

**Limestone Coast Landscape Board  
Meeting no 15**

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians whose ancestral lands we are meeting upon here today. We acknowledge the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to Country. We also pay respects to the cultural authority of Aboriginal peoples visiting/ attending from other areas of Australia*

**Confirmed Minutes of Meeting 15**

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 17 February 2022				
<b>Start Time:</b>	9:33 am	<b>Finish Time:</b>	4:47 pm		
<b>Location:</b>	MS Teams	<b>Room:</b>	MS Teams		
<b>Chair</b>	Penny Schulz				
<b>Attendees all on MS Teams:</b>	<p><b>LC Landscape Board Members:</b> Fiona Rasheed from 9:56am, Mark Bachmann, Robbie Davis, Pete Bissell, Bruce Wood.</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Le-Anne Thomson, Mike Stevens, Nat Mistic, James Hall, Skylea McLean (items 3.1 and 3.2.), Sue Botting (item 6.4)</p> <p><b>Executive Officer:</b> Anya Karsten</p>				
<b>Apologies:</b>	Ben Hood				
<b>Item</b>	<b>1 Welcome &amp; apologies</b>				
1.1	<b>Opening/ welcome &amp; apologies</b>				
1.2	<p><b>Acknowledgment of Country</b> Read and noted. P Schulz invited LC Landscape Board Members for a short conversation about actions in meeting our Statement of Commitment. Proposed staff day and cultural site visit with South East Aboriginal Focus Group members was discussed.</p>				
1.3	<p><b>Declarations of interest</b> Nil.</p>				
1.4	<p><b>Agenda check</b></p> <p>Pursuant to section 23(5) of the <i>Landscape South Australia Act 2019</i>, it was resolved that the following items be determined by the LC Landscape Board in confidence, for the reasons prescribed as per section 7(3) of the <i>Landscape South Australia (General) Regulations 2020</i>:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Item</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Prescribed reason</td> </tr> </table>			Item	Prescribed reason
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	<p>6.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#13, 21 October 2021) and out of session (#13A, 22 November 2021) and 6.1A late paper, out of session (#14B, 14 February 2022) (g)</p> <p>6.3 GFAC-closed session meeting (#10, 24 January 2022) (g)</p> <p>6.4 Border Groundwaters Agreement (b)</p> <p>6.5 Water Steering Committee minutes (b)</p> <p>6.6 Levy discussion (g)</p> <p>6.7 Other business (k)(d)</p> <p>6.8 Closed session action List (g)</p> <p>6.9 Enforcement and Compliance Register (e)(f)</p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>2 Public gallery</b>
2.1	<b>Public gallery</b> Nil
<b>Item</b>	<b>3 Meeting items</b>
3.1	<p><b>Limestone Coast Automatic Weather Station Network – replacement and improvement</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: Nat Mistic</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LC Landscape Board gave consideration to options available to improve the service, such as a regional mesonet – the basis of project being managed by MacKillop Farm Management Group. However this will not be sufficient to provide coverage of all 20 stations. The proposed \$330,000 investment could possibly be reduced in some form of partnership with MacKillop Farm Management Group..</li> <li>• . Data share agreements were discussed. .</li> <li>• Further investigation is needed on the outcome of provision of the weather information at a subregional level and the LC Landscape Board’s role in this provision. Community need and the measurement of success following potential investment was discussed. Solid data collection is required. The service was recognised as valuable due to its current considerable use. Attraction of external funding may be possible.</li> <li>• While private weather stations are common, the available data indicates that the subregional network is relied on by BOM, CFS, Elders, Dairy SA, Uni researchers, and Alpha Group Consulting.</li> <li>• It was discussed whether this investment can work as a springboard and improve understanding of the resource use, such as ground water recharge and similar, noting that private weather stations require high maintenance and can have dubious reliability. The weather stations are an opportunity to attract more investment with projects built around sustainable and integrated land management and climate adaptation.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The LC Landscape Board discussed possible implications of delaying the decision and incorporating the potential investment into the Business Plan review. An investigation into potential investments from stakeholder groups and business partners, and an appreciation of at business models was suggested. The contribution by partners could then be acknowledged on the LC Landscape Board website.. Further analysis i of data and share agreements is required.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to further investigation of partners and funding models and for the <i>“Limestone Coast Automatic Weather Station Network – Replacement and Improvement”</i> project to be considered as a part of the 2022/23 annual business plan.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
3.2	<p><b>Agenda schedule – Sustainable Primary Production</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: Nat Misic</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The LC Landscape Board further considered four priority sustainable primary production topics that were previously discussed at the October 2021 meeting.</li> <li>It was noted that it is important to improve inter-agency interaction in targeting soil carbon and better communicate with community. There is a knowledge gap concerning private sector activity, however . the LC Landscape Board is developing in the area of sustainable agriculture.</li> <li>The LC Landscape Board commented that a holistic approach to farming and land management is required, extending past soils and trees. It was questioned whether “sustainable farming” terminology covers the whole landscape approach and it was proposed to replace the term “regenerative agriculture” with “sustainable farming”, and clarify the meaning and direction of “sustainable farming” for the LC Landscape Board at the workshop.</li> <li>An update on soil mapping and peat management s which can be delivered through a Farming for the Future project can be provided by N Misic. Clarity needed for advice provided on peat soil management and GIS data mapping. Develop expertise for the future. Priority in the area needs to be refined further, presentations will be delivered to the LC Landscape Board to understand the community’s involvement and benefit. PIRSA will rely on Landscape Boards for integration/extension of this data.</li> <li>The Board recognised the need for a sustainable land management survey to help identify priorities for assisting farmers in sustainable land management. The importance of listening to landholders and networking was highlighted. The Board expressed a view that there is an opportunity to connect landholders with resources and identify any gaps.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The LC Landscape Board requested the inclusion of the improvement of land versus degradation.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Endorsed the proposed Sustainable Primary Production schedule of Agenda items in Table 1 of the agenda paper, incorporating the feedback received.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> N Mistic to send out surveys to the LC Landscape Board prior to the Sustainable Primary Production Workshops.</p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>4 Consent schedule</b>
4.1	<p><b>Consent schedule</b></p> <p><b>Current items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.2 &amp; 4.3.</li> </ul>
4.2	<p><b>Media and communication statistics</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noted the Communications and Engagement statistics for December 2021.</li> </ol> <p><b>Noted via consent schedule.</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> Website use numbers were analysed and attributed to the time of the year but will continue to be monitored.</p>
4.3	<p><b>Correspondence register</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted the correspondence for the period from 17 December 2021 to 10 February 2022 inclusive.</li> </ol> <p><b>Accepted via consent schedule.</b></p>
	<b>MORNING TEA 11:02AM – 11:10AM</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>5 Standing items</b>
5.1	<p><b>LC Landscape Board – draft minutes (#14, 16 December 2021)</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: Penny Schulz</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p>



