

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 6-22	
Date: 28 July 2022	
Start Time:	10.30 am
Location:	Berri Landscape Office,
Present:	Di Davidson (Chair), Greg Cock, Jim Godden, Sandy Iosefellis, Caroline Phillips (via Teams until 12:00pm), Jason Size Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Michelle Finch (Business Manager), Denise Fowles (Manager Sustainable Landscapes), Amy Lee (Manager Strategy and Engagement), Tamika Parker (A/Executive Officer), Myall Tarran (PIRSA)
Apologies	Andrew Biele

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	An In-Camera discussion with the General Manager was held prior to the meeting.
1.	Welcome, Apologies and agenda check Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open at 10:35am and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.
2.	Conflict of Interest – Update for Jason Size: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Fruits SA Chair • Riverland Fruit Fly Chair • Summer Fruit Australia LTD Executive Member • Liberal Party Member
3.	Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting (5-22) held 23 June 2022 Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Minutes of Meeting 5-22 held 23 June 2022.
4.	Chair's Report The Chair of the board indicated that the following had been attended to during July: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Water Advisory Committee Out of Session Meeting to discuss amendments re carryover policy for the Murray River Water Allocation Plan • Attended the Water Planning and Steering Committee meeting, items included discussion on the River Murray Water Allocation Plan, ELMA, the Mallee Water Allocation Plan and the Marne Saunders forthcoming consultations.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Finance Committee meeting • Had various discussions with the Acting General Manager and Board Executive Officer. • Had discussions with some Board members regarding issues of relevance in the region and possibilities for future Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board activities. • The meeting with Minister Close which was planned for July 26 2022 has now been rescheduled for September 1st 2022. • The Chairs Forum which was to be held on the same day as the meeting with Minister Close has also been rescheduled. <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Chair's report</p>
5.	<p>Board Members reports</p> <p>A record of activities undertaken by individual board members was presented to the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy Iosefellis attended the Water Planning and Steering Committee meeting on 7 July 2022 • Sandy Iosefellis attended the Regional Development Australia Murraylands and Riverland Board out of session meeting for endorsement of the Annual Business Plan. • Greg Cock attended a meeting to discuss the Murraylands and Riverland Regional Plan • Greg Cock attended a Workshop with National Soils Advocate Inch in Coonawarra 30 June 2022 • Greg Cock attended a Discussion with the Department for Environment and Water on the State Water Security Statement on 4 July 2022 • Greg Cock attended a workshop with the Department for Environment and Water on Heritage Agreements on 7 July 2022 • Greg Cock Attended the Primary Producer South Australia Natural Resources Management Committee meeting on 13 July 2022 <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Board Members reports.</p>
6.	<p>Acting General Manager's Report</p> <p>The Acting General Manager presented the General Manager's report along with the Referrals Report and the Updated Risk Register.</p> <p>Acting General Manager Michelle Finch advised of the following during the month of July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended a meeting with the Environment Protection Authority to discuss the State of Environment Reports new approach, and how Landscapes SA can work together in regards to increasing their First Nations engagement. • Attended a meeting with the Rural City of Murray Bridge regarding the Little Corella Project. • Will be representing the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board on a project to replace Masterpiece across all of Government, this will be replaced after 2025. <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Acting General Manager's Report and attachments.</p>


