

## MINUTES

### SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #23

**DAY 1 Wednesday 21 February 10:00am**

<b>Location:</b>	SAALLB Board Room, Port Augusta	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Kurt Tschirner – Board Member Scott Michael - Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager	Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair ( <i>MS Teams</i> ) Tim Flowers - Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer
<b>SAAL Staff:</b>	<i>Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice</i> Louise Myers – Manager Business Support (LM) Items 23.8 & 23.10 Cherie Gerlach – Manager Partnerships and Community Engagement (CG) Items 23.11, 23.12 & 23.13	
<b>Guests:</b>	NIL	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Sanchia Treloar – Board Member	
1040	23.1	The Chair opened the meeting - <b>noted</b> . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registered apology from Sanchia Treloar</li> </ul>
	23.2	Agenda for the meeting was <b>accepted</b> .
	23.3	<b><u>Declaration of interests</u></b> Scott Michael (1) declared he has been invited to join the Goat Industry Development Committee. Jodie Harris (2) declared she is the Chair of the Port Augusta Coastcare group.
	23.4	<b><u>Acceptance of minutes</u></b> SAALLB meeting #22 13-14 December 2023 <b>approved</b> by the board. SAALLB In Camera #22 13-14 December 2023 <b>approved</b> by the board.
	23.5	<b><u>Board Performance Self-Review</u></b> Conducted by Scott Michael
	23.6	<b><u>Action list review</u></b> <i>The board <b>noted</b> the Action List status.</i>
1050	23.7	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1120		<i>Louise Myers joined the meeting at this time</i>
1120	23.8	<b><u>Governance and Finance</u></b> The Manager of Business Services presented the GFC Recommendations to the Board following the GFC meeting that was held 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2024. <b>Noting</b> – amendments to the Risk Register Framework to be made and presented back to the GFC. The board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>accepted</b> the financial overview and associated reports.</li> <li>2. <b>endorsed</b> the proposed 2024-25 budget, noting the 5.9% increase to be applied in line with CPI and consideration to carryover outcomes; and <b>notes</b> the projected available funds and expenditure priorities.</li> <li>3. <b>endorsed</b> the updated Risk Register, noting the Risk Guideline Escalation process, <b>with additional amendments recommended by Tim Flowers</b>.</li> <li>4. <b>adopted</b> the Inappropriate Workplace Conduct Policy.</li> <li>5. <b>noted</b> the Work Health and Safety report.</li> <li>6. <b>noted</b> the agreements executed covering the period 21 November 2023 – 24 January 2024.</li> <li>7. <b>noted</b> the related party disclosures report.</li> <li>8. <b>noted</b> the sponsorship report.</li> </ol>
1149	23.9	<b><u>Governance and Finance Membership 2024 Nomination</u></b> <i>The board <b>appointed</b> Jodie Harris to the Governance and Finance Committee in accordance the current member terms ending 30/01/2025.</i>
1152	23.10	<b><u>Work force Development Report</u></b> The board was given an update on the completed and scheduled training undertaken by SAAL staff. The board <b>requested</b> for the Work Force Development Report to be presented every 6 months.  <i>The board <b>noted</b> the training that has been undertaken and the scheduled future training.</i>

