

MINUTES

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #18

☞ Day One ☞

Wednesday 12 April 2023 10:00am – 5:00pm

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois St Port Augusta SA 5700	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Ellen Litchfield - Deputy Chair Scott Michael - Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager (GM) Louise Myers – Business Coordinator	
AL Staff:	Kurt Tschirner - Board Member Tim Flowers - Board Member Eric Brown – Board Member Reshnee Lalla – Manager Landscape Operations Abby Richards - Executive Officer (minute taker)	
Guests:	Item 18.15 MP Eddie Hughes – Member for Giles	
Apologies:	Sanchia Treloar - Board Member	
1000		In camera pre meeting discussion with the board and General Manager took place.
1045	18.1	Chair opened the meeting with the apologies from Sanchia Treloar and welcome to SAAL staff members Reshnee Lalla and Louise Myers – noted .
	18.2	Agenda for the meeting was accepted with agreement to move forward items from day 2 into day 1 pending time (early departure of the chair on day 2).
	18.3	<u>Declaration of interests</u> Conflict of interest disclosed by (1) Scott Michael for interests in regards to the presentations from Infrastructure SA and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners.
	18.4	<u>Acceptance of minutes</u> SAALLB meeting #17 8-9 February 2023 – accepted by all, noting Kurt Tschirner has nominated as a proxy to the Gawler Rangers Group SAALLB In Camera #17 meeting 8-9 February 2023 - accepted by all SAALLB Out of Session #14 meeting 3 March 2023 - accepted by all
1100	18.5	<u>Board Performance review</u> The board had an overview of the Evaluation Data from the stakeholder analysis 360 Collective Leadership Assessment that was conducted in 2022. Discussion was had on actions for the board to heighten the awareness of the Board, its role and its success to date. Action: A more consolidated data analysis to be put together and presented at the June meeting by the General Manager. The board noted and discussed the actions underway to develop improved stakeholder perceptions in line with the 360 survey undertaking. It was agreed for the board performance review to be conducted by Tim Flowers with a review of the general process of the meeting.
	18.6	<u>Action list review</u> It was agreed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15/15.15 360 Performance Review – discussed and completed. • 16.10a – Risk Register – discussed and completed. • 17.13 – Report of wild deer in Quorn area. Cameras have been installed and will continue to be monitored – completed.
1117	18.7	<u>General Manager Update</u> The board was provided an overview of the recent activities of the General Manager and updates on the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR update – upcoming positions that are currently and soon to be advertised. • Current and upcoming priorities/planning. General Manager report noted .

1118	18.8	<u>In Camera</u>
1201	18.9	<p><u>Aboriginal Engagement Network Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>The board was presented a final draft of the Aboriginal Engagement Network Terms of Reference following approval from the Aboriginal Network Group Meeting held in March 2023.</p> <p>The board approved the Aboriginal Engagement Network Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Action: SAAL Landscape Board to invite a member of the AEN to attend the June board meeting.</p>
1207	18.10	<p><u>Debrief – Landscape Board Conference</u></p> <p>The Chair, board members and the General Manager attended the Board Conference in Murray Bridge accompanied by fellow Landscape Boards.</p> <p>The board held a brief discussion and debrief of the conference with a general consensus that the activity was worthwhile and a valuable opportunity to network with other boards from across SA and hear from the Deputy Premier and Kate Andrews from NRMRA.</p>
1215		<i>At this time Mel Boxall joined the meeting.</i>
	18.11a	<p><u>Financial Overview</u></p> <p>The Manager of Business Services presented the financial reports with figures relating to the end of February 2023.</p> <p>The board accepted the financial overview and associated reports.</p>
	18.11b	<p><u>Financial Management Compliance Program 2022/23</u></p> <p>The FMCP is updated annually to reflect changes that have occurred and incorporate any recommendations made by the Auditor General and the Governance and Finance Committee.</p> <p>A FMCP questionnaire has been developed and presented to the board accompanied with the 2022/23 FMCP. These have been reviewed by the GFC and will be signed off by the General Manager once adopted by the board. This process is undertaken by the Regional Leadership Team.</p> <p>The board adopted the 2022/23 Financial Management Compliance Program.</p>
	18.11c	<p><u>Work Health & Safety Report</u></p> <p>WHS Committee last met in 10 March and the board was briefed on discussions held. Since writing of this report, one recordable incident was reported 26/03/23.</p> <p>Work Health and Safety Report noted by the board.</p>
	18.11d	<p><u>Policy Review</u></p> <p>An update of policies for review were presented that were former DEW policies adopted by the board.</p> <p>The board adopted the following updated policies: Electronic Signature Policy; Privacy Policy; Risk Management Policy; Business Continuity Policy; Financial Reconciliations Policy and the Budget Policy.</p> <p>The board noted the current policies of the Board as provided in the register and measures being undertaken to update these.</p>
	18.11e	<p><u>Policy Directory</u></p> <p>The board was introduced to the SAAL policy directory and provided an update of the progress to maintaining and reviewing board policies.</p> <p>The board noted the Policy Directory report.</p>
	18.11f	<p><u>Legislative Compliance Register</u></p> <p>The board was presented with an update of the Legislative Compliance Register. Since the last review was endorsed in June 2022 no major changes to legislative requirements have been made. Updates predominately relate to position changes and the dates of approvals.</p> <p>The board endorsed the Legislative Compliance Register for SA Arid Lands Landscape Board.</p>
	18.11g	<p><u>Travel / Meal Allowance for Board Members</u></p> <p>A recap of the travel and meal allowance amounts that have been set in line with Determinations of the Commissioner for Public Sector Employment for when board members incur costs in carrying out duties pertaining to the position on the board.</p> <p>The board noted the meal and travel allowance amounts as specified in the Commissioner's Determination 3.2.</p>
	18.11h	<p><u>Contracts and Grant Executions</u></p> <p>The board was presented a table of reference to expenditure contracts or grants executed since the last board meeting.</p> <p>The board noted the agreements executed covering the period 24 January to 15 March 2023.</p>
	18.11i	<p><u>Related Party Disclosures</u></p> <p>The recorded related party disclosures since the previous meeting were presented to the board.</p>

