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SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #22

DAY 1 Wednesday 13 December 2023 10:00am

Location:	SAALLB Board Room, Port Augusta	
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp - Chair	Sanchia Treloar – Board Member
	Kurt Tschirner – Board Member	Tim Flowers - Board Member (MS Teams)
	Scott Michael - Board Member	Jodie Harris – Board Member
	Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager	Abby Richards - Executive Officer
SAAL Staff:	<i>Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice</i>	
	Cherie Gerlach – Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement (CG) Items 22.13 to 22.16	
	Louise Myers – Manager Business Support (LM) Item 22.9	
	Reshnee Lalla – Manager Landscape Operations (RL) Item 22.12	
Guests:	NIL	
Apologies:	Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair	
1017	22.1	The Chair opened the meeting - noted . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered apology from Ellen Litchfield. • Note for late arrival for Scott Michael on Day 1
	22.2	Agenda for the meeting was accepted . Noting – Added item - Board Member Updates (Day 2) and misprint of Biodiversity Update to Biosecurity Update.
	22.3	<u>Declaration of interests</u> NIL
1022	22.4	<u>Acceptance of minutes</u> SAALLB meeting #21 25-26 October 2023 APPROVED SAALLB In Camera #21 25-26 October 2023 APPROVED <i>(footnote to be added on Item 21.17 with additional comments made in this meeting)</i> SAALLB Out of Session #18 meeting 27 November 2023 APPROVED
1045	22.5	<u>Board Performance Self-Review</u> Conducted by Kurt Tschirner
1050	22.6	<u>Action list review</u> <i>The board noted the Action List review.</i>
1053	22.7	<u>IN CAMERA</u>
1120		<i>Scott Michael joined the meeting at this time</i>
1126		<i>A short break was taken</i>
1134	22.8	<u>IN CAMERA</u>
1200		<i>Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</i>
1202	22.9	<u>Governance and Finance Committee</u> No GFC Meeting #18 was held 29 November 2023 due to quorum not met.
	22.9.1	<u>GFC – Minutes</u> <i>GFC Committee Members Kurt Tschirner and Sanchia Treloar accepted the Minutes from Meeting #18, Wednesday 11th October.</i>
	22.9.2	<u>GFC – Financial Overview</u> The Financial Overview was presented to the board by the Manager Business Services. All figures provided relate to the end of October 2023. <i>The board accepted the financial overview and associated reports.</i>
	22.9.3	<u>GFC – Performance and Risk Committee Briefing</u> The board was given an overview of the Performance and Risk Committee Briefing that was presented by the Auditor-General’s Department. SAAL’s Manager Business Services and the chair of the GFC attended the briefing via MS Teams. <i>The board noted the Auditor-General’s Performance and Risk Committee Briefing</i>

22.9.4	<u>Policy Review</u>	A new Child Safety Policy was presented to the board seeking adoption. <i>The board adopted the new Child Safety Policy.</i>
22.9.5	<u>Work Health and Safety Report</u>	The board was updated on the current WHS matters and items discussed at the WHS Committee Meetings held over the period of September to November 2023. <i>The board noted the Work Health and Safety Report.</i>
22.9.6	<u>Contract and Grant Executions Reports</u>	The board was provided detail of expenditure contract and grants executed covering the period 27 September to 20 November 2023. <i>The board noted the agreements executed covering the period 27 September to 20 November 2023.</i>
22.9.7	<u>Related Party Disclosure</u>	The board was presented with one new staff declaration and noted the three declarations tabled at the October board meeting. <i>The board noted the Related Party Disclosure report.</i>
22.9.8	<u>Sponsorship Report</u>	There has been NIL new sponsorship applications and approvals for this reporting period. <i>The board noted the Sponsorship Report.</i>
1220		<i>Louise Myers left the meeting at this time.</i>
1220		<u>IN CAMERA</u>
1307		<i>Break for Lunch</i>
1400	22.11	<u>Landscape Priorities Fund Submission</u> The board was presented the three projects that have been submitted to apply for funding through the Landscape Priorities Fund. <i>The board noted the LPF Submission.</i>
1412	22.12	<u>Biosecurity Update</u> The board was updated on the recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HR Update • Staff Training – Workzone Traffic Management, January 2024 • Firearm Sound Moderator Policy – presented for endorsement by the board • LPF Resilient Rangelands Project • Idnya (Western Quoll) Reintroduction program support • Biteback Program • Goats, pigs and foxes control and management • Cacti, buffel grass and African Rue control and management • Compliance issues within the region <i>The board;</i> <i>endorsed the Firearm Sound Moderator Policy.</i> <i>noted the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team.</i> <i>decided on the acceptable level of control required for feral foxes within the SAAL region which is to develop a fact sheet highlighting current resources available for fox control in the few areas in SAAL that foxes are an issue. Noted the wide and compulsory dog baiting targets foxes as well in many parts. At the next state-wide review of fox control consider destruction rather than control as its designation.</i>
1445		<i>Reshnee Lalla left the meeting and Cherie Gerlach joined the meeting at this time</i>
1445	22.13	<u>Aboriginal Engagement Network Update</u> The board was updated on the recent Aboriginal Engagement Network meeting that was held in Port Augusta, November 2023. Key issues and discussion points were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The support from the board towards six Healthy Country Plans. • Necessity for a yarning circle with Aboriginal groups regarding the management of overabundant kangaroos that aligns with traditional and cultural values. • Discussions around the relevance of the region of another Indigenous Ranger Gathering in the future. • Cultural burning • Discussion on the desire by the AEN for an Aboriginal representative on the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