1158		<i>Reshnee Lalla and Cherie Gerlach joined the meeting at this time</i>
1158	23.8.1	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1300		<i>Louise Myers, Reshnee Lalla and Cherie Gerlach left the meeting at this time</i>
1315		<i>Lunch Break</i>
1358		<i>Cherie Gerlach joined the meeting at this time.</i>
1400	23.11	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1405	23.12	<p><b><u>Grassroots Grants – Round 5 2024-25</u></b></p> <p>The board was presented options for the 2024/25 Grassroots Grants Round.</p> <p><i>The board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Noted</b> the timelines and guidelines from the rollout of the 2023-2024 Grassroots Grants round.</li> <li>• <b>Confirmed</b> its preferred approach of Option C to the delivery of grassroots grants for 2024-2025. (\$20k maximum and increase to \$150k)</li> </ul>
1410	23.13	<p><b><u>Media Policies</u></b></p> <p>The board was presented with 2 policies to approve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SAAL Social Media Policy</li> <li>2. SAAL Media Liaison Policy</li> </ol> <p><i>The board <b>approved</b> the SAAL Social Media Policy and SAAL Media Liaison Policy</i></p>
1415		<i>Cherie Gerlach left the meeting at this time</i>
1415	23.14	<p><b><u>Regional Resilience Plan – UPDATE</u></b></p> <p>The board was given an update on the partnership project SAAL is collaborating in to develop an Outback Regional Drought Resilience Plan. This is in collaboration led by OCA, including RDA, Drought Hub, PIRSA and DAFF – funded through the Future Drought Fund.</p> <p>A draft will be distributed throughout the Landscape Groups and Board for final input before it is submitted to CSIRO for final adoption. A region wide consultation with a 14 stop roadshow will occur throughout March which SAAL staff are supporting.</p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the update on the Outback Regional Drought Resilience Plan.</i></p>
1433	23.15	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1509		<p><b><u>Coastcare Update – Jodie Harris</u></b></p> <p>Jodie Harris, Board Member provided an update to the board on the recent happening with Port Augusta Coast Care which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Winner of the Environmental Sustainability Award 2024</li> <li>• Upcoming event 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024, busy putting together</li> <li>• Regular beach cleans and involvement with Clean Up Australia day program</li> <li>• Jodie Harris to present to Coast Protection Board on behalf of the Board when they visit the region to have their meeting in May to provide an update on the priorities and achievements of the Coastcare group. Brett Devitt to assist with a presentation. Douglas Lillecrapp, Chair, approves for this to go ahead</li> <li>• Discussion around the removal of the old bridge. Noting the current eco system. No updates to report.</li> </ul> <p><i>The board <b>agreed</b> to have the Port Augusta Coastcare update combined in with the Landscape Group updates each meeting.</i></p>
1524	20.18	<p><b><u>Biodiversity Act</u></b></p> <p>The board was presented the SA Landscape Board’s collective submission to the new Biodiversity Act.</p> <p><i>The board <b>approved</b> the collective Draft Submission from SA Landscape Boards for the proposed new Biodiversity Act.</i></p>
1536	23.20	<p><b><u>KPP Update</u></b></p> <p>The board was provided with an update on the Kangaroo Partnership Project and advised of the successful bid for another 2 years of funding in the latest round of the Landscape Priorities Fund</p> <p>The LPF – Round 1 Final Report (Variation to 31 December 23) was submitted. The last 6 months the project continued to support a cross-regional collaborative Kangaroo Management Partnership and formal partnership model equipped to operate long term.</p>

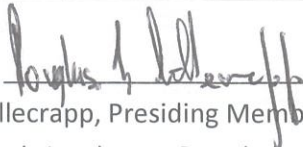
		Also completed in this time was a webpage published on the Kangaroo Management Taskforce website (NSW), release of a new fact sheet and saw the completion of a social media campaign 'A kangaroo Conversation'. <i>The board <b>noted</b> the Kangaroo Partnership Project report.</i>
1553	23.21	<b><u>Project Status Report</u></b> The board was presented with the Project Status Report for December – January 2024 for approved programs and projects as they align to the board's 2021-26 priorities. <b>ACTION:</b> To include First Nations Engagement / Aboriginal Engagement Network as a line item under People and Partnerships <i>The board <b>noted</b> the December – January 2024 Project Status Report.</i>
1558	23.22	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b> <i>The board <b>noted</b> the Correspondence Report.</i>
1605	23.23	<b><u>Presiding Member Report</u></b> The board was updated on the Presiding Member's recent activities. <i>The board <b>noted</b> the Presiding Member report.</i>
1609	23.24	<b><u>Board Member Updates</u></b> <i>See Appendix at the back of the minutes</i>
1630		<b>Meeting Closed</b>

