

MURRAYLANDS AND RIVERLAND LANDSCAPE BOARD

Minutes

Acknowledgement of Country

The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board acknowledges the First Peoples of the lands and waters we live and work upon. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge and respect their deep spiritual and cultural connection to Country.

Meeting Title: Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Meeting 2-23	
Date: 23 March 2023	
Start Times:	9.30am
Location:	Len Mahoney Room, Berri Town Hall, 19 Wilson Street, Berri
Present:	<p>Board: Di Davidson (Chair), Andrew Biele, Greg Cock, Caroline Phillips (on Teams), Jason Size</p> <p>Andrew Meddle (General Manager), Denise Fowles (Manager, Sustainable Landscapes), Amy Lee (Manager, Strategy and Engagement), Simon Lease (Acting Manager, Business Services), Helane Norman (Executive Officer),</p> <p>Item 1: Sonia Dominelli (NPW Manager, Riverland and Murraylands)</p> <p>Item 2: Jem Tesoriero (Team Leader, Partnerships and Engagement), Chris Koolmatrie (Senior Project Officer, Aboriginal Partnerships), Glenn Chisholm (RMMAC Ranger Coordinator)</p> <p>Item 3: Jeremy Nelson (Project Officer, Sustainable Agriculture)</p> <p>Item 4: Rebecca Arnold (Riverland District Manager). Wendy Stubbs (Team leader, Landscape Resilience, on Teams)</p>
Apologies:	Sandy Iosefellis


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1.	Welcome, Apologies and agenda check <p>Di Davidson, Chair, declared the meeting open at 9.30am and welcomed all present, acknowledging the Aboriginal people as the First Peoples and Nations of the lands and water on which we meet.</p>
2.	National parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Update <p>The National Parks and Wildlife Manager, Sonia Dominelli provided an update on the NPWS. It included the Parks within in the region, flood response (assisting or euthanising stranded animals) and recovery work (National Park tracks and infrastructure reinstatement and checking cultural sites), the NPWS Fire Management program and Aboriginal Rangers. Sonia also provided an update on the Energy Connect powerline north of the River, and highlighted projects where the board and NPWS are working together.</p>
3.	Riverland Rangers Performance Story <p>The Team Leader, Partnerships and Engagement, provided an overview of the Riverland Rangers program and introduced Chris Koolmatrie (Aboriginal Partnerships Project Officer) and the new Ranger Coordinator, Glenn Chisholm,</p>

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	who spoke on the program and his experiences from participating in 'Aboriginal Learning On country' program to his current role. The board viewed the video 'RMMAC Rangers Performance Story' which was considered a credit to the team and all involved.
4.	<p>Regional Soil Organic Carbon Update</p> <p>Project Officer, Sustainable Agriculture, Jeremy Nelson, presented a summary of Soil Organic Carbon (SOC) levels in the 0-10cm soil layer, for sub-regions within the Murraylands and Riverland region, and where potential for improvement of organic carbon levels for each of these sub regions might be possible.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farmers may be able work on on-farm emissions profile • With broad acre farming, look at farming practice systems effect on SOC <p>ACTION: Sustainable Ag Team to list points of consideration, and focus of Ag team in short term and report back to next meeting.</p>
5.	<p>Ferals in the northern region</p> <p>Bec Arnold, the Riverland District Manager, presented on the Riverland Feral Pig Control Program. Feral Pigs have an economic as well as environmental impact and the program assists landholders to monitor and control feral pig numbers by working with landholders and National Parks, to reduce numbers by trapping, baiting and aerial and ground operations.</p> <p>Wendy Stubbs, the Team Leader, Landscape Ecology then provided a further insight into pastoral land north of Berri, which is being worked on through the Living Landscapes project and in particular the Board's <i>Bulldozers for Biodiversity</i> project. The project was developed as the land was not recovering well even after destocking, mainly due to the presence of wild goats, along with kangaroos and rabbits. Removing standing water (dams) and removing feral goats via mustering and aerial shoots has reduced the grazing pressure and has improved the condition of threatened ecological communities in that area.</p>
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6.	<p>Conflict of Interest</p> <p>No new Disclosures</p>
7.	<p>Adoption of Minutes from the previous meeting (1-23) held 24 February 2023</p> <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved the Minutes of Meeting 1-23 held 24 February 2023.</i></p>
8.	<p>Chairs Report</p> <p>The Chair provided a written report of recent events attended and activities undertaken.</p> <p>The Chairs Forum, held on 10 March, welcomed the four new Landscape Board chairs from around the state.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Chair's report.</i></p>