The board **noted** the related party transactions report.

18.11j Sponsorship

There has been one approved sponsorship request for the Regional Leadership Development Program – Far North Region. The sponsorship application of \$600 has been approved by the General Manager. The board **noted** the sponsorship report.

The board would like to acknowledge the departure of Mel Boxall (Manager, Business Support) and to thank her for all her work over the many years with the board and SAAL. The board wishes Mel and her family all the best for their new endeavour.

1310 *At this time Mel Boxall left the meeting*

1310 18.12 Kangaroo Partnership Project Update

The board were given a brief update from the General Manager on the recent activities of the Kangaroo Partnership Project covering:

- The three projects that are underway each funded by the KPP.
- NRM Regions Australia Kangaroo Management Community of Practice.
- Future Funding opportunities.

Kangaroo Partnership Project report **noted** by the board.

1315 18.22 Project Status Report

The board was provided the status updates and achievements for the reporting period 1 February 2023 to 31 March 2023 for all approved programs and projects as they align to the boards 2021-26 priorities. Project Status Report for period 1 February to 31 March 2023 **noted** by the board.

1318 18.23 Presiding Member Report

Presiding member provided an update on the PM's activities since the February 2023 board meeting which included:

- Attendance at the Landscape Chairs Forums, 10th March 2023.
- Attendance at the Landscape Board Conference, 27-28 March 2023.

The board **noted** the Presiding Member Report.

1312 *Break for lunch.*

Louise Myers left the meeting at this time.

1409 18.13 Water Advisory Committee Overview

The board was updated on the information and matters considered and actioned by the Water Advisory Committee highlighting:

- Friends of Mound Springs Fence Maintenance Submission.
- Lake Eyre Basin Strategic Plan.
- Great Artesian Basin Condition Report.
- GAB Programs Review.
- Welcome Julia Short as the new Water Project Officer.

The board **noted** the Water Advisory Committee overview.

1439 *Ben McCallum, Community Ecologist joined the meeting*

1440 18.14 Arckaringa Daisy Project Update

A presentation on the Arckaringa Daisy Project update was presented to the board by Ben McCallum, SAAL Community Ecologist.

1525 *Ben McCallum left the meeting*

1529 *MP Eddie Hughes joined the meeting*

1530 SAALLB Presentation

MP Eddie Hughes, Member for Giles joined the meeting. The general manager and presiding member presented an overview presentation on SA Arid Lands Landscape Board and key features and priorities.

