Monday were presented by the Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee, noting that \$2.856m carryover has been requested, to be split between the 3 NRM Boards.</p> <p>Note that the Finance and Risk committee has been renamed to the Finance Committee. A risk register (finance, reputational, safety, etc) needs to be drawn up.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Chair to draft a Risk Register to present to the Board.</p> <p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendation that the Board note the Finance Papers for the South Australian Murray Darling Basin Natural Resource Management Board (SAMDBNRM Board).</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The outgoing SAMDBNRM Board Presiding Member accepts the Finance Papers out of session.</i></b></p>
<p>5 Items for Discussion</p>	
5.1	<p><b>Grant and Funding Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Heritage Agreement program</b> The Acting General Manager has sent information regarding this program being rolled out by Nature Foundation.</li> <li>• <b>Future Drought Fund (FDF)</b> The Board has received an invitation and update on the Australian Government FDF – NRM Drought Resilience Program. In readiness for this staff have drafted a Drought Response and Resilience Strategy to enhance the Board’s ability to access funding for the FDF programs. The Board have deferred a decision on the strategy and it will be followed up out of session.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the invitation and update of the Australian Governments Future Drought Fund (FDF) – Natural Resources Management (NRM) Drought Resilience Program.</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Landscape Priorities Fund</b> Denise Fowles (Sustainable Landscape Manager) has provided a paper outlining project opportunities (14 were included) for the Landscape Priorities Fund, noting the preparation already undertaken by staff. The Board discussed the possibility that some applications to the Grassroots Grants Fund could be included into a Landscape Priority fund proposal. The Board approved that one or two members contribute to discussions out-of-session to shape proposals for the Landscape Priority Fund.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the work being undertaken in anticipation of the opening of the Landscape Priorities Fund and will provide advice to the General Manager on Board priorities for the Landscape Priorities Fund.</i></b></p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Economic stimulus Programs</b> Round 4 of the Smart Farms small grants is open. Four projects are being developed.</li> </ul>
5.2	<b>Biosecurity Act Proposal</b> Changes to the proposal has delayed progress on the new Biosecurity Act. The Biosecurity part of the Landscape Act will now not be moved to the Biosecurity Act.
<b>6</b>	<b>Consent Schedule</b>
6.1	<b>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 4-20 held 23 July 2020</b> <i>The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Meeting 4-20 held 23 July 2020.</i>
6.2	<b>Draft Water Regulations</b> <i>The Board <b>noted</b> the draft regulations out for consultation.</i>
6.3	<b>Board update on monthly activity of referral requests</b> <i>The Board <b>noted</b> the referral update.</i>
6.4	<b>Action List</b> <i>The Board <b>noted</b> the action sheet.</i>
6.5	<b>Correspondence</b> <i>The Board <b>noted</b> the correspondence.</i>
	<i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendations within the consent schedule.</i>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
7.1	<b>Any other Business</b> nil
7.2	<b>Members Contributions</b> Nil
7.3	<b>In Camera session for Board members</b> <i>That the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approves under the provisions of Section 23 (5) of the Landscape South Australia Act 2019, an order be made that the public and staff be excluded from attendance at the meeting, in order to consider, in confidence, a matter on the grounds of Section 7(3) (a) information the disclosure of which would involve the unreasonable disclosure of information concerning the personal affairs of any person (living or dead) of the Landscape South Australia (General) Regulations 2020.</i>
	<b>Next meeting</b> – 1 October at the Karoonda Council Chambers following the Planning workshop
	Meeting closed at 3.30pm

<b>ENDORSED</b> 	Dianne Davidson AM <b>Presiding Member</b> Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Date:
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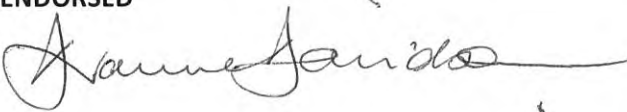
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Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Out of Session Meeting			
<b>Date: 10 September 2020</b>			
<b>Start Time:</b>	8.30am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	8.50am
<b>Location:</b>	MS Teams	<b>Room:</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Barb Cowey, Jim Godden, Lisa Rowntree		
<b>Staff:</b>	Amy Goodman (Acting General Manager), Helane Norman (Executive Assistant), Lyz Risby (Water Resources Manager) and Bec Freshwater (River Murray WAP Project Officer)		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jason Size		

Item	
1.1	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b></p> <p>Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.</p>
1.2	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b></p> <p><b>Nil</b></p>
1.3	<p><b>River Murray WAP amendments</b></p> <p>The Water Allocation Planning Manager presented a paper on the River Murray WAP amendments to include partially bundling the Environmental Land Management Allocations (ELMA). This means conditions for taking and using water will reside on the water licence and not on site use or works approvals. A number of other minor amendments were detailed in the paper.</p> <p>As water access entitlements cannot be varied under the Landscape Act, ELMA Licences will be issued for 5 years, expiring after this time enabling the Minister to make changes if required, and then be reissued.</p> <p>The Board will be doing the irrigation annual reporting on the Ministers behalf, which is something that has been done previously and aids in gaining knowledge for further review.</p> <p>Table 21 is the entire list of ELMA eligible parcels of land. ELMA licence is attached to the specific land parcels or part thereof, and if the property is sold, the licence expires, and the new owner will need to reapply for the ELMA licence.</p> <p>Public consultation opens on the 28<sup>th</sup> September, with the public meetings on 13th October with 2 sessions between 10am and 3pm at Murray Bridge.</p> <p>Lyz Risby is also working on the implementation planning of the WAP with the Water Licensing team.</p>

