

# SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Communiqué

The South Australian Arid Lands Landscape Board presents Communiqué #11 with highlights from the board meeting held on 27 April 2022 in Port Augusta.

## **New State Government**

The Board discussed any likely changes relating to a change in government and the election promises made by the Labor Government that pertained to environment and the business of the Landscape Boards.

Boards submitted information through briefings to the incoming Minister and Government to ensure they are well briefed on regional and state wide issues. The Minister has been clear that she will apply a lens to all of her portfolio business that places nature and environment at the forefront. The Board looks forward to meeting Minister Close and plans to invite her to a regional meeting in the near future.

## **Aboriginal Engagement**

After a successful meeting with many Aboriginal representatives from the board's Landscape groups, National Parks and Working on Country Rangers from across the SA Arid Lands Region, the board was briefed on a range of initiatives on how they may choose to further partner with First Nations. Momentum to the Statement of Commitment in terms of reconciliation outcomes is growing and a follow up meeting will be scheduled with the group who first met to progress ideas, projects and agreed ways of partnering to achieve increased participation.

Areas such as young people, as the next generation being involved in learning on country opportunities, education and employment support in land management, conservation and natural resources management, and a clearer involvement of community in planning and delivering projects that relate to the work of the Landscape Board were among the suggestions for follow up.

## **2022/23 Business Plan finalised and ready for adoption**

Under the *Landscape SA Act 2019*, the board is required to develop an annual business plan. The plan for the 2022/23 financial year has now been approved and will be forwarded to the Minister for approval.

Upon endorsement by Minister Close, the plan will be housed here [SAAL Landscape Board Annual Business Plan](#) where the current plan remains until June 30 2022.

## **Adoption of Large Feral Herbivore Policy**

The board considered and adopted a new policy which captures the many feral animals that have an impact in the rangelands but which are not declared for management in the same way animals such as foxes and rabbits are.

As such camels, horses and donkeys that roam freely, unmanaged and are impact causing are the subject of a new policy. With the heightened emphasis on unmanaged goats, the board determined it was time to develop a standpoint on other feral herbivores that can equally have a devastating impact on the environment if left unmanaged.



## **Other Business**

Other items discussed during this meeting included; updates on the Kangaroo Partnership Project, Biteback Program, Progress of the board's Water Advisory Committee and Governance and Finance Committee, Progress on the Goat Management Strategy involving three other Landscape Boards, and Levy Equalisation which is required across the council areas to align the basis for the Landscape Levy collection as of 2023/24 Financial Year.

## **Upcoming Events**

- SAAL Landscape Board Meeting 22-23 June 2022
- SAAL Landscape annual regional board meeting to be held in Marree in August 2022
- Gawler Ranges Landscape Group Meeting 3 June 2022
- Nature Play workshops teacher development 14 June 2022

Please use link below for details of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board meetings.

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