		<i>The board noted the Aboriginal Engagement Network Update.</i>
1525	22.15	<p><u>Landscape Group Governance Documents Review</u></p> <p>The board was presented with documents in relation to the governance of the Landscape Groups. The following have been reviewed with minor changes for approval:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Landscape Group Policy 2. SA Arid Lands Landscape Group Procedure 3. Use of Landscape Group Funds Policy 4. SA Arid Lands Landscape Groups Charter <p><i>The board endorsed the revised COM-11 Landscape Group Policy, COM-11.1 SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Procedure, COM-10 Use of Landscape Group Funds Policy, SA Arid Lands Group Charter.</i></p>
1530		<i>Douglas Lillecrapp left the meeting at this time.</i>
1535		<i>Michelle Murphy joined the meeting at this time.</i>
1535	22.16	<p><u>Communications Review</u></p> <p>An external review of SAAL’s communications has been conducted by a digital marketing contractor following October’s meeting where the suite of communication products was presented to the board which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A reviewed Communications and Engagement Strategy for endorsement • Communications Reporting Data for 2023 • Digital Marketing Health Check Report <p>Discussion occurred on ways to improve directing online traffic to SAAL’s website. SAAL have recently created an Instagram page and noted the positive feedback received on the number of views directed to SAAL’s Facebook page.</p> <p>A question was put forward to the board as to whether SAAL should establish an independent LinkedIn page with the board agreeing to go ahead with their own LinkedIn page.</p> <p>Action: Following the Outreach and Engagement reporting data – evaluation and comments from events, complaints and general enquiries, reviews, how many are participating in meetings etc – to be published in the next yearly Comms Report.</p> <p>Action: Further explore a frame work for media metrics and capturing engagement as outlined in the strategy.</p> <p><i>The board;</i></p> <p>endorsed the Communications and Engagement Strategy for the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board.</p> <p>noted the Communications Reporting Data for 2023.</p>
1555		<i>Tim Flowers, Cherie Gerlach and Michelle Murphy left the meeting at this time</i>
1558	22.18	<p><u>KPP Update</u></p> <p>The board was provided with an update on the Kangaroo Partnership Project.</p> <p>Discussion was held on the future of the KPP and the recent activities that have occurred to close off the year in addition to the application for another round of funding through the LPF .</p> <p><i>The board noted the Kangaroo Partnership Project report.</i></p>
1620	22.22	<p><u>Project Status Report</u></p> <p>The board was presented with the Project Status Report for October-November 2023 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board’s 2021-26 priorities.</p> <p><i>The board noted the October-November 2023 Project Status Report.</i></p>
1621	22.23	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p><i>The board noted the Correspondence Report.</i></p>
1625	22.20	<p><u>Biodiversity Bill Update</u></p> <p>A brief discussion was held relating to email correspondence to the board members from the General Manager on the opportunity to engage in the consultation of the proposed Biodiversity Act.</p> <p><i>The board noted the Biodiversity Bill update and that further input would be sought and presented to the board in the new year on a submission to the discussion paper.</i></p>
1630		Meeting Closed

