

# Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board

## Minutes

### Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the lands of the Hills and Fleurieu region are the traditional lands for the Kurna, Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri Nations. We respect the Kurna, Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri people as the custodians of these lands, and that their cultural and heritage beliefs, and spiritual relationships with Country, are still important to their people today.

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board Meeting #21</b>		
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 30 March 2022</b>		
<b>Start Time:</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Finish Time:</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Mount Barker Office</b>	<b>Room:</b>	<b>Conference Room</b>
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><i>Board Members:</i> David Greenhough (Chair), Chris West, Carol Schofield, Jock Harvey, J Klein, Andy Lowe (attending via MS Teams);</p> <p><i>Staff:</i> Michael Garrod (General Manager), Wendy Telfer (Manager, Planning, Engagement &amp; Partnerships), Ben Della Torre (Manager, Landscape Operations), Cathy Lewis (Manager, Business and Governance), Olivia Prohoroff (Executive Officer);</p> <p><i>For item 2.1:</i> Jodie Pain (Team Leader, Sustainable Agriculture) Jim Mead (Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator) John Butler (Project Officer, Sustainable Agriculture)</p>		
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nil.		

<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting Items</b>
<b>1. Preliminary and Procedural Matters Item</b>	
1.1	<p><b>Welcome and Apologies</b></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting acknowledging it was being held on the traditional lands of the Kurna and Peramangk Nations.</p> <p>A Lowe and J Pain joined the board meeting via Microsoft Teams.</p>
1.2	<p><b>Conflict of Interest Disclosures</b></p> <p>The chair noted that the Executive Officer (EO) will be requesting board members to resubmit their Conflict of Interest (COI) declarations. The EO will send out an email with more information after the board meeting.</p> <p>There were no additional conflict of interest disclosures arising from the agenda declared at the meeting.</p>
1.3	<p><b>Consent Schedule</b></p> <p><i>The board <b>approved</b> and <b>agreed</b> that the 2 items on the Consent Schedule be adopted.</i></p> <p><b>Moved C Schofield; Seconded: J Harvey</b></p>

**CARRIED**

1.4	<b>Any Other Business: Nil</b>
1.5	<p><b>Minutes from the previous meeting</b></p> <p><i>The board <b>confirmed</b> the minutes of meeting number 20 held on 28 February 2022 as a true and accurate record.</i></p> <p><b>Moved: C Schofield; Seconded: C West</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
1.6	<p><b>Actions arising from previous meetings</b></p> <p>A presentation was given at the last Chair’s Forum in March delivered by Andrew Meddle, GM of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board (M&amp;RLB). The presentation was focused on the Planning and Design code implications for landscape boards with the inclusion of the regional planning process. The presentation was well received, and it was recommended that this presentation or a similar piece of work be delivered to the board.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>The EO to add the topic of the Planning and Design code implications for landscape boards to the Board Forward Agenda 2022.</i></p> <p>A Lowe requested that an additional action item to be captured within the actions arising for the draft MERI plan discussion. A response was provided outlining that this item has been included within the Board Forward Agenda and will be raised at the next board meeting in April 2022. It will also be captured within the action list.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> <i>The EO to add the topic of the draft MERI plan discussion to the actions arising paper.</i></p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the current status of the actions arising from the previous meetings.</i></p> <p><b>Moved: C West; Seconded: A Lowe</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
1.7	<p><b>Resolutions Register</b></p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the resolutions register.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>2. Items</b>	
2.1	<p><b>Presentation: Sustainable Agriculture – Program Overview</b></p> <p>An overview was given of the Sustainable Agriculture team comprising of three Sustainable Agricultural Officers, the Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator (RALF) and herself as the Team Leader, all of which are funded from different sources and work on various projects.</p> <p>The Sustainable Agriculture team have strong connections with staff members from other landscape boards, with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA). These staff meet on a by-monthly basis to share learnings and the RALF has an Australian-wide network who meet annually.</p> <p><u>RALF</u></p> <p>The RALF’s are placed in 54 Natural Resource Management (NRM) regions across Australia, all of which are involved in the National and State network, they are all federally funded. Part of the role includes working across other projects with support currently provided to the Regional Land Partnership (RLP) Healthy Soils</p>

