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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #19

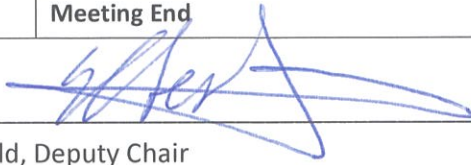
Wednesday 28 June 2023 10:00am

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| Location: | Via MS Teams | |
| Attendees: | Ellen Litchfield - Deputy Chair | Tim Flowers - Board Member |
| | Scott Michael - Board Member | Eric Brown – Board Member |
| | Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager (GM) Abby Richards - Executive Officer (minute taker) | |
| SAAL Staff: | Louise Myers – Manager Business Support (MBS) | |
| | Cherie Gerlach – Team Leader Communications and Community Engagement (CG) | |
| | Aaron Smith – Senior Water Resource Officer (AS) | |
| | Reshnee Lalla – Manager Landscape Operations (RL) | |
| Guests: | NIL | |
| Apologies: | Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair | |
| | Kurt Tschirner - Board Member | |
| | Sanchia Treloar - Board Member | |
| 1000 | 19.1 | The Deputy Chair opened the meeting with the apologies from Douglas Lillecrapp (Presiding Member), Sanchia Treloar and Kurt Tschirner - noted . |
| | 19.2 | Agenda for the meeting was accepted . |
| | 19.3 | <u>Declaration of interests</u> Conflict of interest disclosed by (1) Scott Michael for Item 19.9 - as being a grant recipient for the 2023/2024 Grassroots Grants Round. |
| | 19.4 | <u>Acceptance of minutes</u> SAALLB meeting #18 12-13 April 2023 – accepted by all. SAALLB In Camera #18 meeting 12-13 April 2023 – accepted by all. |
| | 19.5 | <u>Action list review</u> It was agreed to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16.18 – Complete item – to be placed onto the WAC Action List. |
| 1010 | 19.6 | <u>In Camera – General Manager Update</u> |
| 1019 | | <i>Louise Myers joined the meeting via MS Teams at this time.</i> |
| 1020 | 19.7 | <u>Governance and Finance</u> The Manager of Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 14 th June 2023. The board accepted the financial overview and associated reports. The board approved the granting of the Instruments of Authorisation. The board noted the Service Level Agreement with DEW and recommended it's signing. The board approved the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Freedom of Information Statement to be published as a stand-alone document on the board's website. The board noted the information gazetted and the associated process for communicating the levy equalisation in time for the rates notices to be distributed. The board noted the Work Health and Safety report. The board noted the Contract and Grants Executions report covering the period 16 March – 16 May 2023. The board noted the related party transactions report. The board noted the sponsorship report. |
| 1029 | | <i>Louise Myers left the meeting at this time.</i> |
| 1030 | 19.8 | <u>International Rangelands Congress 2025</u> A brief discussion was had on the upcoming International Rangelands Congress which will be held in Adelaide 2025. The event is in early stages of planning and the board will be briefed on the progress of the event and opportunities for involvement leading up to 2025. The board noted the International Rangelands Congress 2025 paper. |

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| 1032 | 19.9 | <p><u>Grassroots Grants 2023-24</u></p> <p>The board was presented with the fourth round of Grassroots Grants proposals and recommended by a panel within SAAL leadership.</p> <p>The board noted the grants programs 2023/2024 paper;</p> <p>The board approved the recommended grant recipients for the 2023/2024 Grassroots Grants Round.</p> |
| 1039 | | <p><i>Cherie Gerlach joined the meeting at this time.</i></p> |
| 1040 | 19.10 | <p><u>In Camera – District Landscape Group Membership</u></p> |
| 1049 | | <p><i>Cherie Gerlach left the meeting at this time.</i></p> |
| 1050 | | <p><i>Aaron Smith joined the meeting at this time</i></p> |
| 1051 | 19.11 | <p><u>Water Advisory Committee Overview</u></p> <p>The board was briefed on the Water Advisory Committee activities and additional information to the project status report.</p> <p>A summary presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement between SAAL and Friends of Mound Springs; • Update on the 4th year 2022-23 financial year performance report of the 5 year Great Artesian Basin Drought Resilience Program; • National GAB – GAB Program review being undertaken by the Australian Government. <p>The board noted the Water Advisory Committee Overview.</p> |
| 1102 | | <p><i>Aaron Smith left the meeting and Reshnee Lalla joined the meeting at this time.</i></p> |
| 1102 | 19.12 | <p><u>Biosecurity Update</u></p> <p>The board was briefed on the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the Biosecurity team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Biosecurity team has welcomed a new Senior Biosecurity Project Officer who is busy with upcoming projects including the Resilient Rangelands – Managing biosecurity threats for climate resilient landscapes. • The Idnya (Western Quoll) Reintroduction program support will commence shortly. • Goats – Aerial survey of goats in targeted areas with coordination with the annual DEW Kangaroo surveys will take place from June 19. • Wild Dogs – The Autumn bait injection service and the aerial baiting that has been completed recently was reported to the board • Pigs – A National Pig Conference took place during June which SAAL staff attended virtually. • Buffel grass – A control of buffel grass infestations along the Stuart Highway between Port Augusta and Bon Bon Station has been conducted with the help of funding received from DIT. • Cacti – Receiving great feedback from landholders in regards to the positive results on the cochineal controlled areas with many infestations completely dead. <p>The board noted the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team.</p> |
| 1118 | | <p><i>Reshnee Lalla left the meeting at this time.</i></p> |
| 1119 | 19.13 | <p><u>Kangaroo Partnership Project Report</u></p> <p>The board was briefed on the recent activities of the kangaroo Partnership Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KPP Committee Strategy Workshop was held in Port Augusta in June which was presented to the board on the priorities that were discussed. • The three projects funded by Kangaroo Partnership grants are nearing completion. Each project team presented final updates to the KPP committee. <p>The board noted the Kangaroo Partnership Project report.</p> |
| | 19.14 | <p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>The board noted the correspondence report.</p> |
| | 19.15 | <p><u>Project Status Report</u></p> <p>The board noted the Project Status Report for the period April 2023 to May 2023.</p> |
| | 19.16 | <p><u>Presiding Member Report</u></p> <p>The board noted the Presiding Member Report.</p> |
| | 19.17 | <p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>NIL</p> |
| | 19.20 | <p><u>Board communiqué</u></p> <p>It was agreed to include the following items in the board communiqué:</p> <p>Landscape Group Memberships</p> |

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| | Grass Roots Grants Biosecurity Update |
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Approved



Date

23 / 8 / 2023

Ellen Litchfield, Deputy Chair

in the absence of Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

| FORWARD AGENDA ITEMS | | | |
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| Identified | Item | RO | Due Date |
| Aug 2021 | SAAL Staff Presentation | GM | Each meeting |
| Oct 2021 | Wild dog (Biteback) | GP | Each meeting |
| Dec 2021 | Feral Goats | GM GP | Each meeting |
| Dec 2021 | Kangaroo Partnership Project | GM | Each meeting |
| Oct 2022 | Aboriginal Partnership Project update – ongoing | GM | Each meeting |
| Feb 2023 | Reports from GFC and WAC | BM AS | Each meeting |
| Apr 2023 | Showcase BPS and PAQ district outcomes | GM | Oct Mtg #21 |
| Apr 2023 | Group Chairs combined meeting and dinner | | Oct Mtg #21 |
| Apr 2023 | Communications data and evaluation | GM | Oct Mtg #21 |
| Apr 2023 | ICAC presentation with Tracy Riddiford, Director Prevention & Communications | | Oct Mtg #21 |