

MINUTES

SA Arid Lands Landscape Group Board Meeting #15

☞ Day One ☞

Wednesday 26 October 2022 10:00am – 5:40pm

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois St Port Augusta SA 5700
Attendees:	Ellen Litchfield - Deputy Chair Douglas Lillecrapp - Board Member Kurt Tschirner - Board Member Scott Michael - Board Member Tim Flowers - Board Member Sanchia Treloar - Board Member MS Teams Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager (GM) Abby Richards - Executive Officer
SAAL Staff:	Item 15.9 Melanie Boxall Item 15.12, 15.13 Greg Patrick
Guests:	Item 15.11 Nick Harley, Santos (via MS Teams) Item 15.16 Kerrie Ashcroft (Via MS Teams) Item 15.16 Marsden Jacobs Consultants (via MS Teams)
Apologies:	Ross Sawers - Chair
1000	In camera pre meeting discussion with the board and General Manager took place.
1100 15.1	Chair opened the meeting with the apologies from Ross Sawers noted
15.2	Agenda for the meeting was accepted
15.3	It was agreed for the board performance review to be conducted by Tim Flowers with a focus on agenda items 15.16 DEW Unallocated Water Presentation and 15.20 Chairs of Landscape Groups joint session
15.4	Declarations of interests NIL.
15.5	Minutes for SAAL Landscape Board meeting of 24 and 25 Augusta accepted by Kurt and Seconded by Douglas Minutes for In Camera SAAL Landscape Board meeting of 24 accepted by Kurt and Seconded by Douglas
15.6	Action list review It was agreed to 7/12 Remove action in relation to Goat Policy. Regular reporting will occur going forward 10/24.2 Make correction for presentation to SANTOS rather than Beach Energy. 11/19 Remove Item- Review of wild dog control action plan - complete 14/9.1 Cost of doing business and the emissions footprint from travel –ongoing 14/15 Complete action for investigation in type of wild dogs 14/24 Complete action CLO updates to board members

General Manager report **noted and endorsed**

1150 15.8

MERI Plan

Update on the SAAL landscape monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement (MERI) plans 2021-26 progress

MERI Plan **noted**

1153

A short break was taken

1220

At this time Melanie Boxall (SAAL) joined meeting

1220 15.9

Financial Overview

All figures provided in financial reports presented to the board relate to the end of August given the close of the ledger mid-month and GFC internal reporting deadlines.

The final audit has commenced in October focussing on key areas of revenue, expenditure and payroll. The audit is conducted in line with Australian Auditing Standards and provides a reasonable assurance for the financial report is free of material mismanagement.

Carryovers for 2022/2023 have been submitted to treasury for approval.

Overview of activities undertaken since last report are budget adjustments completed for Biteback Program, Managing Cows from Space event, STEM in Rangeland Ecology and Water and Landscape Levy alignment to the 2022/23 Business Plan and Business management System Portal.

Financial overview and associated reports **accepted**

15.9a

a) Risk Management Framework/Business Continuity Plan

Risk Management Framework and Risk Register discussed with the board with one major change has been made to the risk register since being endorsed in February 2022.

“Levy Equalisation” item has been added to reflect the work currently being undertaken to equalise the Landscape Levy charge for those inside council areas.

Action: Legal risk relating to compliance action by cost and reputation – to be written in the Risk Management Framework

The Business Continuity Plan **endorsed**

1229

At this time Tim Flowers left the meeting for a short time

15.9b

b) Board and Committee meeting schedule

A schedule for board and committee meetings for 2023 has been prepared. Each Board Member happy with schedule but aware with board renominations are underway the schedule may be subject to change.

Discussions relating to a combined meeting with Eyre Peninsula and Northern and Yorke Boards in 2023. To be confirmed.

At this time **subject to review** with full board commitments and confirmations on other commitments.

15.9c

c) Work Health & Safety

- WHS Committee met 30 September 2022 with a number of movements of representative staff replacing outgoing/changing committee members
- No Lost Time Injury
- Once incident reported of a vehicle entry at the rear of the courthouse. Access was gained to vehicle and items gone through. No damage encountered, car wash tokens were taken. Police report made
- Planning is currently underway for Training Week scheduled in February 2023
- Staff Wellbeing – SAAL staff attended the Staff Muster at Pichi Richi September 2022