	<p>Salinity zones were reviewed in 2019 when the River Murray WAP was reviewed for Basin Compliance. New site use approvals can be granted in both the high and low salinity impact zones and are issued for a term of 30 years and 60 years respectively and expire after that term.</p> <p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the amendments to the draft River Murray Prescribed Watercourse Water Allocation Plan (the Plan) and approved the draft Plan for release for public consultation.</i></b></p>
1.4	<p><b>Close</b>  <b>Next meeting – 1 October at the Karoonda Council Chambers following the Planning workshop</b></p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.50am</p>

<p><b>ENDORSED</b></p> 	<p>Dianne Davidson AM  <b>Presiding Member</b>  <b>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b>  <b>Date:</b></p>
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Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 6-20			
<b>Date: 1 October 2020</b>			
<b>Start Time:</b>	9.00am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	4.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	11 Railway Tce, Karoonda	<b>Room:</b>	Karoonda East Murray Council chambers
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Barb Cowey, Jim Godden, Jason Size, Lisa Rowntree (MS Teams)		
<b>Staff:</b>	Amy Goodman (Acting General Manager), Helene Norman (Executive Assistant), Item 3.1: Lyz Risby (Water Resources Manager)		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>	Item 3.1: Dan Jordan (Director, Water Policy, Department for Environment and Water)		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nil		

Item	
1.	A Planning workshop was held prior to the meeting
2.	<b>12.30pm Public Meeting</b>
2.1	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.
2.2	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> No further disclosures to report
3	<b>Strategic items</b>
3.1	<b>Water Update</b> Dan Jordan (Director, Water Policy, DEW)) gave a presentation covering the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water sharing between NSW, Vic and SA under MDB Agreement</li> <li>• State's approach to allocating water under the SA River Murray Water Allocation Plan (WAP)</li> <li>• Recent history of River Murray allocations in SA and interstate, including in Millennium Drought.</li> <li>• Short-term water availability outlook in Southern Basin</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Short- and long-term importance of the Murray Darling Basin Plan</li> </ul> <p><u>Water Planning Management Charges</u> - the Department for Environment and Water are currently compiling information for Landscape Boards on the water planning and management charge. Aim for this information to be presented to the Board at their November meeting.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Landscape Reform Update</b>– Chair and Acting General Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items discussed at the Chairs forum held on Sept 30<sup>th</sup> included: impact causing native species, aboriginal participation/input in the State’s Landscape Boards, compliance and enforcement, Landscape Strategy and Priorities Fund, and inclusion of the Landscape Boards as a signatory to the MOU between DEW and PIRSA for emergency biosecurity response.</li> <li>Corporate Services – received the service catalogue which outlined services previously provided by DEW, what services can be provided going forward, cost of these and ICT services.</li> </ul>
3.3	<p><b>Chair’s report</b></p> <p>A summary of meetings undertaken by the Chair was presented, including:</p> <p>September 1: Meeting with Loxton Waikerie council, Jason Size attended</p> <p>September 1: Attended Water Advisory Committee meeting</p> <p>September 1: Attended Loxton Landcare meeting, Jason Size attended</p> <p>September 8: Meeting with Mid Murray council, Greg Cock attended.</p>
4	Items for Decision
4.1	<p><b>Regional Communications – E Newsletter</b></p> <p>The Acting General Manager spoke to a paper prepared by the Communications and Engagement Team Leader, which provided more information on the e-newsletter, proposed to be called the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape News, and provided fortnightly.</p> <p>The SAAL newsletter PALYA! is a really good example.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> E-Newsletter mock-up to be forwarded to Board members when received</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the information provided and approved that the fortnightly e-newsletter be called the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape News.</i></p>
4.2	<p><b>Grassroots Grants</b></p> <p>The paper presented to Board members summarised the outcome of the Murraylands and Riverland Grassroots Grants 2020-21 program. Fifty applications were received totalling \$713,614 (ex GST) which were assessed by staff and Board members A total of \$348,251 will be provided to 28 grant recipients for projects which met the criteria. This is made up of \$330,068 from the Grassroots grants program and \$18,183 from other programs. Follow-up will occur with unsuccessful groups.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> <i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board ratified the out of session decision to endorse the final allocations of funding to applicants under the 2020-21 Grassroots Grants Program.</i></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Board to review the grassroots grants process in the future.</p>