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FOR DECISION	
7.	<p>Quarterly Performance 4th Quarter report</p> <p>Amy Lee the Manager, Strategy and Engagement provided a brief update on the quarterly performance 4th quarter report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerning the Social Media Report the post that received the higher than normal views and interactions, the post was in regards to Martin's Bend and what is happening in the area. Link to the post is here. There are currently 2 scholarships with the Agriculture Bureau, which have been extended until the end of August 2022. The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board will share this onto our socials. The services the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board offer is continuously expanding, this will be showcased at the upcoming field days that are attended by Board Members and Board staff. <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board acknowledge the Landscape Quarterly Performance Report.</p>
8.	<p>Management across Boundaries between Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board and Limestone Coast Landscape Board</p> <p>Denise Fowles Manager, Sustainable Landscapes discussed with the Board the paper on the Management across boundaries between Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board and Limestone Coast Landscape Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently there are agreements in place with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board and the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Boards, this is due to boundary changes when the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 came into effect. Currently no agreement with the Limestone Coast Landscape Board due to no boundary changes when the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 came into effect. A historical arrangement was in place with the Limestone Coast Landscape Board that states all of the Ngarkat Conservation Park is serviced by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board and all of the Coorong National Park will be serviced by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board. The Carcuma Conservation Park will be managed by the Limestone Coast Landscape Board The Limestone Coast Landscape Board are supportive of the proposed arrangements of this paper, and after the agreement is formalised it will come into effect straight away. <p>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board note the current operations and approve the changes as listed.</p>
9.	<p>Draft Position Statement: Sustainable Agriculture</p> <p>Michael Cutting Team Leader of Sustainable Agriculture discussed with the Board the Draft Position Statement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board sought position statements to provide a formal position on a particular subject. It was agreed that the initial focus would be on the priorities and cross-cutting themes within the Regional Landscape Plan. A template has been developed