## SA Arid Lands Landscape Board Meeting #23

**DAY 2 Thursday 22 February 9:00am**

<b>Location:</b>	SAALLB Board Room, Port Augusta	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Douglas Lillecrapp – Chair Kurt Tschirner – Board Member Scott Michael - Board Member Jodie Gregg-Smith - General Manager	Tim Flowers - Board Member Jodie Harris – Board Member Abby Richards - Executive Officer
<b>SAAL Staff:</b>	<i>Senior staff as necessary, to present papers and/or provide technical advice</i> Aaron Smith – Senior Water Resource Officer (AS) Item 23.16 Julia Short – Water Project Officer (JS) Item 23.16 Reshnee Lalla – Manager Landscape Operations (RL) Item 23.17	
<b>Guests:</b>	NIL	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Sanchia Treloar – Board Member, Ellen Litchfield – Deputy Chair	
0900	<b><u>Reconvene board meeting</u></b>	
	<i>Aaron Smith and Julia Short joined the meeting at this time</i>	
0901	23.16	<b><u>Water Advisory Committee Overview</u></b> The board was presented an overview of current water related activities and issues which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEB Springs and Riparian Vegetation Project Project designed to support waterhole and springs management. Includes exclusion fencing, pest animal and plant control and watercourse erosion management.</li> <li>• Landscape SA Review Completion of the statutory independent review by Hon John Hill.</li> <li>• WAP MERI Update and MOU Working progress on the draft MERI Plan and MOU</li> <li>• IGABDR Update In its final stages of the 5 year program which is to be completed by end of March 2024 to meet the Commonwealths reporting timeline. A new funding program is being considered by the Commonwealth and SAAL is supporting South Australia's bid through participation in the Australian Government GAB Programs Review and providing input on funding areas through SA's Senior Official.</li> </ul> <i>The board <b>noted</b> the matters outlined within this paper.</i>

1000	22.16.1	<p><b><u>The Surat Basin Carbon Capture and Storage Project</u></b></p> <p>The board was presented an overview of the Surat Basin Carbon Capture and Storage Project</p> <p>A summary will be presented to keep the board up to date with this project noting there have been some concerned raised among landholders and Livestock SA relating to the risks to the GAB.</p> <p><i>The board <b>noted</b> the matters outlines within this paper.</i></p>
1015	23.17	<p><b><u>Biosecurity Update</u></b></p> <p>The board was updated on the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HR – new position of a Field Officer to be appointed.</li> <li>• Training requirements completed by the Biosecurity Staff.</li> <li>• Goat Threat Abatement Plan - Board staff collated and submitted comments on the draft Goat Threat Abatement Plan (TAP) on behalf of three other Landscape Boards: Northern and Yorke, Eyre Peninsula and Hills and Fleurieu.</li> <li>• LPF Resilient Rangelands – second progress report has now been submitted. Update on the project coming up over the next few months.</li> <li>• Idnya (Western Quoll) Reintroduction program support – Planning underway with aerial feral herbivore control in the Idnya footprint.</li> <li>• Biteback Program (Wild Dogs)</li> <li>• Weeds – Spraying of African Rue has been completed along the Yunta to Arkaroola Road</li> </ul> <p>Discussion was had on the new upcoming projects which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LPF Funding Application for the State wide Rangelands Goat Management Strategy Project</li> <li>• Planning underway to develop two NHT Funded projects</li> </ul> <p>The board <b>noted</b> the most recent activities undertaken regionally within the biosecurity team.</p>
1100		<i>Cherie Gerlach, Louise Myers and Hamish Longbottom joined the meeting at this time</i>
1100	23.19	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
1158		<i>Cherie Gerlach, Louise Myers, Reshnee Lalla and Hamish Longbottom left the meeting at this time</i>
	23.25	<p><b><u>Public Comment (If applicable)</u></b></p> <p>NIL</p>
	23.26	<p><b><u>Forward agenda items</u></b></p> <p><u>APRIL</u></p> <p>Draft Business Plan for 25-26 FY</p> <p>Itinerary for June regional board meeting with the Pastoral Board.</p> <p>Debt Recovery</p> <p>Regional Drought Resilience Plan</p> <p>Large Feral Herbivore Policy</p> <p><u>JUNE</u></p> <p>Regional Board meeting in the Northern Flinders Ranges</p>
	23.27	<p><b><u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p>NIL</p>
	23.28	<b><u>IN CAMERA</u></b>
	23.29	<p><b><u>Board Communique</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscape Group District Member Call</li> <li>• Grassroots Grants</li> <li>• Save the Date – June Regional Meeting</li> <li>• Biodiversity Act – endorsement of submission</li> </ul>
	23.30	<b><u>Board Member Travel Arrangements</u></b>
1211		<b>Meeting Closed</b>

