

The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board held its meeting in Port Augusta from 26-27 October 2022. The meeting included a session with the Landscape Group Chairs, and an informative presentation by Santos in regards to the Moomba Carbon Capture and Storage Project.

Landscape Groups Presentation

Chairs from each of the seven Landscape Groups met with the board on day two of its meeting. The biannual catch up brings the group chairs together to learn from each other and share the opportunities and successes in each region. It is also a chance for Landscape Group Chairs to meet with the board to find out more about the work it is doing, funding opportunities, and gain a greater understanding of board activities and how groups play a key role in the informing and delivery of board priorities.

Landscape Group Chairs presented key issues as identified in each of their district action plans to the board as well as events in their regions which included: wicking bed workshops to successfully grow vegetables in arid climates; several well-attended Stickybeak Day's looking at pastoral initiatives; natural resource management school-based activities, workshops and school holiday activities.



SAAL Landscape Board members and Landscape Group Chairs at the October meeting.

Presentation by Santos

Nick Hanley from Santos presented at the meeting via Teams to provide an update of the Moomba Carbon Capture and Storage Project (CCS Project). The project's primary objective is to make a material reduction into Santos' emissions which is based on the safe storage of CO2 gases. The project is occurring at the facility plant in Moomba with the injection sites at Marabooka and Strzelecki. The project is currently in the construction phase and is planning to start storing CO2 in 2024.

Kangaroo Partnership Project Update

The board and the Landscape Group chairs were updated on the Kangaroo Partnership Project (KPP).

The KPP is administered by the board as a Landscape Priorities Fund project and engages neighbouring boards, agencies, industries and stakeholders. Emily Gregg is the independent coordinator who oversees the delivery of the project.

The board was updated on the grants program which closed on 9 September 2022. It received more than 30 enquiries with 10 applications submitted. The applications were assessed by a panel during September and October and three projects have been accepted for funding. More information about the projects will be promoted by the board in coming weeks.

It was also updated on the planning for a workshop ('Talking roos': how can we do better at kangaroo management?) at the NRM Knowledge Conference in Margaret River on 31 October. The workshop was facilitated in partnership with the NSW Kangaroo Management Taskforce and Bush Heritage Australia with more than 25 attendees. As a result of the workshop and the substantial interest shown, the process of creating an NRM regions community of practice around kangaroo management is underway.

To find out more about the KPP go to the <u>board's</u> website.

The Roo Roundup newsletter can be found here with the second project newsletter available in mid December.



Upcoming Events

SAAL Landscape Board Meeting Wednesday 14 December 2022

Please <u>click here</u> for details of events hosted by the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

