

MINUTES

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #21

DAY 1 Wednesday 25 October 2023 10:00am

Location:	SAALLB Board Room, Port Augusta	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair	Kurt Tschirner – Board Member
	Ellen Litchfield - Deputy Chair (MS Teams)	Tim Flowers - Board Member
	Scott Michael - Board Member	Eric Brown – Board Member (MS Teams)
	Sanchia Treloar – Board Member	
	Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager (GM) Abby Richards - Executive Officer (minute taker)	
SAAL Staff:	Cherie Gerlach – Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement (CG) - Item 21.13, 21.14	
	Reshnee Lalla – Manager Landscape Operations (RL) - Item 21.8, 21.15 to 21.20	
	Aaron Smith – Senior Water Resource Officer (AS) - Item 21.11, 21.12, 21.36	
	Julia Short – Water Project Officer (JS) - Item 21.11, 21.12, 21.36	
	Charlie Eager – Senior Biosecurity Officer (CE) - Item 21.15 to 21.20	
Guests:	Kara Moore, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Leighton Randell (BHP), Paul Gibbons (EMM Consulting) - Item 21.8	
Apologies:	NIL	
1030	21.1	The Chair opened the meeting - noted .
	21.2	Agenda for the meeting was accepted, noting changes of order of items.
	21.7	<u>In Camera</u>
	21.9	<u>In Camera</u>
1100		<i>Reshnee Lalla joined the meeting at this time.</i>
1110		<i>Scott Michael joined the meeting at this time.</i>
1100	21.8	<u>BHP Oak Dam Presentation</u>
		The board was given a presentation from BHP in regards to the Oak Dam underground access project.
1130		<i>Ellen Litchfield left the meeting at this time</i>
1200	21.3	<u>Declaration of interests</u>
		Conflict of interest disclosed by:
		(1) Douglas Lillecrapp – completed Conflict of Interest Declaration Form and submitted 25/10/23 – participant in the Accounting for Groundwater Take in the Far North Prescribes Wells Area Project.
		(2) Sanchia Treloar – advising she is a sheep grower within the dog fence.
		(3) Kurt Tschirner – will be conducting an ecology survey Beverly Mine.
1205	21.4	<u>Acceptance of minutes</u>
		SAALLB meeting #20 23 August 2023.
		SAALLB In Camera #20 meeting 23 August 2023.
		SAALLB Out of Session #17 meeting 27 September 2023.
		<i>All in agreeance – accept the minutes from all 5 members attendees from August meeting.</i>
1207	21.5	<u>Board Performance Self-Review</u>
		Conducted by Tim Flowers
1210	21.6	<u>Action list review</u>
		<i>The board noted the Action List review.</i>
1230		<i>Aaron Smith, Julia Short and Ellen Litchfield joined the meeting at this time.</i>
1300	21.11	<u>Water Advisory Committee Overview</u>
		The board was presented an overview of current water related activities and issues which included:
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goyder ECM Project SAAL to assist in arranging a workshop on this project with the aim of seeking feedback from people with expertise in geology, hydrogeology, hydrology or ecology. The workshop is considered to be held in Port Augusta in November. Board who are likely to attend are Eyre Peninsula and Murray lands and Riverland Boards, DE and DEM. • Northern Water Supply Project SAAL has attended recent Northern Water Supply (NWS) Stakeholder Group and pre-ldgement Technical Working Group meetings.

- WAP MERI Update and MOU
The Far North Water Allocation plan (WAP) MERI Plan is in final draft which is being circulated between DEW and SAAL for final input. Following this a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been established for the board to review and endorse.
- National GAB – Basin wide Condition Report
Initial Findings report is due November 2023. Final report expected March 2024
- National Lake Eyre Basin (LEB) – CAC and SAP
Discussion had on the term end 15 November 2023 for the current chair and members for the LEB Community Advisory Committee. Nominations for new members are now closed and will be reviewed by officials from LEB governments and a shortlist provided to LEB ministers for their consideration.

The board:

Noted the matters outlined within this paper.

Endorsed the draft MERI MOU for circulation with DEW for review.

1315

Lunch break

1340 21.12

In Camera

1400

Tim Flowers left the meeting at this time

1445

Reshnee Lalla left the meeting at this time

1445 21.36

In Camera

1445

Tim Flowers re-joined the meeting

1502

Aaron Smith and Julia Short left the meeting and Cherie Gerlach joined the meeting at this time

1505 21.13

Communications Review

The board was provided a brief overview on the current communication products that are used within SAAL. In reviewing the board's suite of communications, there is a need to reach a younger audience within our region. SAAL is currently utilising Facebook and YouTube social media platforms and have identified Instagram as a proposal to reach a younger audience.