Approved   
Douglas Lillecrapp, Presiding Member  
SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Date 24 / 4 / 2024

# **APPENDIX**

## **District Group Updates – SAALLB Meeting #23**

### **Ryan Hayward & Sanchia Trelaor**

**District:** North East Pastoral

**Community Landscape Officer:** Ryan Hayward

**Group Meetings:** Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Next meeting: **TBC March 2024**

#### **Group's key issues and activities**

- Updating the NEP District plan in March 2024 in preparation for the next stage.
- New Group member appointed to the NEP Group. Caitlin Duncan-Tiver.
- ChemCert successfully delivered in Yunta.
- Introduction of NEP Newsletter to promote information and events to the district. Bi-monthly editions.

#### **Regional activities coming up**

- Feral Pig and Weeds workshop planned for 11<sup>th</sup> April in Coburn/Mutooroo.
- PIGBAITTA trial commencing on Mutooroo, 6 week trial.
- Wild Dog Bait injection service will be held in the region from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> March.
- Boolcoomatta Field Day – Landscape Rehydration. Thursday May 9 in conjunction with Bush Heritage.
- Andrea and Ryan will be undertaking soil testing on Boolcoomatta Reserve (data collected for Boolcoomatta Field Day) and 6 land holder visits on same trip.

Rural Leadership Training – Mannahill, May 28/29

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### **Brett Devitt & Kurt Tschirner**

**District:** Port Augusta – Quorn.

**Community Landscape Officer:** Brett Devitt

**Group Meetings:** Previous – February in Port Augusta. Next – April at Dutchman's Stern

#### **Group's key issues and activities**

- District weed control issues – African Rue and other species from summer rains
- District planning process well underway
- Upcoming fox baiting injection service for Quorn Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March
- Seed Collection Workshop Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Marine Discovery Centre school incursions 3-5<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Regional activities**

- Port Augusta Coastcare Community Education Event Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Grassroots Grant Funded
- Landcare Assoc. SA – State Landcare Awards Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

#### **Grassroots Grants**

Friends of the Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden – Workshops and development of materials for Nature Play and Outdoor Education.

Port Augusta Coastcare – Community Education Event.

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### **Chris Fulton & Scott Michael**

**District:** Gawler Ranges

**Community Landscape Officer:** Chris Fulton

#### **Group's key issues and activities:**

- The group most recently caught up on 11.8.23. They were planning to meet on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December but due to the Catastrophic weather conditions forecast it was cancelled until this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Focus of the next meeting will be to update the GR District Action Plan which should be great and held guide group actions for the next few years.
- An FRRR funded Outback Kids & Family Day is planned to held at Nonning on 24 April. The motivation for this event is to bring together families from the most remote corners of the region to hear from guest speakers and socialise and reconnect with each other. The design of the day will include educational and fun activities for children and teenagers and a resilience building component

for the adults. There has been discussion about this with the GR group and the GR Progress Association.

- GR District Weed Guide has been mailed out
- Held a Bush Kids Honey event with apiarist Jeff Bowey at Corunna Station on 2 February, it was a great community event.
- Aerial goat control to occur on various GR properties 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Had a staff training week which was beneficial and some of the material discussed will be highly beneficial to share with the GR community.