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #22

DAY 2 Thursday 14 December 2023 8:30am

Location:	SAAL Boardroom 1 Jervois Street Port Augusta SA 5700
Attendees:	Douglas Lillecrapp - Chair Kurt Tschirner – Board Member Scott Michael - Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager Sanchia Treloar – Board Member Tim Flowers - Board Member (MS Teams) Jodie Harris – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer
SAAL Staff:	<i>Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice</i> Cherie Gerlach – Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement (CG) Item 22.21 Aaron Smith – Senior Water Resource Officer (AS) Item 22.19 Andrea Tschirner – Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator (AT) Item 22.21 Brett Devitt – Community Landscape Officer (BD) Item 22.17
Guests:	Heidi Crow and Mary Lavelle – Department Energy and Mining Item 22.32
Apologies:	Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair
834	<u>Reconvene board meeting</u>
835	<u>Presiding Member Update</u> The board was updated on the Presiding Member’s recent activities which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at the Goat Stakeholder Forum. • Attendance via MS teams – Chair’s Forum. • Correspondence in and out The board noted the Presiding Member report.
838	<i>Brett Devitt joined the meeting at this time.</i>
840 22.17	<u>Port Augusta / Quorn Update</u> The board was presented with the Port Augusta / Quorn Landscape Group update from the Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Issues and Priorities • Nature Education activities • Sustainable Agriculture workshops and events • The involvement with Port Augusta Coastcare • Many successful projects completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bush foods with Neville Bonney ○ Dunnart Productions – Bettongs & Buddies ○ Grant Writing Workshop ○ School support in Nature Education ○ Support to Nukunu Seeding with Greening Australia ○ Sponsorships to support the Nukunu Family on Country Event, Sophie Thomas with Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden, 2022 Quandong Festival and 2023 Quorn Kurti Festival.
911 22.19	<u>Water Advisory Committee Overview</u> The board was presented an overview of the current water related activities and issues which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WAP MERI Update and MOU Draft MERI Plan has been developed and circulated to relevant parties and have received high level feedback. Next steps is to work through the feedback received to improve the overall MERI Plan. • Lake Eyre Basin Springs and Riparian Vegetation Project Project is underway for 2023/24 which supports the Lake Eyre Basin watercourse and spring management on ground activities including; exclusion fencing, pest animal and plant contract and watercourse erosion management. • IGABDR Update This program is now in its fifth and final year with the completion of the program 30 June 2024. The final year programs include 11 new infrastructure projects and approximately 20 22/23 carryover projects with a combined water saving of over 4,000ML/year. • Water Accounting Conflict of Interest disclosed by; (1) Douglas Lillecrapp – as a participant in the Water Accounting Project on Todmorden Station

There are 6 new Water Accounting Projects across the far north prescribed wells areas. The first of the projects on Todmorden Station commenced in November 2023. This trial will focus on the stock water use through 3 metered water points within fenced paddocks.

Douglas Lillecrapp gave a brief update on the progress of the project noting its early stages.

The remaining 5 projects to commence in 2024.

- National LEB – LEB CAC and SAP Nominations
Nominations for new members have been put forward to the Lake Eyre Secretariat for the Lake Eyre Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Lake Eyre Basin Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP). The board to be updated with the outcome once signed off by the Minister.

*The board **noted** the Water Advisory Committee Overview report*

944 *Aaron Smith left the meeting at this time*

945 *Short break was taken*

953 *Andrea Tschirner and Cherie Gerlach joined the meeting at this time*

953 22.21 Showcase BPS Outcomes

The board was presented an update from Andrea Tschirner, Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator and Cherie Gerlach, Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement on the Building Pastoral Sustainability Outcomes. Highlights included:

- 22 properties completed the BPS Property Management Planning program
- From the Ground Up Program
- The field based learning days within the region
- Virtual Field Day – development of the virtual fencing trial at Wintinna
- 2 x Grader Workshops with Darryl Hill
- Success in the delivery of 11 x Grazing land Management Courses across the region
- Monitoring and mapping feed from Space
- Upcoming Regenerative Rangeland Bus Tour of Western NSW – March 2024

1020 *Cherie Gerlach and Andrea Tschirner left the meeting at this time*

Department of Energy and Mining - Heidi Crow and Mary Lavelle joined the meeting at this time

1023 DEM Update – Hydrogen Renewable Energy Bill

The board was given a presentation from Department of Energy and Mining on the Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act Preparation of Release Areas – Pathway to opening renewable energy release areas in South Australia. Highlights included:

- Overview of current operational renewable energy projects in South Australia
- Data maps on Solar and Wind Production potential
- Key changes from draft Bill consultation
- Next steps in relation to the development of regulations, identification of potential areas for competitive tender and commencement of the Act on finalisation of regulations
- Discussions around Renewable Energy Release Areas and Study Areas
- Next Steps – Preparation for Release Areas

1140 *Douglas Lillecrapp left the meeting at this time*

1150 *Heidi Crow and Mary Lavelle left the meeting at this time*

1154 22.25 IN CAMERA

1208 22.26 Public Comment (If applicable)

NIL

1209 22.27 Forward agenda items

Coastcare Update from Jodie Harris at the February 2024 meeting and a regular update given she is the Chair of Coastcare.

22.28 Any other business

NIL

1210 22.29 IN CAMERA

22.30 Board Communique

- Hydrogen Renewable Energy Bill Presentation from DEM
- BPS Presentation
- Communications Review

22.31 Board Member Travel Arrangements

1215 **Meeting Closed**

Approved Douglas Lillecrapp
Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

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