Work Health and Safety Report **noted**

- The project consists of capturing the gas, the CO₂ is extracted from the gas so it becomes useable, and the CO₂ is then outsourced and stored safely back into the ground.
- Santos has been given a target of Net Zero by 2040 and reduce emissions by 26-30% by 2030.
- Santos have a vast knowledge and experience with operating within the Cooper Basin.
- Santos have been collecting data over the years which will ensure the project can be done quick and cost efficient relying on the current information Santos already have.
- CCS project was conceived in 2019 with commencement of construction of the facility onsite in 2022.
- Project is built into in 3 components
 - First component is the facility section that is attached to the Moomba Plant. Second component is the pipe line that transports the CO₂ to the injection site into the storage reservoir which is the third component.
- A carbon steel 10 inch pipeline will run east, south east of the Moomba plant site towards the 2 storage reservoirs. 1 at Marabooka and the other at Strzelecki (about 50km's from the Moomba Plant to the injection site)
- Discussions on the safety components and reasons on the rock formations at Marabooka and Strzelecki as to why these sites have been chosen for the storage of the CO₂ gases.
- 4x new wells will be drilled for which will be the injection wells where the CO₂ is injected into the storage formation.
- Currently in construction phase and looking at injections in 2024.

1415 *At this time Nick Hanley left the meeting*

1418 *At this time Greg Patrick joined meeting*

1419 15.12 **Biosecurity Overview**

Biosecurity Staff

Biosecurity Officer position to be re-advertised after successful applicant selected withdrew their acceptance before commencement to accept a permanent role in another state. A Senior Biosecurity role to deliver on the Landscape Priorities Fund Project, if successful, is expected to be advertised January 2023.

Landscapes Priorities Fund

As discussed in Item 15.10 if the LPF is successful it will provide three years of funding building on the outcome of the goat management review. SAAL is partnering with AW landscape Board on a three year Buffel Grass LPF application with the aim of reducing Buffel Grass in AW and corridors by building buffers within SAAL and EP. Outcome of the application will provide around \$250k for buffel control work in SAAL over the three years.

Goats

BDO EconSearch has commenced the goat cost benefit analysis with an assessment of the available data from the NLIS records and the Board's goat population estimates. Project near completion with a plan for preliminary report to be presented to the Board at the December meeting.

Wild Dogs

The spring bait injection services have commenced with all districts inside the Dog Fence completed. (Some delays due to wet weather). Some properties who were not able to attend due to unavailability will be serviced over the next few weeks. A few properties outside the Dog Fence have requested bait services which will be provided in November. The SAAL Board is working with PIRSA to deliver 4 aerial baiting programs this year with 4 funded by PIRSA and 1 by SAAL under the Sheep Industry funding. To start late November 2022 through to April 2023

Weeds

Staff are currently tendering for weed contracts this year which will be focussing on buffel grass on roadsides with \$30k funding provided from the Department Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) and \$50k from Board levy.

☞ Day Two ☜

Thursday 27th October 2022 8.30am – 12.00pm

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois St Port Augusta SA 5700
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SAAL Staff:	Item 15.20 Cherie Gerlach - Team Leader Communications and Community Engagement Item 15.20 Chris Fulton, Matthew Westover, Di Makotter, Brett Devitt, Hamish Longbottom
Apologies:	Ross Sawers - Chair
Guests:	SAAL Group Members (joined meeting 0915): Kate Greenfield (Gawler Ranges – Via Teams), Leila Day (Kingoonya), Lisa Edwards (Marree-Innamincka), Caroline Thomas (Marla-Oodnadatta – Via Teams), Ian Ferguson (North Flinders), Richard Williams (North East Pastoral), Renata Hackett (Port Augusta – Quorn)
0845 15.19	Meeting reconvened and the business of day one reviewed.
0900	<i>At this time Scott Michael joined the meeting</i>
0915	<i>At this time Chairs of Landscape Groups joined the meeting</i>
0915 15.20	Chairs of Landscape Groups joint session General Manager presented the Board Update to the Landscape Group followed by discussion and questions between the Board and Group
	<u>Board Member Updates:</u>
	Renata Hackett Port Augusta-Quorn <ul style="list-style-type: none">- School Activities / Workshop held in the school holidays at the Quorn Bush Tucker garden- Talks held about the weed management within the Port Augusta Area – big focus on buffel grass- Discussions on water within the region with waste water going into the gulf being a major issue. Group has met with Coast Care, Port Augusta City Council, SA Water and Geoff Brock to discuss
	Richards Williams – North East Pastoral <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Group has recruited local Elders staff member – giving them great reach throughout the community- Propagation Workshops held at Manna Hill for Ladies Day and in Yunta- Planned a Stickybeak Day at Koonamoore but was washed out by wet weather- Looking to host Landscape Literacy Workshops for April/May 2023- Some members of the group attended the Wirrealpa Sticky Beak Day- Looking at holding a Grader Workshop in the next 12 months- Attended the Frome Dog Fence AGM
	Lisa Edwards – Marree-Innamincka <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Members attended the <i>Managing Cows from Space</i> workshop held in August in Innamincka- Lisa attended the Jill Rigney Performance is Personal Workshop held in Port Augusta- Neville Bonney Native Plant Roadshow held in Marree

camping, taking logs for fire wood, rubbish. Look at the impact this is having on the environment. Group discussed asking for more help with Susan Close and Geoff Brock to invest in funding to take care of this problem.