Discussion was had on other platforms that SAAL can utilise within our region i.e local newspapers/newsletters, LinkedIn and the improvement to the publishing of the communique.

ACTION:

- Communications Annual Report to be presented at the December Board Meeting #22.
- Utilise the state wide Landscape Board LinkedIn page before launching SAAL's page.

The board:

Approved the trial of an SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Instagram page.

Endorsed the Review of Communication products of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board.

Determined the frequency of the communications reporting with an annual report to be presented at the final meeting of each year.

1526

Eric left the meeting at this time and a short break was taken

1545 21.14

Aboriginal Engagement – Healthy Country Planning Project

The board was presented the Healthy Country Planning Project with a proposal that SAAL Board establish a model that invites First Nation groups to apply for support in the facilitation and development of a plan. This will involve the board to fund the facilitator selected by the First Nations Group. The proposal of providing funding over a period of 3 years commencing 2023 and \$100k allocated for each year. (First year already allocated in the recent budget forecasting)

*The board **approved** the Healthy Country Planning Project and the additional two years funding totalling the full investment in this initiative of \$300k to the 25/26 FY.*

1554

Cherie left the meeting and Reshnee Lalla and Charlie Eager joined the meeting at this time

1557 21.15

Biosecurity Update

The board was given an update on the recent activities within the biosecurity team. This included:

- HR – New Biosecurity Officer position advertised, closing date 22nd October
- Policies for endorsement - Pig Policy, Buffel Grass Policy, Roadside Pest plant and Animal control Policy and noting the minor changes in the previously endorsed Pest control Fees and Charges Policy.
- Current Projects
 - LPF Resilient Rangelands
 - Idnya (Western Quoll) Reintroduction program support
 - Biteback Program (Wild Dogs) – Spring bait injection service is currently being administered in various districts.

- Target Species
 - Goats – Goats Rangeland Goat Management Forum to be held 10th November 23
 - Cacti – Cochineal nursery continues to be maintained with fresh cladodes from the community
 - Buffel Grass – New appointment Buffel Grass Coordinator, Troy Bowman

ACTION: Best Management Guidelines/Fact Sheet for landholders to be developed in regards to pest animals.

The board:

Endorsed the Pig Policy.

Endorsed the Buffel Grass Policy.

Endorsed the Roadside Pest Plant and Animal Control Policy.

Noted the minor changes in the previously **ENDORSED** Pest Control Fees and Charges Policy. (inclusion of links to supporting and associated documents).

Approved the subsidized pig baiting program to landholders.

Noted the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team.

1610 21.16

In Camera

1632 21.17

In Camera

1700

Ellen left the meeting at this time

1704 21.18

In Camera

1712 21.19

In Camera

1715 21.20

SA Wild Dog Trapping Program Funding 2023-24

The board was presented with a request from PIRSA requesting an annual contribution for \$18,750 (ex GST) towards the 2023-2024 SA Trapper Program.

ACTION: EO to draft letter of response.

*The board **approved** a financial co-funding contribution of \$18,750 (ex GST) towards the 2023-2024 SA Trapper Program coordinated by PIRSA.*

1724

Reshnee Lalla and Charlie Eager left the meeting at this time

1724 21.21

Correspondence

*The board **noted** the correspondence report.*

1725 21.22

Presiding Member Report

The board was updated on the Presiding member's recent activities which included:

- Attendance at the Nantawarrina 25 year Celebration
- Attendance at the Kokatha and Arid Recovery Partnership and Ranger Program
- Meetings in regards to the Landscape Act Review
- Chairs Forum via MS teams

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

1730

Meeting Closed

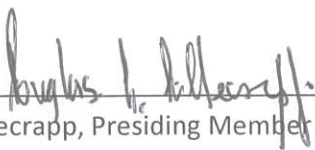
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DAY 2 Thursday 26 October 2023 8:30am