4.3	<p><b>SA Wild Dog Advisory Group representative</b>  The Board has received a request from PIRSA to confirm previous NRM Board representation on the SA Wild Dog Advisory Group or nominate new representation.</p> <p>Barb Cowey will explore landowners in the northern area of the region that may be interested in attending. Di Davidson will attend the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.</p> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the nomination of Di Davidson (or her nominee) as the Board’s representative on SAWDAG, and Denise Fowles as the proxy representative.</i></b></p>
4.4	<p><b>Financial Report</b>  The Finance Committee Chair presented the August Financial report and papers that were discussed at the September Finance Committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current favourable expenditure of \$1.5m due to a combination of issues.</li> <li>• DEW has transferred \$3.75m as an interim measure to ensure liquidity, while the transfer of assets and liabilities from the SAMDB NRM Board to the 3 Landscape Boards is finalised, at which time the balance will be transferred.</li> <li>• Levies will come through in November. Transfer of leave liabilities will also be transferred in the next month.</li> <li>• Liabilities are in debit as accruals have not yet been reversed.</li> <li>• Expenditure budget adjustments of \$3.413 m have been requested</li> </ul> <p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Finance Papers for the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board as recommended by the Finance Committee.</i></b></p> <p><b>Paid Parental Leave Provision</b>  The Provision acknowledges that employees are entitled to 16 weeks paid parental leave, and so that this expense is not borne by the individual program, provision (which will increase over time) will be maintained by the organisation.</p> <p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the adoption of the Paid Parental Leave Policy following the recommendation of the Finance Committee.</i></b></p>
5	<p>Items for Discussion</p>
5.1	<p><b>General Managers Report</b>  The Acting General Manager provided a monthly report that summarised the activities from each of the programs and their status against the business plan.  Board members appreciated the changes made to the report.</p> <p>WHS:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New MR Landscape WHS Committee is about to be formed</li> <li>• COVID19 change from working from home is the norm, to working from the office becoming the regular thing given the vulnerable people issue.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion occurred on the wellbeing of staff given COVID19, staff changes and Landscape transition. Staff are getting on with what they need to do, but are generally frustrated with the slow progress of changes.</p> <p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the General Manager’s report for September 2020.</i></b></p>
5.2	<p><b>Summary of meetings with Local Councils</b></p> <p>The Presiding Member presented a written report summarising the meetings that she and other Board members have undertaken with the District Councils within our region over the last 10 weeks. For follow-up by the General Manager in the future.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Email word document to all members to add further details.</p>
5.3	<p><b>Grant and Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>Future Drought Fund (FDF)</b></p> <p>The Acting General Manager spoke to the draft Drought Response and Resilience Strategy written to enhance the Board’s ability to access funding for the FDF programs. It is a very useful document, but agreed that there is too much scene setting in sections 1-3 before getting to the important details.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Greg Cock has volunteered to work with staff to amend the Drought Response and Resilience strategy.</p> <p>Discussion occurred on if it is the Landscape Board’s responsibility to build the resilience of the farming businesses to help them withstand the drought. Staff don’t provide advice, but rather link them into Rural Business Support or PIRSA.</p> <p><b>Landscape Priority Fund</b> – Proposals are ready to be submitted, on the release of the fund.</p>
5.4	<p><b>Committees of the Murraylands and Riverland Board</b></p> <p><b>Water Advisory Committee:</b> Met on 1 September. The Chair of WAC will be requested to attend the ELMA consultations on October 13; other WAC members will also be welcome</p> <p><b>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee:</b> This committee will meet and plan what they anticipate they will do in the next 9 months, first meeting likely to be later in October.</p> <p><b>Remuneration Determination for Boards and Committees:</b> Confirmation has been received from Minister Speirs on allowances and expenses that can be remunerated to members of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board and sub-ordinate Committees.</p> <p>After discussion, it was decided that members of these committees will be remunerated as per the approval for recognition of their individual skills and time.</p>

	<p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved remuneration to the members on the subordinate committees of the Board, listed below, as indicated in the approval received from Minister Speirs.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Box Flat Dingo Control Coordinating Committee</i></li> <li>• <i>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Finance Committee</i></li> <li>• <i>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</i></li> <li>• <i>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Water Advisory Committee</i></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Terms of Reference for the above committees to be amended to include remuneration.</p> <p><b>Feedback from the former groups was presented to the Board.</b> Board members were presented with feedback that had been received from the former NRM Group Chairs for noting.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the feedback received from the outgoing NRM Group Chairs.</i></p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Consent Schedule</b>	
6.1	<b>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 5-20 held 27 August 2020</b>	<i>The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Meeting 5-20 held 27 August 2020.</i>
6.2	<b>Adoption of Minutes of Out of session Meeting held 10 September 2020</b>	<i>The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Out of session Meeting held 10 September 2020, and <b>ratify</b> that decision.</i>
6.3	<b>Board update on monthly activity of referral requests</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the referral update.</i>
6.4	<b>Action List</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the action sheet.</i>
6.5	<b>Correspondence</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the correspondence.</i>
	<i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendations within the consent schedule.</i>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
7.1	<b>Any other Business</b> Nil	
7.2	<b>Members Contributions</b> Nil	
7.3	<b>In Camera session</b> The Board moved to an in-camera discussion on Murray Bridge Office Accommodation	



	<b><i>Decision: That the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board notes the exploration of accommodation options in Murray Bridge to date and is willing to investigate further options for Murray Bridge office accommodation.</i></b>
	<b>Next meeting</b> – Friday 30 October at Murray Bridge NRC. A large portion of this day will be a planning workshop.
	Meeting closed at 4.05pm

<b>ENDORSED</b> 	Dianne Davidson AM <b>Presiding Member</b> <b>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b> <b>Date:</b>
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# Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board

## Minutes

### Acknowledgement of Country

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Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 7-20			
<b>Date: 30 October 2020</b>			
<b>Start Time:</b>	9.30am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	12.30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Murray Bridge	<b>Room:</b>	Murray Bridge Club Upstairs meeting room.
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Barb Cowey, Jim Godden, Jason Size, Lisa Rowntree		
<b>Staff:</b>	Amy Goodman (Acting General Manager), Helane Norman (Executive Assistant), For Item 2.2 Amy Lee (Acting Manager, Planning and Evaluation), Eilidh Wilson (Senior Project Officer, Planning and Policy) and Rebecca Arnold (Planning and MERI Team Leader), and Item 3.1 Michelle Finch (Business Services Manager)		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>	Andrew Meddle		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nil		

Item	
1.	<b>Welcome</b>
1.1	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.
1.2	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> No further disclosures to report
2	<b>Items for Decision</b>
2.1	SAMDB NRM Board Annual Report The acting General Manager presented the SAMDB NRM Board's draft Annual Report to the Board. The audited financial statement will be available in November and will be added to the report before submitting prior to 30 November.