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### **Tori Love & Ellen Litchfield**

**District:** Marla – Oodnadatta

**Community Landscape Officer:** Tori Love

**Group meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> of March where we will review district action plan

#### **Regional activities**

- GAB springs funded aerial control shoot occurred on Macumba, Allandale, The Peake, Arckaringa, 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> of March
- Pig baiting trial has been delayed due to significant rain received on Macumba

#### **Upcoming activities**

- Review of District Action Plan, early 2024
- Cricket and Conversations, Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March 2024
  - Line of speakers has been tailored for both pastoral and community
  - Chris Howie on the state of beef market
  - Mike Hayes from In2IT on why you should be considering cybersecurity in your business
  - Sarah Prime on championing change in rural communities
  - Bush Heritage on their model of conservation
  - Fiona Tomney on the Drought Hub and their projects
- Supporting Bush Heritage in an Evelyn Downs meet and greet/stickybeak day late April
- Feral Pig Workshop in Oodnadatta postponed to early June

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### **Tori Love & Kurt Tschirner**

**District:** Kingoonya

**Community Landscape Officer:** Tori Love

**Group meeting:** 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2024

**Key outcomes:** District Action Plan has been finalised and is at final review stages

- Over-abundant kangaroos is a high district priority
- In addition to this the group identified 4 high ranking priorities to plan tangible actions
  1. Supporting innovation and diversification of land use in a changing climate
  2. Feral Cats
  3. Buffel Grass Control
  4. Supporting Community Action and Education

#### **Upcoming activities**

- Support at Arid Recovery's Annual Pitfall trapping 29<sup>th</sup> Feb to 6<sup>th</sup> of March
  - Injection services throughout Kingoonya 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and landholder visits
  - Stickybeak Day at Millers Creek, showcasing AgTech and current practice with Manager, Dylan Maidment, Mike Hayes from In2IT, SAF Andrea and AgTech officer
  - Devising national science week "The ABCs of Regenerative Rangelands" for August 2024
  - FRRR family fun day, looking at Andamooka or Roxby Station
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## **Alice Smith & Douglas Lillecrapp**

**District:** Marree-Innamincka

**Community Landscape Officer:** Alice Smith

**Group Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2024- Online

### **Reginal Activities:**

- Group meeting on 02<sup>nd</sup> February in Port Augusta to revise the district Plan Priorities and develop new actions.

### **Upcoming Activities:**

- Members of the Marree-Innamincka Landscape Group are working on launching a tourism App to help provide a safe and educational experience for visitors to the district by Feb 2024. In addition to providing a local insight, the App will support visitors to adopt a 'leave no trace' travelling principle while they move through the sensitive outback environment.
- FRRR Family Fun Day at Aroona Dam near Leigh Creek for October 2024
- Pig Baiting trials in February and a Pig workshop in April – date and location to be confirmed
- Water accounting project for Mt Lyndhurst, Dulkaninna and Clifton Hills.
- Springs Fencing for Reedy Springs and St Mary's Pool - May 2024
- Feral Cat assessment in Marree with School of Animal and Vet Sciences PHD student and Uni SA. Possibility for free vet check-up and subsidised micro chipping of pet cats.

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## **Matt Westover**

**District:** North flinders

**Community Landscape Officer:** Matt Westover

North Flinders Landscape Group have not met since the last board meeting, they are scheduled to meet in Hawker on March 19 and will:

- Finalise the update of their district action plan where they will set actions against their priorities they selected at their last meeting.
- Finalise planning for an arid gardening workshop this year
- The group has opened the growing native gardens funding program for a second round. This is for schools and community group to apply for up to \$300 worth of native plants.

### **Other district news:**

- A native seed workshop will be held on Mt Little Station on March 26. The focus will be on seed collection, storage and use on revegetation projects.
- Planning is underway for the March aerial goat shoot with board staff working on securing landholder permissions.
- Yappala IPA have utilised the board's "drill and fill machine to carry out pepper tree control around Hookina Creek in December