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	Kurt Tschirner – Board Member	Sanchia Treloar – Board Member
	Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager (GM) Abby Richards - Executive Officer (minute taker)	
SAAL Staff:	Cherie Gerlach – Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement (CG) - Item 21.23 to 21.26	
	Reshnee Lalla – Manager Landscape Operations (RL) - Item 21.27	
	Louise Myers – Manager Business Services (LM) - Item 21.26, 21.10	
	SAAL CLO's Chris Fulton, Ryan Hayward, Alice Smith, Matt Westover, Tori Love - Item 21.23	
Guests:	SAAL Group Chairs/Proxies – Lyn Litchfield (MI), Gini Lee (NF), Frankie Fennel (MO), Richie Payner (PAQ), Richard Williams (NEP), Wayne Wadsworth (GR) - Item 21.23 to 21.28	
	Angela Melville – Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) MS TEAMS - Item 21.26	
	Troy Bowman – Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board MS TEAMS - Item 21.27	
Apologies:	Ellen Litchfield - Deputy Chair	
	Eric Brown – Board Member	
	Scott Michael - Board Member	
830	21.23	<p><u>Reconvene board meeting – opened by the chair</u></p> <p>SAAL Landscape Group chairs joined the board meeting along with SAAL's Community Landscape Officers.</p> <p>The chair provided a board update of what has been happening throughout the year.</p>
850	21.25	<p><u>Group Chairs Update</u></p> <p>The Landscape Group chairs gave an update of what has been happening in their region over the past year.</p>
920	21.24	<p><u>SAAL Indigenous Ranger Gathering</u></p> <p>The board and group chairs were given a presentation from the Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement on the recent Indigenous Ranger Gathering that was held at Roxby Downs Station in September 2023.</p> <p>SAAL played a key role in the organisation and facilitation of this event who was partnered with Indigenous Desert Alliance (IDA) and Kokatha who offered to host the event on Country.</p> <p><i>The board noted the Indigenous Ranger Gathering 2023 paper and accompanying report.</i></p>
950		<p><i>SAAL CLO's left the meeting and Reshnee Lalla and Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</i></p> <p><i>A short break was taken</i></p>
1000	21.26	<p><u>ICAC Training</u></p> <p>The board and group chairs were presented with a training session conducted by Angela Melville from the Independent Commission Against Corruption.</p> <p>The key components covered were Preserving Integrity in Public Administration, ICAC Conflicts of Interest and ICAC Internal Investigations – Concepts and Principles.</p>
1100		<p><i>Louise Myers left the meeting at this time</i></p>
1115	21.27	<p><u>Buffel Grass LPF Presentation</u></p> <p>The board was given a presentation from Troy Bowman, Buffel Grass State Coordinator on:</p> <p>LPF State Buffel Grass Project 2023-2026 - A strategic, coordinated approach to managing buffel grass at the state level.</p> <p>The presentation gave an overview of the project with the aim to coordinate and maximise operational efforts across landscape boarders and various stakeholder organisations.</p>
1155	21.28	<p><u>NLP Final Reports</u></p> <p>The board was presented an overview of the completed National Landcare Program projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coongie Wetland Wonders • Bounceback and Beyond • Building Pastoral Sustainability <p><i>The board noted the final reports of the NLP2 Projects, now finalised by the Australian Government.</i></p>
1208		<p><i>The Landscape Group Chairs left the meeting and Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</i></p>

1216	21.10	<p><u>Governance and Finance</u></p> <p>The Manager of Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 11th October 2023.</p> <p><i>The board:</i></p> <p>Accepted the financial overview and associated reports.</p> <p>Endorsed the draft Annual Report and authorised the Presiding Member to sign the report once the audited financial statements are available and also endorsed by the Board out of session.</p> <p>Endorsed the contents updated in Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Shared Services and recommended it's signing, unless any final items being identified for revision.</p> <p>Noted the Out of Council Collection update and Your Levy at Work Brochure.</p> <p>Noted the Freedom of Information report.</p> <p>Accepted the proposed board and committee meeting schedule for 2024</p> <p>Adopted the new remote and Isolated Work Policy.</p> <p>Noted the Work Health and Safety report.</p> <p>Noted the agreements executed covering the period 26 July – 26 September 2023.</p> <p>Noted the related party disclosures report, and noted the additional two disclosures received.</p> <p>Noted the sponsorship report.</p>
1230		Louise Myers left the meeting at this time.
1230	21.29	<p><u>Project Status Report</u></p> <p>The board was presented with the Project Status Report for the August-September 2023 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board's 2021/26 priorities.</p> <p><i>The board noted the August-September 2023 Project Status Report.</i></p>
	21.30	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p>NIL</p>
	21.31	<p><u>Forward Agenda Items</u></p> <p>NIL</p>
1236	21.32	<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>Landscape Priorities Fund (Late Paper)</p> <p>The board was presented the proposed Landscape Priorities fund concepts for the next round of LPF.</p> <p><i>The board considered and endorsed the proposed integrated projects for applications for the LPF.</i></p>
1242	21.33	<u>In Camera</u>
1245	21.34	<p><u>Board Communique</u></p> <p>It was agreed to include the following items in the board communique:</p> <p>Item 21.15 Pig Policy and Buffel grass Policy</p> <p>Item 21.8 BHP Oak Dam Presentation</p> <p>Item 21.25 Group Chairs</p> <p>Item 21.26 ICAC Training</p> <p>Item 21.24 Indigenous Ranger Gathering 2023</p>
	21.35	<p><u>Board Member Travel Arrangements</u></p> <p><i>EO noted travel arrangements.</i></p>
1300		Meeting Closed

Approved



Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Date 14 / 12 / 2023