	<p>A report (previously called the Achievement report) will be compiled later in the year which gives a better picture of the work undertaken by the Board.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the draft SAMDB NRM Board annual report.</b></p>
2.2	<p><b>Consultation strategy for Strategic Plan</b>  A paper was presented to the Board giving an overview of the approach proposed for the public consultation regarding the development of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Strategic plan.</p> <p>Proposed is a 2 phase consultation approach, with Phase 1 occurring in November and December 2020 and targeting key stakeholders on the draft priorities and focus areas. Phase 2 is proposed to occur in February and March 2021 with the release of a draft Landscape plan document for wider comment to all stakeholders in the form.</p> <p>A discussion occurred on the proposal and how the IAP2 spectrum guides this consultation and stakeholders to consult with. The Board suggested that the following stakeholders also be considered in Phase 1: Country Fire Service, Riverland Horticultural Future Groups, Biosecurity SA, Primary Producers SA and the Conservation Council. The Board also suggested that the language and content used during consultation must be deliberate in acknowledging the feedback that has already been received from key stakeholders.</p> <p>To support phase 1 consultation, a 1-2 pager will be developed to support Board members and staff to have conversations within their networks.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the proposed approach and time frames for consultation on the Landscape plan.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Amy Lee to develop consultation key messages to support Board member and staff through consultation.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Items for Discussion</b>
3.1	<p><b>Corporate Services briefing</b>  The Acting General Manager presented a comprehensive overview of the Corporate services review. A hybrid model, where the majority of services are delivered directly by the Board and some services purchased from DEW/Shared Services, has been approved by the Minister. Further work will be undertaken to finalise and transition to the new model.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Project Coorong and joint meeting with Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board</b>  The Chair has discussed with Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board the interest that both Boards have in Project Coorong and the Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin project. A joint meeting with board members from both boards that can attend to hear the progress of the project has been suggested.</p>

	<p>The General Managers of Murraylands and Riverland and Limestone Coast Landscape Boards attend the meetings of the Project Coorong Advisory Board, and the Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin steering committee. Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board staff are involved in the implementation of on-ground works elements of the projects. The Coorong partnership is a community committee established by the Minister.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportune time to meet with Hills and Fleurieu Board to collaborate on strategic plans.</li> <li>• Priority to lift the visibility of the work that is being delivered on behalf of the Board</li> <li>• Important to know what staff are doing, and the General Managers report has been exceptional for this.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> General Manager to follow up suitable meeting date with Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.</p>	
3.3	<p><b>Community engagement - New opportunities for the Board</b> A discussion occurred on member's ideas on opportunities for communicating the work of the board to levy payers.</p> <p>Discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The benefit of having clear contact points into the organisation. For example having a dedicated staff member who is the go to person for Councils, LAPs etc.</li> <li>• Doing more to promote the Grassroots Grants publicity. Board members requested that a letter be drafted for each Council highlighting the Grassroots grants projects funded in their area.</li> <li>• Our communication should focus on telling engaging stories, indicating community benefit and point of view</li> <li>• Increase the visibility of Board funded work including Signage on building and vehicles, and on completed projects eg roadsides</li> <li>• Regularly produce a succinct summary of key work being undertaken in different parts of the region</li> <li>• The Board should have a future discussion about how the "social infrastructure" in the region should be structured and resourced.</li> <li>• Utilise Council newsletters, school newsletters, MP's offices and media</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Executive Officer to provide members with printed copy of Landscape SA Act.</p>	
4	Consent Schedule	
4.1	<p><b>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 6-20 held 1 October 2020</b></p>	<p><i>The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Meeting 6-20 held 1 October 2020.</i></p>
4.2	<p><b>Ratification of out of session decision _ - CLLMM CAP representative from the Board</b></p>	<p><i>The Board <b>ratified</b> the Out of session decision made via emails to nominate Di Davidson as the representative and Greg Cock as the proxy representative on the CLLMM CAP committee.</i></p>

4.3	<b>Board update on monthly activity of referral requests</b>	<i>The Board noted the referral update.</i>
4.4	<b>Action List</b>	<i>The Board noted the action sheet.</i>
4.5	<b>Correspondence</b>	<i>The Board noted the correspondence.</i>
	<p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendations within the consent schedule.</i></b></p> <p>The action sheet was discussed in more detail, an 'Action Due' column to be added.</p> <p>Further correspondence has been received from the Renmark Council regarding concerns on collecting the levy, a response to be sent.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Position statements – Look at previous position statements to see if any are current issues that the Board should have a statement on</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Other Business</b>	
5.1	<p><b>Any other Business</b> Lisa Rowntree has received an enquiry re the responsibility on <b>roadside pest plant management</b>, which was discussed and will be clarified.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> General Manager to provide information to the Board regarding the requirements of the Landscape SA Act for roadside pest activities following an enquiry raised by Lisa Rowntree. <b>ACTION:</b> Long term action - Bring together CFS (Fire management as a result of bushfires), Landscape staff (pest management on roadsides), Council and DIT to discuss involvement in managing roadsides.</p>	
5.2	<p><b>Members Contributions</b> Nil</p>	
	<p><b>Next meeting</b> – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Jack Seekamp Board room, Berri. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 12.30pm</p>	

<p><b>ENDORSED</b></p> 	<p>Dianne Davidson AM  <b>Presiding Member</b>  <b>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b>  <b>Date:</b> 19 November 2020</p>
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## Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board