	<p>Healthy Landscapes project involving soil testing at trial sites, this soil data and other information is uploaded and entered into the Landscape Online Information System (LOIS). There is also a communications component of the role including monthly regional landcare news newsletters, quarterly seasonal Small Talk newsletters and the promotion of the Sustainable Agriculture Team’s work.</p> <p><u>Future Drought Fund – Resilient Hills and Fleurieu</u></p> <p>Five components of the Future Drought Fund include summer fodder crop demonstration sites and field days, regenerative agriculture monitoring with the inclusion of soil testing and insect baselining, development of a practitioner network, champion case studies x6, and climate smart farming forum.</p> <p><u>Healthy Soils, Healthy Landscapes Project</u></p> <p>This project is currently in its fourth year out of a five year plan and is funded through the RLP. The primary focus is on soil acidity with two secondary focuses on soil carbon and prevention of wind erosion. The beginning of the project involved three baseline surveys undertaken on landholders’ awareness and understanding, soil monitoring and analysis at 25 sites for soil acidity and soil carbon levels; and recording of lime sales data. The project utilises a range of activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstration site and two trial sites, showing effects of acidity and lime/amendments;</li> <li>• Landholders soil sampling program, 250 soil tests taken by landholders, analysed and recommendations;</li> <li>• Communications including Facebook, various articles in media and a lime calculator tool;</li> <li>• Multiple field days, workshops and conferences/seminars;</li> <li>• Soil health videos in collaboration with the Barossa Improved Grazing Group.</li> </ul> <p><u>Future Proofing Agriculture</u></p> <p>This levy funded project includes the Wildlife for Wine and Regenerative Agriculture Monitoring which has been delivered for years. The Wildlife for Wine encourages and recognises the value of biodiversity in viticulture, this project works with local wine region growers and associations to support growers in whole of property Biodiversity Action Plans, supports capacity building events and links research. The Regenerative Agriculture component also includes conducting a long term study at a regenerative farm looking at soil health indicators, this is being conducted along with the M&amp;RLB. Other components include Automatic Weather Stations and Soil Moisture Probes, co-funding field days with M&amp;RLB in the H&amp;FLB footprint and industry and agriculture group support.</p> <p><u>Yankalilla Carbon Farming Pilot</u></p> <p>The Yankalilla Carbon Farming Pilot is part of the partnership with the Resilient Hills and Coasts Adaptation plan. The Resilient Hills and Coasts Adaptation Plan partnership seeks to simplify, subsidise and de-risk entry into the emerging market for up to 15 landholders. The pilot will deliver reduced measurement costs, shared landholder education, and economics of scale to accelerate access to the carbon market for participating landholders. A key output of the project will be a suite of case studies and other capacity building resources that lead the way for other landholders to engage in the carbon farming market, subject to grant funding.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
2.2	<b>Summary of SA Labor incoming government commitments</b>

	<p>The purpose of this discussion paper is to expose board members to the incoming government policy commitments which have implications for one or more landscape boards as set out within the paper. The summary provided for attachment 1 displays a coarse summary extracted from the Labor party’s policy platform. There are 12 specific policies with 8 of the 12 having relevance, some having more significance to the H&amp;FLB.</p> <p><u>Growing Nature</u></p> <p>There are a number of elements which are substantial to the H&amp;F region, including additional funding for heritage agreement, grant support for biodiversity outcomes, support to the Landcare Association of SA and exploration of incentives for landholders. The most significant element to us is the commitment to <i>“review the funding between the boards to ensure that Green Adelaide has not unfairly deprived its neighbours of the funding they need to get their work done”</i>.</p> <p><u>Local Environment Centres</u></p> <p>The board was the lead advocate for a successful Landscape Priority Fund (LPF) project supporting the network of nine Environment Centres for the 2021-22 financial year which included a strategic and business planning process for the centres to move to a better business and governance model. The commitment to provide core funding for the centres to re-think the current connection between the centres with the landscape boards.</p> <p><u>Aldinga Washpool Conservation Park</u></p> <p>The Aldinga washpool is outside of the H&amp;F region but the catchments feeding into it fall within our region, and important catchment health projects and initiatives are required to ensure the recovery and improved health of its important wetland.</p> <p><u>Plan for Biodiversity Protection</u></p> <p>Potential collaboration and partnership opportunities through the \$2M Citizen Science Fund will have implications to our board, and a newly established \$3M Biodiversity Coordination Unit in the DEW to work on the environment impact of pests, weeds and abundant species.</p> <p><u>Forest Industries</u></p> <p>This commitment is focussed on the Limestone Coast region but also have potential impacts for our region in terms of the incoming government’s intention to undertake an independent review of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan (WAP), and how this could affect community expectations for the upcoming review of the Eastern and Western Mount Lofty WAPs.</p> <p><i>The board:</i></p> <p>2.2.1 <b>noted</b> the incoming government’s commitments in the area of environment and natural resource management.</p> <p><b>Moved: J Harvey; Seconded: J Klein</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
2.3	<p><b>Business Plan 2022-23 Update</b></p> <p>Planning towards the board’s Business Plan 2022-23 has commenced. The Planning Team have reviewed the Business Plan 2021-22 and suggested that a similar design and structure to be used for the 2022-23 plan to keep consistency. Some structural changes will include combining the summary of partnerships and the ‘Major funding partners in 2021-22’ into a multi-page spread highlighting projects and partnerships from 2021-22 to showcase key work. Text on the MERI and measuring the plan’s progress will also be included.</p>