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9.	<p>Board Members' reports</p> <p>A record of activities undertaken by individual board members was presented to the board. A number of board members will be attending the Rubrics workshops over the coming weeks.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Board Member's Report.</i></p>
10.	<p>General Manager's Report</p> <p>The General Manager presented his report which included the response from CSIRO to the MR Plan, the updated Risk Register, and a report on the referrals undertaken by the board this month.</p> <p>Major work this month has been on the Regional Delivery Partner tender, the Annual Business Plan, his work as chair of the GMs and with the SA Landscape Conference planning, the amendment of the State Landscape Strategy and Workforce Planning.</p> <p>The board acknowledges the work and time the General Manager has put into planning the inaugural SA Landscape Conference.</p> <p><u>MR Plan:</u></p> <p>Response to the CSIRO feedback has been drafted by the Steering Committee. The Board's position is to focus on two actions, Actions 7 & 20 and this has been shared with Ben Fee and Carron McLeod.</p> <p>As previously decided the MR Landscape Board will lead the implementation of Actions 7 & 20 in the MR Plan.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the General Manager's Report and attachments.</i></p>
ITEMS FOR DECISION	
11.	<p>Common Seal Authority review</p> <p>The General Manager provided an updated Policy on the Use of the Common Seal (with very minor amendments), and provided an 'Instrument of Authorisation – Authority to affix the Common Seal' for the Chair to sign under the common seal, to align with the policy.</p> <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board:</i></p> <p><i>a. Approved the Presiding Member of the Board, to sign the Instrument of Authorisation – Use of the Common Seal on behalf of the Board, to be executed under Common Seal; and</i></p> <p><i>b. Noted the addition of position number P26272 – Executive Officer, to the Instrument as witness in the use of the Common Seal.</i></p>
12.	<p>Aerial Marksmen Team funding request</p> <p>The board has received correspondence from the Department for Environment and Water requesting support for training and equipment for additional Aerial Marksmen Team members, currently being utilised by our Landscape board.</p>

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	<p>An event in the SA Arid Lands region may impact on the recommendation and the General Manager is seeking further advice from DEW. The General Manager will advise the board if there is any change to the actioning of this decision.</p> <p>This is a majority decision of the Board as not all Board members are in favour.</p> <p><i>Decision: The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board approved a single payment of \$10,000 towards the costs of the DEW Aerial Marksmen Team to be invoiced and paid in the 2022/23 financial year.</i></p>
COMMITTEES	
13.	<p>Finance Committee Report</p> <p>The Acting Business Manager provided the Finance report for February along with minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 15th March.</p> <p>Treasury has now paid interest to the board for the period since May 2022, just over \$208,000. Interest, savings and unspent monies in some areas have been noted, and reassigned to areas with cost pressures.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the Finance Papers.</i></p>
14.	<p>Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee</p> <p>The Manager, Sustainable Landscapes, provided a written report on the Committee's Sustainable Agriculture Forum "Farming in a changing World", held at Karoonda on the 24 February 2023. There were 45 attendees, and the forum videoed, The information provided will be accessible on the board's website and actively shared with attendees.</p> <p>Information presented at the forum will have implications on our programs and priorities, and statistics on the number of people who watch the presentation online will be monitored.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the outcomes of the Mallee and Coorong Advisory Committee (MCAC) community forum held at Karoonda on 24 February 2023 on the topic of farming in a changing world, run in partnership with the Board's Sustainable Agriculture team.</i></p>
15.	Significant or Sensitive Committee items - Nil
ITEMS FOR NOTING	
16.	<p>Annual Business Plan briefing on projects</p> <p>The Manager Strategy and Engagement, provided a briefing to the board on the projects expected to be included in the 2023-24 Business plan as well as longer term projects planned for the subsequent years, taking into account the direction received from a previous board workshop. The opportunities and approach undertaken in the ranking of projects, was explained and after staff have considered multiple scenarios, the five year financial plan will be provided to the board through the information exchange in coming weeks.</p> <p>The board thanked the Manager Strategy and Engagement for the informative presentation.</p>
17.	Regional Delivery partner (RDP) Tender Submission Update

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	<p>The board received a paper outlining the process for submitting a tender for further funding with the Australian Government, and summarised the tender inclusions, along with the extensive response. It is very important to the ongoing work of the board that the tender is successful.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the update regarding the submission of a Regional Delivery Partner Tender for Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board.</i></p>
18.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Correspondence list for March was presented to the board.</p> <p>Another piece of correspondence, a certificate of acknowledgement from the Renmark Paringa Council, has been received, for assistance provided to them from the Landscape Board during the flood preparation, response and recovery.</p> <p>The board also acknowledged the ongoing work of board staff in flood recovery.</p> <p><i>The Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board noted the correspondence.</i></p>
19.	<p>Action List</p> <p>The Action list was reviewed by the board.</p> <p><i>The board noted the progress of the actions on the action list.</i></p>
<p>IN CAMERA SESSION</p> <p><i>In accordance with the Landscape SA Act 2019, section 23 (5) the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board orders the public be excluded to receive, discuss or consider any prescribed information or matters in confidence.</i></p>	
	<p>Next meeting details – 27 April 2023 at Murray Bridge</p> <p>Committee meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Advisory Committee – 13 April 2023 • Finance Committee - 19 April
	<p>The meeting closed at 3.30pm</p>

<p>ENDORSED</p> 	<p>Presiding Member Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board Date: 27 April 2023</p>
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