### Minutes

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Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 8-20			
<b>Date: 19 November 2020</b>			
<b>Start Time:</b>	10.00am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	3.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	MS Teams	<b>Room:</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Barb Cowey, Jason Size		
<b>Staff:</b>	Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Amy Goodman (Planning and Evaluation Manager), Helane Norman (Executive Assistant), Michelle Finch (Business Services Manager - until end Item 3.6)  Item 2.3: Amy Lee (Planning and MERI Team leader), Bec Arnold (Senior PO Monitoring and Evaluation), and Eilidh Wilson (Senior Policy Officer)  Item 4.3: Lyz Risby, (Water Allocation Planning Manager), and Rebecca Freshwater (Senior PO, River Murray WAP)  Item 5.1: Darren Willis (Team leader, Wetlands and Floodplains)		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>			
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jim Godden, Lisa Rowntree		

Item	
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
1.1	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.
1.2	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> No further disclosures to report
<b>2</b>	<b>Strategic items</b>
2.1	<b>Chairs Report</b> Chairs forum, held 18/11/20, was attended by the General Manager, with the key items being <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Planning Costs and charging by DEW</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corporate services transition from DEW to boards</li> <li>• State Climate Change Strategy</li> </ul> <p>The Minister spoke and thanked the boards for their work in 2020 and then focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Landscape Strategy</li> <li>• The Landscape Priorities Fund</li> <li>• Legislative reviews to Pastoral Lands and Biosecurity</li> <li>• PIRSA Regional Development Strategy</li> </ul> <p>16/11/20: Chair met with new MDBA chair, Angus Houston, and senior MDBA staff in Renmark to listen to how MDBA will be working with river communities. Included a discussion with Monique White and Deana Mildren, on how the board can formally link into the MDBA, which may have relevant opportunities for new board partnerships in regard to funding for projects within the MDB.</p> <p>17/11/20: Also gave a presentation at the Central Irrigation Trust Board meeting. Several questions were raised, including what collectively members get for the levy they pay, and pest plant and animal compliance. Discussion included input and involvement through consultation, and how the board inform landholders who has responsibility for each part of the water allocation process.</p> <p>The Meeting <b>moved In-Camera</b> for a discussion between the General Manager and the board with the following outcome:  The board want the new business to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• outward looking;</li> <li>• professional in all ways;</li> <li>• vibrant and with its own identity; and</li> <li>• not seen or perceived as an arm of government.</li> </ul> <p>The board's staff need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be flexible;</li> <li>• Be innovative;</li> <li>• Use their initiative; and</li> <li>• Be well engaged in the outcomes of their work.</li> </ul> <p>The Board needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identify new partners (with funds); and</li> <li>• have its own relationship with them (not filtered through government).</li> </ul> <p>The meeting moved <b>out of In-Camera</b>.</p>
2.2	<p><b>General Managers Report</b></p> <p>The General Manager presented a comprehensive report prepared by the previous Acting General Manager. The chair thanked everyone involved for the detailed report.</p> <p>Highlighted by Board members was the Watering at Martins Bend, which created positive discussion within the community and the collaboration with multiple groups that is being obtained in Sustainable Agriculture.</p>

2.3	<p><b>Landscape Strategic Plan</b></p> <p>The Planning and Evaluation Manager along with the planning team provided the board with a paper outlining the draft regional priorities and focus areas as discussed at the last meeting. This Landscape Plan will provide a framework for issues to be solved. Feedback in Phase one will be sought on not just principles and focus areas, but on everything. Next Steps: finalise details, email phase one stakeholders with information, request feedback, invite questions (provide contact details so staff can be contacted), Virtual Drop in sessions could be investigated.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Confirmed the draft regional priorities and focus areas as a first version to test with key stakeholders during Phase 1 consultation; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Confirmed the communication product as the mechanism to test the draft regional priorities and focus areas with key stakeholders during Phase 1 consultation.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Amy Goodman to provide final version to board members by email prior to going out to stakeholders.</p>
<p><b>3. Items for Decision</b></p>	
3.1	<p><b>SAMDB NRM Board Annual Report</b></p> <p>The draft SAMDB NRM Board Annual Report was presented to the Landscape Board members, however the Audited Financial Statement has not yet been received. Approval has been obtained for electronic signature to be used due to COVID 19.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the SAMDB NRM Board Annual Report with the addition of the Audited financial Statement. The outgoing SAMDB NRM Board Presiding member approved the SAMDB NRM Board 2019-20 Annual Report.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Annual Report to be submitted to the Minister by 30 November.</p>
3.2	<p><b>Developing the 2021/22 business plan</b></p> <p>The Planning and Evaluation manager presented the Board with paper outlining the requirements to develop the board's 2021/22 business plan. It is recommended that the board increase the levies by CPI for the 2021/22 year. The \$200 minimum charge for smaller water access entitlements or water allocations will be maintained. Discussion also occurred around the opportunity to increase the amount made available for the Grassroots grants program.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved the increase to the Landscape and Water Levies for the 2021-22 year by the CPI of 1%; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Approve that a minimum of \$333,289.29 be made available for the Murraylands and Riverland Grassroots Grants Program.</b></li> </ul>