There was a recent Business Planning Board and Landscape Leadership Team (LLT) workshop held to provide input and ideas to guide the development of the draft budget for the business plan. Notes from this workshop have been provided within attachment 1, the board was thanked for their participation.

A table has been provided within the briefing outlining the resourcing and organisational focus areas.

- Huge workload ahead of initially setting up the MERI plan. Baseline work will be brought to the board meeting in April 2022 but there is a necessity for a MERI officer to provide additional support.
- The Carbon and Biodiversity markets need more discussions around the role of the board and which team leaders will drive it and provide the resourcing.
- The Mount Lofty Ranges birds' collaboration is an important legacy project for the board and further dedicated resourcing is required.
- Land manager core resources are fundamental. There is a land management course available offered to landholders but there is value in finding new ways to reach and support core content to land managers to reimagine this course, possibly by developing online videos to provide support and advice and ultimately improve their land more independently with the support of the board.
- The senior compliance role is vacant, a staff member to be allocated at 0.5FTE is to be considered to support escalated compliance along with other discussions to be had with DEW and other boards for supporting the compliance space.
- More focus is needed with First Nations, while focusing on the Reconciliation Action Plan implementation plan to assist with defining priorities and focus areas, and how partnerships with First Nations is integrated across the business.

J Harvey provided a comment around collaboration with the First Nations. An idea was raised whilst working on another project, he labelled it "Indigenous plantings", essentially creating a 'foodbank' to reintroduce bush tucker for indigenous people and assist in feeding their communities. Preferred food sources are no longer available for indigenous people and as a result they now have lacking diets. This idea could also be presented as an educational piece

- The costs of becoming carbon neutral are currently unknown until the emissions audit is undertaken. Future accommodation plans are also unclear and are still being explored.
- Further work is to be undertaken to define the H&FLB's identity which will include designing the website, exploring co-branding opportunities to demonstrate partnerships and executing a communications plans to define target segments and tactics.

An organisational chart was provided as requested by J Klein outlining the H&FLB structure with the 5 priorities and funding sources.

*The board:*

- 2.3.1. **noted** the update and provided feedback to inform the drafting of the board's Business Plan for 2022-23.

**Moved: C Schofield; Seconded J Harvey**

**CARRIED**

## **Water Planning Update**

### McLaren Vale WAPAC

The MV WAPAC held its seventh meeting on 4 March 2022. The main discussion items were the terms of reference and declarations of conflict of interest, structure of the review document and draft recommendations, water allocation plan arrangements for the region, First Nations - specifically Kurna input to the MV WAP review, groundwater conditions, review of the objectives of the 2007 MV WAP and defining 'Sustainability'. An attachment of the minutes and actions have been provided to the board.