- Reports from local ecologist and scientists in Woomera reporting on more cats in the region. They are getting bigger. More animals being introduced from Arid Lands. Bilbys are getting out under the fence which is allowing cats to get in. Looking for volunteers to help with fixing the bridges along fence line

1048 15.21 **Kangaroo Partnership Project Report**

Update on the KPP Report delivered to the Landscape Board and Groups by General Manager.

The Kangaroo Partnership grants were released on 15 August 2022 and closed on 9 September 2022. There were over 30 enquiries and 10 application were submitted. These applications were assessed by a panel and three are currently awaiting formal offers.

Jodie. Emily, the Kangaroo Partnership Coordinator, and partners are presenting talks and facilitating a workshop in the upcoming NRM Knowledge Conference in November 2022.

The Kangaroo Partnership Project report **noted**

1119 Discussed looking at next meeting with Group Members In May & Oct/Nov 2023. Keep consistent with meeting 2 times per year between Board and Group Members

1120 *At this time the Landscape Group Members left meeting. Short Break*

1121 Discussion between Board and Cherie Gerlach to go through Communications Strategy

1130 15.22 **Correspondence**

Correspondence report **noted**

1131 15.23 **Project status report**

Project Status Report for period August – September 2022 **noted**

1135 15.24 **Presiding member report**

It was noted that the next Presiding Members meeting is being held 7th December 2022

1138 15.25 **Board member updates**

Board members provided verbal updates for the Landscape Groups they represent with the topics raised being discussed

Douglas Lillecrapp

- Was an apology for the Marree Innamincka teleconference meeting 23rd September
- New Water Project Officer with SAAL Glenn del Fierro (Del) travelling around the area with Aaron Smith. Discussion about water counting project and Lake Eyre Springs project
- Lyn Litchfield suggested an agriculture, astrology and ecologist experience in the next kids and SOTA workshop in Marree
- Feral animals control works. Earthmoving workshop at Muloorina. Offer plant and accommodation. Charlie to follow up when he returns
- Matt (SAAL) looking at engaging volunteers to assist running projects going forward

Sanchia Treloar

- Meeting to be held at Olary Tuesday coming

Scott Michael

- Group meeting 9th September but couldn't attend. Kurt Tschirner filled in
- Working on Property planning, grass roots project
- Attended the Sticky Beak Day at secret rocks
- Suggested to head out to his property after a board meeting to have a tour around- Board happy with idea

Kurt Tschirner

- Raising profile of landscape ground within the Quorn and Port Augusta community

1201	Meeting administration NIL
1202	Meeting end

Approved



Date 14 / 12 / 2022

Chair

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS

Identified	Item	RO	Due Date
Aug 2021	SAAL Staff Presentation	GM	Each meeting
Oct 2021	Wild dog (Biteback)	GP	Each meeting
Dec 2021	Feral Goats	GM GP	Each meeting
Dec 2021	Kangaroo Partnership Project	GM	Each meeting
Feb 2021	Tri-Star Group update on Simpson and Pedirka Basin Project	GM	TBD
Jun 2022	MERI Plan Review Update	GM AS	Dec 2022
Oct 2022	Goats – BDO Study	GM	Dec 2022
Oct 2022	Concepts to be presented in the next round of projects – briefing on the RLP round	GM	Dec 2022
Oct 2022	Submit an application as a preferred providers	GM	Dec 2022
Oct 2022	Draft Budget for 23/24 business plan	GM	Dec 2022
Oct 2022	Update on Levy Equalisation engagement	GM	Dec 2022
Oct 2022	Aboriginal Partnership Project update	GM	Dec 2022

ACTION LIST

Agenda Item #	Action Item	RO	Status
7/12	Conduct survey for stakeholder feedback and involvement for goat policy. Cost benefit analysis needs to be completed first. Paper and project scope tabled at August 2022 meeting.	GP	Cost Benefit Analysis 2/3 completed. – REMOVE ACTION – Regular reporting will occur
11/19	Review wild dog control action plan and organic management plan with a view to combine forms. Suggest landholder discuss baiting requirements with SAAL prior to seeing organic certifier. These are two separate steps which can be made into one plan after discussion with the board and certifier or at least the board if property chooses not to raise with certifier.	GP	This was covered in August under Agenda Item 14.15. Discussed with Callanna the only property so far to submit a plan. Identified there are still two steps in the process as it's important for landholder to discuss plans with Board before contacting organic certifier so property has appropriate info for certifier to approve i.e. number and locations of sites to ensure baiting is