	<p><b>ACTIONS:</b> Review of unsuccessful Grassroots Grant projects this year and include why projects were unsuccessful and who prepared the applications.</p>
3.3	<p><b>Delegations</b> The Manager, sustainable landscapes, submitted a paper to the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board to update the approved delegation of powers and functions in the <i>Landscape South Australia Act</i> to include section 190(2) of the Act and delegate to the General Manager for and on behalf of the Board.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delegates its powers and functions in the Landscape South Australia Act contained in Column Two (2) of the Schedule to this Instrument to the General Manager, for and on behalf of The Board;</i></li> <li>• <i>Authorises the Presiding Member, to sign the Instrument of Delegation, appropriately witnessed; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Authorise the affixing of the common seal to the Instrument of Delegation.</i></li> </ul>
3.4	<p><b>Cultural Awareness Training Opportunity</b> The Planning and Evaluation Manager presented a paper to the Board to provide the Board with an opportunity to undertake Ngarrindjeri cultural awareness training early in 2021.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the opportunity and endorsed Board staff to progress with organising the training.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Amy to ascertain costings for this training and to circulate to the Board.</p>
3.5	<p><b>Protocol for Landscape Board staff in DEW Fire Management Brigade</b> Deferred to next meeting.</p>
3.6	<p><b>Financial Report</b> The Business Services Manager presented the financial reports of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board for the period ending 30 September 2020. The need for another board member on the Finance Committee was discussed.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Finance report as recommended by the Finance Committee.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Include traffic lights as a visual aid to the board's position financially.</p> <p><i>Michelle Finch left the meeting.</i></p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Items for Discussion</b>
4.1	<p><b>Branding Update</b> The Planning and Evaluation Manager provided a progress update to the Board on implementing the new Landscape branding. Building signage is being organised for the main offices, and uniforms should be available to staff early in 2021.</p>

	<p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the update on branding.</b></p>
4.2	<p><b>Communications</b> The Planning and Evaluation Manager presented the template for the e-newsletter “The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape News” and request approval for its use.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the template for the e-newsletter ‘Murraylands and Riverland Landscape News’ and approve the use of the template.</b></p>
4.3	<p><b>River Murray Water Allocation Planning update</b> The Water Allocation Planning Team presented a paper to the board outlining the progress on statutory consultation on the draft River Murray Water Allocation Plan for the Prescribed Watercourse. 43 people attended consultation sessions and 34 written submissions have been received to date. Some submissions have expressed concerns regarding the preparation of new licenses in time for the commencement of the 2022 water year.</p> <p>The Board were asked to note the implementation risks and endorse the recommendation to convene a Water management steering committee with representation from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and the Board to actively make decisions regarding water policy and its implementation. The Water Advisory Committee is to inform the board of any issues raised by the water using community. The proposed committee to consist of Chair of the Board and 2 Board members, General Manager, staff member appointed by the GM, and Directors from DEW (Water Licensing, Water Policy, and Water Science).</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>noted progress on statutory consultation on the draft River Murray Water Allocation Plan for the Prescribed Watercourse (the draft Plan);</b></li> <li>• <b>noted the implementation risks and endorse the recommendation to convene a project steering committee with representation of the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and the Board; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Nominate Di Davidson, Barb Cowey and Jason Size as board representatives for the Water Management Steering Committee.</b></li> </ul> <p>ACTION: Amy Goodman to draft a letter to Ben Bruce re Water licensing concerns. ACTION: TOR for the committee to be drafted.</p>
4.4	<p><b>Risk Register</b> Deferred to future meeting</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports</b>
5.1	<p><b>Wetlands / Environmental watering update</b> The Team Leader Floodplains and Wetlands shared a presentation with Board members outlining the E-watering program and wetlands monitoring program within the Board area.</p>

5.2	Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee report  <b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the report from the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee.</i></b>
5.3	Box Flat Wild Dog coordinating Committee report and Strategic Plan  <b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the report and Strategic Plan from the Box Flat Wild Dog coordinating Committee and endorse Stephanie Evans as the Board proxy representative on that committee.</i></b>
5.4	Water Advisory Committee update A verbal update on the committee was given. Rick Hartman has been approached to be a member of the committee.  <b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the appointment of Rick Hartman as a member of the Water Advisory Committee.</i></b>
4	<b>Consent Schedule</b>
4.1	<b>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 7-20 held 30 October 2020</b>  <i>The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Meeting 7-20 held 30 October 2020.</i>
4.2	<b>Board update on monthly activity of referral requests</b>  <i>The Board <b>noted</b> the referral update.</i>
4.3	<b>Correspondence</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter from the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee requesting funding for the 2020-21 year</li> </ul> <i>The Board <b>noted</b> the correspondence.</i>  <i>The Board <b>approved</b> a financial contribution of \$2550 be made for the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee for the 2020/21 year.</i>
	<b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendations within the consent schedule.</i></b>
7	<b>Other Business</b>
7.1	<b>Action List</b> All actions are in hand.
7.2	<b>Any other Business</b> <b><u>Board Meetings 2021</u></b> A discussion occurred concerning the appropriate day and time of month for next year's board meetings. The 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month was considered to be a suitable time, with no meeting in January unless required.  <b>ACTION:</b> Provide a list of 2021 meeting dates to next meeting.
7.3	<b>Members Contributions</b>

	Andrew Biele: Gazania control is an issue which has been raised with Andrew by a landholder, as they are quickly becoming an issue. <b>ACTION:</b> General manager to follow up the Gazania issue with Andrew Biele.
7.4	<b>Next meeting</b> – Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December
	Meeting closed at 3.00pm

<b>ENDORSED</b> 	Dianne Davidson AM <b>Presiding Member</b> <b>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b> Date: 10 December 2020
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# Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board

## Minutes

### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water we live and work upon, and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge and respect the deep spiritual connection and relationship that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have to Country.

Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 9-20			
<b>Date:</b> 10 December 2020			
<b>Start Time:</b>	9.30am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	3.45pm
<b>Location:</b>	Karoonda	<b>Room:</b>	Council Chambers, 11 Railway Tce, Karoonda.
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Board members</b> Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Jim Godden, Jason Size, Lisa Rowntree (on Teams from 11.30am to 2.30pm)		
<b>Staff:</b>	Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Amy Goodman (Planning and Evaluation Manager), Michelle Finch (Business Services Manager), Denise Fowles (Manager, Sustainable Landscapes), Helene Norman (Executive Officer)  Item 4.4 – Tony Randall (Team Leader, Sustainable Agriculture)  Item 4.5 and 5.1 - Lyz Risby, (Water Allocation Planning Manager), Rebecca Freshwater (Senior PO, River Murray WAP), Melissa White ( PO, Water allocation Planning)		
<b>Visitors / Guests:</b>	Item 5.4 - Matt Ward (Director Landscape Services)  Item 5.1 – MDBA staff, Brent Williams (General Manager, Adelaide and Murray Bridge), Deana Mildren (Senior Engagement Officer) and Monique White (Assistant Director, Engagement)  Item 5.1 – Water Advisory Committee members – Clem Mason, Greg McCarron, Anne Jensen, Rosalie Auricht, David Zadow, Rick Hartman and Jo Pfeiffer.		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Barb Cowey		

Item	
	An In-Camera discussion with the General Manager was held prior to the public meeting.
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Welcome, Apologies and agenda check</b> Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.

1.2	<p><b>Declaration of Interest</b> No further disclosures to report</p>
<p><b>2 Strategic items</b></p>	
2.1	<p><b>Chairs Report</b> The Chair officially thanked Amy Goodman, acknowledging the tremendous work Amy has done in the 16 months as Acting General Manager, in the challenging time of transition from the SAMDB NRM Board to the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board. The Chair had a satisfactory meeting with Minister Speirs on 9<sup>th</sup> December.</p>
2.2	<p><b>General Managers Report</b> The General Manager presented a comprehensive report prepared by the Regional Management Team.  A discussion occurred on the layout of the report and tracking against the business plan. The depth of the report is really useful to learn the breadth of the work undertaken by board staff.  <b>ACTION:</b> RMT/planning team to look at options for revising the GM report to reflect not only achievements, but also progress against Business Plan measurable.</p>
2.3	<p><b>Landscape Strategic Plan Update</b> The Planning and Evaluation Manager provided an update on the progress of the phase 1 consultation in developing the Landscape plan. Virtual sessions are on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 16 December which will be recorded to enable board members to hear all the feedback. Chair to attend consultation with aboriginal staff and Ngarrindjeri community on 19<sup>th</sup> January.  <b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the progress of the phase 1 consultation for developing the landscape plan.</b></p>
<p><b>3. Items for Decision</b></p>	
3.1	<p><b>Operational Protocol for and between the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Fire Management Program and Landscape Board staff</b> The General Manager presented a paper outlining the formal operational protocol required for the continued involvement of landscape board staff in the DEW fire management program. Discussion still occurring regarding the minimum amount of training time that staff can contribute.  <b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Noted the significant and long-standing contribution from landscape board staff to the DEW fire management program, and the Minister's expectations that this arrangement continue and be supported through a formal protocol;</b></li> <li><b>2. Noted that any operational and administrative issues that arise before endorsement of the protocol by all parties, will be addressed between the DEW fire management program,</b></li> </ol> </p>

	<p><b>General Managers and board Chairs as required;</b></p> <p><b>3. Endorsed the approach taken in the Operational Protocol that outlines arrangements for the continuing involvement of landscape board staff in the DEW fire management program, subject to the finalization of a protocol broadly consistent with that found as Attachment 1; and</b></p> <p><b>4. Endorsed that the Chair's signature be applied to the final version of the protocol on behalf of the board, once endorsed by all parties.</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Andrew Meddle to notify Tim Collins</p>
3.2	<p><b>Landscape Priorities Fund</b></p> <p>The Sustainable Landscapes Manager presented an update to board members on the planning and preparation undertaken by staff in preparation for the imminent Landscape Priorities Fund.</p> <p>After a discussion, comments were given to managers on things to consider with the proposed projects and member preferences, to take into account once the Landscape Priorities Fund guidelines have been received. Important for projects considered to have the ability to have an influence on a very large area, or use learnings in other areas of our region.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noted the project concepts developed in anticipation of the Landscape Priorities fund opening; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Noted submission of the projects is subject to them meeting guidelines that are yet to be made available.</b></li> </ul>
3.3	<p><b>Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Policy and Procedures</b></p> <p>The General Manager submitted a paper to the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board requesting adoption of the reviewed Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Policy and Procedure and associated declaration form.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the draft Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Policy, and the draft Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Procedure and noted the associated Declaration Form.</b></p>
3.4	<p><b>Financial Report</b></p> <p>The Finance Committee Chair presented the financial reports of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board for the period ending 30 October 2020.</p> <p>Due to underspend last financial year, currently expenditure is greater than income, and the cash on hand is decreasing, because the board is expending what should have been spent last financial year.</p> <p>Jason Size has been appointed to the Finance Committee.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noted the reconciliation between the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board original budget and the forward estimates; and</b></li> </ul>


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Approved the Finance report to 30 October 2020 as recommended by the Finance Committee; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Approved the appointment of Jason Size to the Finance Committee.</b></li> </ul>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Items for Discussion</b>
4.1	<p><b>Contact Points for LG and Landcare</b></p> <p>The General Manager is currently working through who will be the single point of contact for local government and other organisations who might regularly contact the board. These contacts will streamline organisations connection with the board and will be made available when appointed.</p> <p>Engagement within the Region was discussed and is a priority for the board, Riverland Landcare Groups and their future, Local government engagement and other partnerships.</p>
4.2	<p><b>2021 Board Meetings</b></p> <p>The General Manager presented a meeting paper to the Board with proposed Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board meeting dates for the 2021 year, along with Finance Committee meeting dates for the 2021 year.</p> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board endorsed the intended Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board meeting dates for 2021; and endorsed the intended Finance Committee dates for 2021.</i></b></p>
4.3	<p><b>Sustainable Agriculture Update – Presentation by Tony Randall</b></p> <p>Team Leader of the Sustainable Agriculture Program gave the board an overview of staff, activities and partnerships within the Program, which work to build skills and management of landholders and farms in the region. The program also manages the weather station network, soil moisture probes, dustwatch station, ETO forecasting tool and nrmFarm.</p> <p>Currently working on a drought policy which outlines board and organisations roles in differing scenarios that might arise.</p> <p>The Board thanked Tony for an informative presentation.</p>
4.4	<p><b>Water Issues</b></p> <p>Concern was raised at the need for urgently dealing with possible water supply shortages in summer during and after a heatwave which is being considered via a recent paper entitled Managing Delivery Risks in the River Murray system and which may well occupy further discussion at the forthcoming Water Advisory Committee meeting.</p>
4.5	<p><b>Water Planning Steering Committee</b></p> <p>The Water Resources Manager presented the draft Terms of Reference for the Water Planning</p>



