

# SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Communiqué

*The SA Arid Lands Landscape Board presents communiqué #12 with highlights from the board meeting held on the 22-23 June 2022 in Port Augusta*

## 2022/23 Business Plan



The 2022/23 SA Arid Lands Annual Business Plan has been approved by the Hon. Minister Susan Close, Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water. This plan identifies priorities, income and proposed expenditure for the coming financial year in accordance with the board's five-year Strategic Plan. To access plan please use the following link to the board's website [2022/23 SA Arid Lands Annual Business Plan](#)

## Regional Board Meeting

The board has committed to holding at least one board meeting each year in the SA Arid Lands region. In 2021 the board held their August meeting in Hawker with the opportunity to visit Hookina Springs and the site of the Flinders Ranges Purple Spotted Gudgeon release [Translocation of Purple Spotted Gudgeon](#) and control sites of peppertree in the surrounding region.

Board members were enthused to see evidence of the on ground work being achieved in the SAAL region as a result of it's investment with this culturally and environmentally important project, Bounceback and Beyond. A community barbeque was held at the Hawker Sports Centre at which the board's Regional Landscape Plan was launched.

This year the August meeting will be held in Marree and once again field trips have been planned for board members that will showcase the results of soil conservation and the remediation works the board has invested in; hearing from participants of the board's flagship Sustainable Agriculture Program "Building Pastoral Sustainability"; and inspecting a section of the dog fence rebuild. The board aims to connect with environmental and cultural values in the region that will continue to guide decision making and monitoring of the boards investment.

Livestock SA has accepted the board's invitation to co-host a community dinner at the Marree Hotel that will be preceded by a presentation from a panel made up of representatives of the board's peak partner bodies, these may include Livestock SA, the Dog Fence Board and Pastoral Board. The presentation will be followed by an informal question and answer time providing the community a valuable opportunity to hear about initiatives and to engage with the critical partners servicing the regions landscape management and agriculture needs.

Local and state government representatives will be invited to be a part of this board event.

Further information on this opportunity to connect with peak bodies and government representatives will be shared soon via the board's social media and web-based platforms.

## Landscape Groups, membership and action plans



The 7 Landscape Groups' proposed new members have been endorsed, resulting in every group having a full complement plus proxy members. The Groups continue to move from strength to strength and has each developed a new district Action Plan to support the overall implementation of the board's 5 year strategic plan.



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The board were pleased to endorse the recommended new members and the 7 district action plans, acknowledging the value and importance of the group model in the SAAL region, as critical in supporting the boards reach and impact across such a significant geographical area.

## **Native Vegetation Council meets with Board**

Members of the Native Vegetation Council (NVC), met with the board on day one of the board meeting to explore opportunities for furthering a partnership where the work of the two bodies does, and could connect.

The Native Vegetation Council is an independent seven member statutory body that has powers, functions and duties prescribed by the *Native Vegetation Act 1991* and is responsible for regulating clearance of native vegetation across South Australia.

It was identified that both the board and the council have a focus on building a natural environment that can withstand climate extremes; to protect and enhance biodiversity and to engage and collaborate with First Nations people.

As accredited third party providers for the Native Vegetation Council, the SAAL Landscape Board is able to work directly with industry and landholders to support projects within the region.

The board and council had a productive conversation on future partnership options and how together, opportunities can be afforded to landholders and industry bodies in the region to support offset investment in the region and stewardship projects, while promoting these opportunities to the region more broadly.

Fittingly, the NVC and the board undertook a tour of the local Sundrop Farms which showcased a model of how offsets for industry clearance can be reinvested back into the environment and green economies.



*Pictured above L-R Kylie Weymouth NVC Minister's nominee for Planning, Development or Mining, Douglas Lillecrapp SAALLB, Prof Robert Hill, NVC Minister's nominee, Scott Michael SAALLB, Ross Sawers Chair SAALLB, Dr Ellen Litchfield Deputy Chair SAALLB, Adam Schutz NVC Coordinator Assessment & Stakeholder Liaison, John Neal, Sarah Reachill, Tim Flowers, Jodie Gregg-Smith*

## **Upcoming Events in 2022**

- Wirrealpa Sticky Beak Day 13 July
- Quandong Festival, Quorn 6 August
- Marree-Innaminka Pastoral Boot Camp 11 August
- SA Arid Lands Landscape Regional Board Meeting, Marree 24 August

*Please use link below for details of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board meetings.*

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