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	<p><u>Water Resources Steering Committee</u></p> <p>The H&amp;FLB Water Resources Steering Committee held its sixth meeting on 3 March 2022. The main discussion items were the progress on the review of the MV WAP, the intention to develop a co-designed project plan with DEW and an update was provided from Renata Rix (Project Leader on progress of the Flows for the Future Project). An attachment of the minutes and actions have been provided to the board.</p> <p><i>The board:</i></p> <p>2.1.1 <b>noted</b> the update and minutes of the McLaren Vale Water Allocation Plan Advisory Committee and the Hills and Fleurieu Water Resources Steering Committee.</p> <p><b>Moved: J Harvey; Seconded: C West</b></p>
<b>CARRIED</b>	
<b>3. Standing Items</b>	
3.1	<p><b>Finance Overview (including proposed budget push forward)</b></p> <p>The financial reports for the period ending 28 February 2022 have been presented to the board. The reports include a summary of the financial performance and provide an overview of project expenditure against the five landscape board priorities and the current financial position of the board. The attachments provided are:</p> <p><i>Attachment 1 – Board Statement of Comprehensive Income;</i>  <i>Attachment 2 – Board Expenditure by Project;</i>  <i>Attachment 3 – Board Statement of Financial Position.</i></p> <p><i>The board:</i></p> <p>2.6.1 <b>accepted</b> the financial reports and statistics for the period ending 28 February 2022.</p> <p><b>Moved: J Harvey; Seconded: C Schofield</b></p> <p>2.6.2 <b>approved</b> the additional budget adjustment of \$150,000 from the 2021-22 financial year to the 2022-23 financial year.</p> <p><b>Moved: C Schofield; Seconded: J Klein</b></p>
<b>CARRIED</b>	
3.2	<p><b>General Manager’s Report</b></p> <p>The General Manager reported that in addition to the information in the report, the Regional Grazing Pressure Management Project had just conducted an aerial goat control operation in the Montacute area on 28 and 29 March 2022. Over these 2 days the operation removed 323 goats, 6 deer and 3 feral sheep, using 10 hours of helicopter flight time. This compares to 346 goats shot during the 2021 aerial operation.</p> <p>The General manager also drew the board’s attention to the review of the review of the National Land Partnerships Phase 2, and the significant resources that have flowed to H&amp;F over the life of this program.</p> <p>Other highlights the board were directed to included the successful pindone carrot collection events, and the initiation of the board’s Carbon Neutral Project.</p> <p><i>The board noted the General Manager’s report</i></p> <p><b>Moved: C West; Seconded J Klein</b></p>

3.3	<p><b>Work Health and Safety Report</b></p> <p>Four staff members have returned positive results for COVID-19. Fortunately, none of those cases have resulted in an office infection. Thirteen staff members have been reported as a close-contact. This has had a slight operational impact, particularly within the Business and Governance team. The Working Arrangements rostering system has been well received and is assisting keeping staff engaged while remaining safe.</p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the General Manager’s verbal Work Health and Safety Report.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
3.4	<p><b>Board Member Activity Register and Engagement Forward Planner 2021-22</b></p> <p>J Harvey noted that he is yet to send through details against his activities. He will aim to send the information through to the EO by the next board meeting on 27 April 2022.</p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the engagement forward planner 2021-22 and register of meetings and events attended by the Chair and board members in their capacity as representatives of the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
3.5	<p><b>Register of Interests</b></p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the current Register of Interests.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
3.6	<p><a href="#"><u>Correspondence</u></a></p> <p><i>The board was provided with the following correspondence via its Microsoft Teams portal:</i></p> <p><i><u>Incoming – 20220225 Letter to the Chair from DEW Water Security – release of the SA Water Security Statement;</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Outgoing – 20220308 HFLB-D000189 Withdrawal of Section 107 Notice – unauthorised activity;</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Outgoing – 20220317 HFLB-D000186 Letter from T Kloeden to Mr Bedford – control of feral goats;</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Outgoing – 20220408 HFLB-D000195 Congratulatory Letter to Victor Harbor Coastcare</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Outgoing – 20220408 HFLB-D000194 Congratulatory Letter to Tribal Expertise Facility</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Outgoing – 20220408 HFLB-D000193 Congratulatory Letter to Friends of Black Hill &amp; Morialta Incorporated;</u></i></p> <p><i><u>Outgoing – 20220408 HFLB-D000 Congratulatory Letter to Kanmantoo Callington Landcare Group</u></i></p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the correspondence provided via Microsoft Teams.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>4. Other Business</b>	
4.0	<p>There are no items to raise under Other Business.</p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> that they will now be going into confidence to commence the In Camera discussions.</i></p> <p><b>Moved C Schofield; Seconded: J Klein</b></p>

**5. Meeting Closure**

6.1	<b>Next meeting details:</b> 27 April 2022
6.2	<b>Meeting close:</b> 1:10PM

**ENDORSED**



**DAVID GREENHOUGH**

**PRESIDING MEMBER  
HILLS AND FLEURIEU LANDSCAPE BOARD**

**Date: 27 April 2022**