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	<p>which provides information as to the Board's position, what other key sources of information are relevant and some practical examples as to what the Board is doing on the ground to implement the subject of the position statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The date the Board agreed that a Position Statement on Sustainable Agriculture and Pastoral Landscapes would be developed on was 28 April 2022 • Jason Size is looking for a collective response to give when given a hard line on what the Board agree is their thoughts in this area. • The Climate Ready Position Statement was woven throughout the Regional Landscape Plan, as there was no actual position in the plan. • Sandy Iosefellis believes that Sustainable Agriculture means food security, long term landscape management, however, this is different to everyone. • Does the paper need to be renamed to Land and Water Management in the Murraylands and Riverland? Or include Eco System Conservation? • Can a position statement be created for how the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board work with Primary Producers? • Change the Strategic Alignment into smaller print at the bottom of the document. • Include the United Nations Development Goals. • Teams within the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board staff use the position statements to align themselves with what the Board think on a particular issue. <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board determined to continue the development of the position paper to reflect its views on Sustainable Agriculture as a whole. Andrew Meddle has been asked to consider the suggestions made and whilst following the template is needed, make an attempt to have a position paper that describes in more detail Land and Water Management programs with a focus on a high level around, sustainable food production and its people. A further draft to be presented at the August Board meeting.</i></p>
PRESENTATIONS	
10.	<p><i>Myall Tarran and Brad Page (Primary Industries and Regions South Australia) joined the meeting. Hannah Spronk and Jodie Woof (Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board) joined the meeting.</i></p> <p>SA Feral Deer Eradication</p> <p>Myall Tarran, Feral Deer Control Coordinator for Primary Industries and Regions South Australia, presented to the Board on SA Feral Deer Eradication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Myall has been in the position for 3 weeks previously working on Kangaroo Island working on the eradication of Feral Pigs which has been a successful campaign. • Currently working on Feral Deer eradication within South Australia • Will be working with partners such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Landscape South Australia ○ National Feral Deer Action Plan ○ Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Federal Government) ○ National Parks and Wildlife Service ○ Department for Environment and Water (State Government) • There is currently between 2 and 3 million feral deer across the whole of Australia, with approx. 40,000 in South Australia.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has been a 5% increase of the area occupied by feral deer in South Australia from 2016-2021 • Deer was declared for destruction in the Landscape South Australia Act 2019 • If the current population of feral deer is not brought under control the population is projected to soar to over 200,000 at a total cost of around \$70 million in damages • The feral deer eradication program with Primary Industries and Regions South Australia is projecting to have deer eradication by 2032, with a total \$518 million in benefits. • A fundraising goal of \$14 million is required to undertake the whole 10 years program. • A total of \$666,000 over the 10 year program is being sought from the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board. • In the first 2 years the program is hoping to cull 60-65% of the population with various techniques. • As deer is a declared species Landscape South Australia staff will be dealing with non-compliance of landholders • With the increased concern around Foot and Mouth disease in the media extra funding for this program may become available. <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Feral Deer Eradication Presentation and thanked Myall Tarran for his time.</i></p>
COMMITTEES	
11	<p><i>Jeff McDonald (Independent Member of the Finance Committee) joined the meeting</i></p> <p>Finance Committee – July</p> <p>The Finance Committee chair provided an overview of finances to date, along with the minutes of the June Finance committee meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft close has happened • income was \$23.2million, Expenses were \$25.1m with a deficient of \$1.9million • The year ended better than projected with budget saving of \$400,000 • The income and expense charts are clean and tidy • Currently there is \$11.5million cash in the bank • There will be a significant Regional Land Partnership shortfall for 2024/25 funding • The cash in the bank will be used for forward projections • The interim audit found 2 issues with our annual reporting (These issues will be remedied): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Levy expense table is required ○ Contracts in place for contractors <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Finance Papers.</i></p>
12.1	<p>Water Advisory Committee – 16th June meeting</p> <p>The Chair of the Board advised that the Water Advisory Committee met on 16th June, and provided a short verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke about the new Government directions • Spoke about the ELMA and Marne Saunders Developments, including the consultant being brought on.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on the Lower Murray Reclaimed Irrigation Area national water grid funding Mallee WAP on the way. Workplan progress report. <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Water Advisory Committee Meeting papers.</i></p>
12.2	<p>Water Advisory Committee – 5th July meeting</p> <p>The Chair of the Board advised that the Water Advisory Committee met on the 5th July, and provided a short verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke about the changes to the Carryover Policy The Water Advisory recommended Option 2a to the Board <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Water Advisory Committee Meeting papers</i></p>
12.3	<p>Progress Report on workplan</p> <p>The Chair of the Board advised that the Water Advisory Committee have presented the workplan progress report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Board like the format and information included in the workplan progress report. <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Water Advisory Committee progress report on the workplan.</i></p>
13	<p>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee – 30 June meeting</p> <p>The Manager, Sustainable Landscapes advised that the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee met on the 30th June, and provided a short verbal report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback was concise and clear. Soil acidity is an issue in the Coorong and Mallee regions The committee is currently looking at further memberships Roadside farm chemical dumping is being investigated further through partners within Primary Industries and Regions South Australia. Kick off ya Boots was mentioned. This is a musical production to celebrate what it means to live and work in a rural community with a focus on mental health. Link to the website is here. Suggestion was made to see if Jaco Pauer from the Water Advisory Committee knows anyone from Parilla Premium Potato's that would like to sit on the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee Meeting Papers.</i></p>
14	<p>Significant or sensitive committee items</p> <p><i>nil</i></p>
Items for Noting	

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15.	Marne Saunders Progress – Verbal Update <p>The Chair of the Board provided a verbal update on the Marne Saunders Progress:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New staff coming on to commence consultation in August 2022, • Next board meeting will be held in the Mid Murray council area in the Cambrai Council office. Key stakeholders from the Marne Saunders are will be invited to lunch.
16.	Correspondence <p>The correspondence list for July was presented to the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Auditor General to Di Davidson to be added. <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the correspondence.</i></p>
17.	Action List <p>The board noted the progress of the actions on the action list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 14, draft paper to be given to the presiding member before Monday 1st August 2022. • All other items can be moved to the Completed actions section with details on what has occurred.
18.	Other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board spoke about the Berri Barmera Council Growth Strategy and will be making further comment.
	Next meeting details – 25 August 2022 in Cambrai
	The meeting closed at 2:15pm

ENDORSED 	Dianne Davidson AM Presiding Member Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Date: 25 August 2022
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