

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 9-22	
Date: 27 October 2022	
Start Times:	9:00am
Location:	Murray Bridge Landscape office
Present:	Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Jim Godden, Sandy Iosefellis (from 12.30pm), Caroline Phillips, Jason Size Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Amy Lee (Manager Strategy and Engagement), Michelle Finch (Manager, Business Services), Helene Norman (Executive Officer), Item 18: Chrissie Bloss (Manager, Water Delivery WaRM, WIO, DEW) via Teams,
Apologies:	Sandy Iosefellis (until 12.30am)

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1.	Welcome, Apologies and agenda check Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open at 9am 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 Jason Size indicated he has taken on two new roles which could be a conflict of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of Regional Leadership steering committee for RDA • Board member, Trees for life
3.	Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting (8-22) held 23 September 2022 Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Minutes of Meeting 8-22 held 23 September 2022.
4.	Chairs Report The Chair provided a written report of the events attended during the month. The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Chair's report.
5.	Board Member's reports A record of activities undertaken by individual board members was presented to the board, which indicated good and active board members links into the community. In addition to this, Greg Cock attended the MCAC LG Forum on 29 th September, with very relevant speakers.

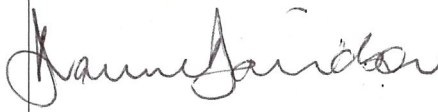
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	<i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Board Members reports.</i>
6.	<p>General Manager's Report</p> <p>The General Manager presented the General Manager's report and the Referrals Report to the board.</p> <p>Highlight for the month was the visit by the Ministers Advisor, could showcase the region and some of the work we do.</p> <p>A response has not been received from Berri Barmera Landcare.</p> <p>Andrew Meddle, Amy Lee, Denise Fowles, Samantha Wakelin and Eilidh Wilson will be attending the NRM Knowledge Conference.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the General Manager's Report and attachments.</i></p>
FOR DECISION	
7.	<p>Draft MRLB Annual Report 2021-22</p> <p>The draft MRLB Annual Report for 2021-22 was presented to the board. WorkCover statistics have been updated with this year's data and audited financial statements will be included when received.</p> <p>Changes to Chairs title and attendance at meeting table were suggested.</p> <p>The board would like more flexibility in the content of the annual report in future years.</p> <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</i></p> <p><i>a. Noted the draft Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Annual Report 2021-22; and</i></p> <p><i>b. Provided suggested changes.</i></p>
COMMITTEES	
8.	<p>Finance Committee</p> <p>The Finance Committee met on Monday this week, and the Chair reported that finances are as expected at the moment, although some carryovers have not yet been approved.</p> <p>There is likely to be program delays due to impacts of flood – both from high river and rain events, board staff have been in contact with the Commonwealth for awareness and possible variations that maybe required.</p> <p>Number of outstanding water debtors may increase due to significantly lower grape prices.</p> <p>Resilience provision is available for any emergencies if required.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the finance report.</i></p>
9.	<p>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</p> <p>The Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee held a LG Forum on overabundant Native species, only a small number of Councils attended, but presentations were excellent. The Board will take on the running of these in the future.</p>

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	<p>The Committee requested assistance from the board as the councils would like to see the Landscape Board put pressure on other state government authorities to lead the management of little corellas and to have a state wide action plan. This will be discussed at the GM's forum, and feedback will be provided to the Committee Chair.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the MCAC report and minutes.</i></p> <p>ACTION: Ensure thankyou letters have been sent to the presenters of the LG Forum.</p> <p>ACTION: Ascertain attendance over the last year at MCAC meetings</p>
10.	<p>Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee</p> <p>The Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee met on October 10th, and attended by Jason Size. Jason reported limited dog sightings in the area, which have been dealt with, and landowners are using the Wild Dog Scan to report dog sightings as well as reporting to Board/NPWS.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the BFWDC minutes.</i></p>
11.	<p>Water Advisory Committee Meeting</p> <p>The Water Advisory Committee advised they met on the 13th October and provided draft minutes to the board.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the WAC minutes.</i></p>
12.	<p>Significant or Sensitive Committee Items</p> <p>The Manager Strategy and Engagement presented a paper outlining three key items which the Water Advisory Committee requested to be brought to the board's attention.</p> <p>The committee are happy to support the Department for Environment and Water position on the Shortfall Management Plan.</p> <p>The Committee also suggested the formation of a sub-group to assist in the development of the Mallee and Peake Roby Sherlock Prescribed Wells Area during the revision and combining of the WAPs. The TOR were endorsed with the changes to membership of 'up to 6 members' and correct reference to payment being made under PC016 and CD 3.2.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Noted the advice from Water Advisory Committee to support the Department for Environment and Water position on the Shortfall Management Plan;</i> <i>b. Endorsed the formation of a community-focused WAC sub-group for Mallee and Peake Roby Sherlock (PRS) Prescribed Wells Area; and</i> <i>c. Noted the Water Advisory Committee encouragement to start engagement with community on the LMRIA project.</i>
ITEMS FOR NOTING	