	<p>Steering Committee, which has a targeted purpose to deal with issues that arise as a result of the board drafting the Water allocation Plans, and the Department for Environment and Water implementing the plan.</p> <p>An update on consultation of the draft River Murray WAP, which has now closed, was also given to the Board, with a huge response received. Majority of feedback was supportive, but the majority of the comments were opposing the changes.</p> <p><b>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Endorsed the draft Water Planning Steering Committee Terms of Reference; and</b></li> <li>• <b>Noted the update, and closing of statutory consultation on the draft River Murray Water Allocation Plan for the Prescribed Watercourse.</b></li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Reports</b>
5.1	<p><b>Murray Darling Basin Authority – Update</b></p> <p>Brent Williams (General Manager, Adelaide and Murray Bridge), along with Deana Mildren (Senior Engagement Officer) and Monique White (Assistant Director, Engagement) provided an update to the Board and Water Advisory Committee members.</p> <p>Current Issues highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Basin Plan and Climate Change</li> <li>• 2020 Evaluation of the Basin Plan on all environmental, social and economic outcomes in the Basin</li> <li>• SDL adjustment projects – deliver state government commitments to offset 605GL</li> <li>• Sustainable Diversion Limit Adjustment Mechanism (SDLAM) projects</li> <li>• State Water Resource plans - SA QLD, VIC accredited, NSW received and being assessed.</li> </ul> <p>The Board thanked the staff who attended in person and via electronic means for their contribution to the meeting.</p>
5.2	<p><b>One Basin Cooperative Research Centre</b></p> <p>The General Manager, after receiving an overview of the One Basin CRC bid for funding last week, presented a paper outlining the proposed collaboration to develop policy, technical and financial solutions to support and reduce exposure to climate, water and environmental threads in the Murray-Darling Basin.</p> <p>Proposed support for the bid will provide a good opportunity for partnerships and provide the board with the possibility of having input into projects.</p> <p><b>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Noted the progress made with the One Basin CRC bid;</b></li> <li><b>2. Endorsed the allocation of \$10,000 per annum for the ten years of the One Basin CRC; and</b></li> <li><b>3. Endorsed the allocation of 0.2FTE as an in-kind contribution to the One Basin CRC.</b></li> </ol>
5.3	<p><b>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Community Forum</b></p>

	<p>The Manager, Sustainable Landscapes presented a paper to the Board, on a recent planning meeting of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee for the annual forum they are planning for March 2021 in partnership with Mallee Sustainable Farming.</p> <p>The committee are requesting the board to provide some funding for some catering and associated costs for the event. Opportunity to get some information from the community on what they think/need the landscape board to do for landholders.</p> <p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the report from the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee and agreed to financially support the proposed forum (anticipated to be in the order of \$1200 - \$1500).</i></b></p>	
5.4	<p><b>Landscape Services Office Update</b>                  Matthew Ward, Director Landscape Services, DEW, attended the meeting and presented an update to the board on how the DEW Landscape Services office can support landscape boards and General Managers. Matt also provided some detail on the State Landscape Strategy and the Landscape Priorities Fund.</p> <p><b><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the update by Matthew Ward and thanked him for his attendance.</i></b></p>	
4	<b>Consent Schedule</b>	
4.1	<b>Adoption of Minutes of Meeting 8-20 held 19 November 2020</b>	<i>The Board <b>approved</b> the Minutes of Meeting 8-20 held 19 November 2020.</i>
4.2	<b>Board update on monthly activity of referral requests</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the referral update.</i>
4.3	<b>Correspondence</b>	<i>The Board <b>noted</b> the correspondence.</i>
	<p>The correspondence will no longer be included in the meeting papers, and a weekly/regular email with correspondence will be emailed to members.</p> <p><b><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the recommendations within the consent schedule.</i></b></p>	
7	<b>Other Business</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Action List</b>                  All actions are in hand.</p>	
7.2	<p><b>Members Contributions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multi-million dollar Murray-Darling Water and Environment Research Program for River Communities - Board is keen to learn more about this.</li> <li>• Are there projects or work of staff that have a strategic emphasis that Board members could have input into?</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Cock will be attending the climate change presentation with Ross Garnaut, Board is a key partner.</li> <li>• Reminder to Board members to undertake mandatory training.</li> </ul> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Helene to send status of individuals training, follow up and Bridge issues.</p>
7.3	<p><b>Any other Business</b> Nil</p>
7.4	<p><b>Next meeting</b> – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at the Murray Bridge Council Chambers starting with a joint meeting with Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 3.45pm</p>

<p><b>ENDORSED</b></p> 	<p>Dianne Davidson AM  <b>Presiding Member</b>  <b>Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board</b>  <b>Date:</b></p>
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