1541 *At this time Ellen Litchfield joined the meeting*

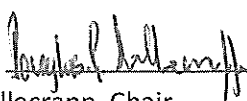
1648 **Day 1 Closed**

Day Two

Thursday 13 April 2023 8:30am to 11:40am

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Apologies:	Item 18.18 Greg Patrick – Team Leader, Landscape Operations & Projects (GP)	
Guests:	Sanchia Treloar	
Guests:	Josephine Telfer, Alicia Wright - Infrastructure SA Ross Sawers, Regional Advisor & Matt Stuchbery, Vice President – Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners	
0830		Meeting reconvened and the business of day one reviewed.
0835	18.18	<p><u>Biosecurity Update</u></p> <p>The board were briefed on the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team. Welcome to Reshnee Lalla, Manager Landscape Operations who commenced 1st March 2023. This role will replace Greg Patrick, Team Leader Landscape Operations & Projects.</p> <p>Landscape Priority Fund (<i>Resilient Rangelands – Managing biosecurity threats for climate resilient Landscapes</i>) application for management and compliance relating to goats, pigs and dogs has been successful – funding received over 3 years.</p> <p>Aerial Control program A joint SAAL Bounceback and Beyond with DEW Bounceback aerial goat cull was completed focussing on the Flinders and Olary Ranges.</p> <p>Wild Dogs The wild dog Biosecurity Officer has recently provided a short update about Biteback at the SAWDAG meeting and also presented at the NWDAP Symposium in Armidale NSW to provide a case study of Biteback.</p> <p>Autumn 2023 baiting services are scheduled for March/April. Aerial Baiting program under the Biteback program is scheduled for May-June 2023.</p> <p>Pigs Pig baiting has taken place at Innamincka Regional Reserve in March 2023. Biosecurity Officer recently presented at the National Pig Stakeholder Forum (online) discussing the pig activity within SAAL, our engagement with stakeholders, pig property plans, control efforts and testing for disease.</p> <p>Weeds Roadside weed control continuing. One Biosecurity Officer will attend Railway Protection Officer training. This will enable the officer to have access to railway corridors and carry out inspections of priority weeds and advise ARTC where control works are required.</p> <p>Biosecurity Update noted by the Board</p> <p>The board would like to acknowledge the departure of Greg Patrick and thank him for all his work with the board over the many years. The board wishes Greg all the best in his retirement.</p>
0850	18.19	<u>In Camera</u>
0909		<i>Josephine Telfer and Alicia Wright joined the meeting</i>
0910	18.16	<p><u>Presentation – Northern Water Project</u></p> <p><i>Presented by Josephine Telfer and Alicia Wright, Infrastructure SA</i></p> <p>The board was provided a presentation from Infrastructure SA where they were received a briefing of the Northern Water Project with a proposed desalination site of Mullaquana. Discussion points included project purpose, infrastructure, project timeline, stakeholder and community engagement, site selection, key approvals, environmental impact assessment, protected areas, intake and outfall, the and the significant environmental benefit.</p>
1015		<i>At this time Josephine Telfer and Alicia Wright left the meeting</i>
1016		<i>Ross Sawers and Matt Stuchbery joined the meeting</i>
1020	18.17	<p><u>Presentation – Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners – CIP</u></p> <p><i>Presented by Ross Sawers, Regional Advisor & Matt Stuchbery, Vice President</i></p> <p>The board was provided a presentation from Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners with a brief overview of the potential wind project in the Gawler Ranges.</p>
1105		<i>At this time Douglas Lillecrapp and Abby Richards left the meeting</i>
1105		<i>Ellen Litchfield continued to chair meeting</i>

1106	18.20	<p><u>August Board Meeting</u></p> <p>The August 2023 Board Meeting has been selected for a regional meeting with Mount Ive in the Gawler Ranges as the preferred location. The meeting will be held over 3 days and 2 nights with a community barbecue/networking event to be held on the second night. The opportunity to invite the Pastoral Board, Livestock SA and other partners was discussed.</p> <p>The board agreed to host it's August 2023 Board Meeting at Mt Ive in the Gawler Ranges.</p>
1115		<p><i>At this time Scott Michael left the meeting</i></p>
1115	18.21	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>Correspondence report noted by the board</p>
	18.24	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>NIL</p>
1118	18.25	<p><u>Forward Agenda Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Group membership update, • Grassroots Grants, • Showcase BPS and PAQ district outcomes, • Group Chairs combined meeting and dinner, Ellen to Chair, • Communications data and evaluation, • ICAC presentation with Tracy Riddiford, Director Prevention & Communications (training and development)
1125		<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>District Group Updates were presented by the board members.</p> <p>The board noted District Group updates.</p>
	18.27	<p><u>Meeting appraisal</u></p> <p>Tim Flowers report as a result of meeting appraisal</p>
	18.28	<p><u>Board communiqué</u></p> <p>It was agreed to include the following items in the board communiqué:</p> <p>Item 18.14 Arckaringa Daisy presentation</p> <p>Item 18.15 Meeting with the MPs.</p> <p>Item 18.16 Northern Water Project</p> <p>Item 18.18 Biosecurity update</p>
	18.29	<p><u>Board Member Travel Arrangements</u></p> <p>Board members advised that their travel for attending the meeting was a direct return from their residence to Port Augusta.</p>
1140		<p>Meeting end</p>

Approved 
Douglas Lillecrapp, Chair
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Date 23 / 8 / 2023