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13.	<p>Riverland Field days report</p> <p>The Manager Strategy and Engagement presented a report by the Communications and Engagement Project Officer regarding the board's attendance and engagement at the Riverland Field Days on 16 and 17 September. The Board's attendance at major field days will be reviewed and the engagement strategy currently being worked on will assist with the review.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the successful attendance of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board at the 2022 Riverland Field Days.</i></p>
14.	<p>Board Workshop and Organisational Feedback update</p> <p>The General Manager presented a report on the items for improvement raised at an August board workshop and conveyed to the General Manager, and current and proposed activities to assist in the areas of concern.</p> <p>The General Manager assured he would be open about staff and board comments, although there was some board members concern at the frankness.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the report from the General Manager and encouraged the GM and ELT to continue the discussions.</i></p>
15.	<p>Future Committee Structure</p> <p>In light of the Engagement discussions at the moment, and following a decision of the Chair of the MCAC to retire from the role in February next year, the board discussed the future of Advisory Committees.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to the existing committee members and see how they see the committee working to improve impact, to guide the boards decisions in the future • Can be a reference group, and not necessary to meet all the time or less often. Can be a group of people that can provide info/issues or advise to the board and staff, can be concerns, or ideas • Look at current expenditure on committees • Look at who we should be targeting, how we should be targeting them. • Committees can be a grooming space for possible board members. • Engagement Strategy • Have a Water Advisory Committee, might be the time to consider a Land Advisory Committee • Loosening the formal ties and have more flexibility - maybe have a group that meets quarterly or six monthly. • Further discussion and thinking on the committees will occur over the coming months. • Both Committees have annual work plans in place <p><u>Mallee Coorong Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>The last formal activity of the committee will be the committee meeting in February, which will coincide with the retirement of the Chair. The committee was a good vehicle to move from NRM to Landscapes, and the board will look at</p>

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	<p>what form of engagement will work into the future, when the Engagement Strategy is developed.</p> <p>ACTION: Ascertain attendance at meetings over the last year.</p> <p><u>Water Advisory Committee</u></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Sheridan Alm has resigned from the WAC.</p> <p>Committee worked well when focus has been on the River Murray but there is a shifting focus to the Marne Saunders and Mallee areas, which is not the expertise/comfort of the majority of the committee.</p>
16.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Correspondence list for October was presented to the board.</p> <p>Invitations have been received to the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NRC Dinner, which will be attended by Jason, Di and Jim. • the Calperum Bush Ball which will be attended by Jason and Andrew • SA Climate Leaders Awards Dinner will be attended by Di and some staff. <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the correspondence.</i></p>
17.	<p>Action List</p> <p><i>The board noted the progress of the actions on the action list.</i></p>
18.	<p>Presentation - River Murray High Flows</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Chrissie Bloss, Manager Water Delivery, Water and River Murray Division of DEW, who gave an overview of River Murray Flows at present and what is likely to be expected in the coming months.</p> <p>The board were asked to provide feedback to DEW if information required by the public is lacking.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the presentation and the context of the Board's position as per Attachment 1.</i></p>
19.	<p>Other Business</p> <p><u>High River/flooding</u></p> <p>In SA, SAPOL is the lead agency for emergencies, and the Zone Emergency Management Committee and Zone Emergency Support Team are being led by Scott Denny.</p> <p>The General Manager is meeting with Council CEOs on 9th November, re flooding and emergency response and also meeting with DEW flood team re support from region if required.</p> <p>The board has already put the following in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • special place on the website for High flows information • messages warning shack owners re pumping septs and other things that can be done prior to high water on website and social media. <p>There are many positive impacts of a high river and water flowing down. It is important to be nimble and consider potential roles that MRLB could play in the emergency situation that are not being picked up by other agencies.</p>

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	Close The public meeting closed at 1pm, when the board moved in camera to consider prescribed information and matters in confidence.

ENDORSED 	Dianne Davidson AM Presiding Member Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Date: 24 November 2022
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