	<p>1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting No. 14, held on 16 December 2021.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
5.2	<p><b>Business arising</b></p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
5.3	<p><b>Governance, Finance and Audit Committee (GFAC) – draft minutes (#10, 24 January 2022)</b></p> <p><b>Presenters: Bruce Wood</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the recommended changes to the Board Procedures Handbook section titled 'Matters reserved for the board' will still allow a pathway for comment on any issues within the policies between the Board and management as necessary prior to approval.</li> <li>• Clarification received about weed control service lag between services being performed and invoices being raised for fox and rabbit baiting season.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met on 24 January 2022.</li> <li>2. Noted the financial reports for the period ended 31 December 2021 and the key points highlighted in the summary report.</li> <li>3. Noted the cash analysis based on financial reports current as at 31 December 2021. Noted that a cash analysis be undertaken quarterly and reported to the LC Landscape Board, via GFAC.</li> <li>4. Noted the draft <i>Request for Quote – Board Performance Review</i> (Attachment 1 to the meeting paper) and list of providers. Noted that this review was not included in the 2021/22 Business Plan and will require a budget adjustment.</li> <li>5. Recommended to the LC Landscape Board that the section of the Board Procedures Handbook titled 'Matters reserved for the board' be amended to reflect that the LC Landscape Board will be responsible for the approval of strategic and higher-risk policies, with all other policies to be approved for adoption by the General Manager.</li> <li>6. Recommended that the LC Landscape Board note the Work Health and Safety Report for the second quarter of the financial year 2021/22.</li> <li>7. Approved the minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting No. 9, 29 November 2021 and out of session No. 9A, 8 December, as discussed at the L C Landscape Board meeting held on 16 December 2021.</li> <li>8. Noted the action list.</li> <li>9. Noted that the \$2m contract exceeds the General Manager's delegation limit of \$1.5m.</li> </ol>




	<p>10. Noted that GFAC requested the contract be sent to LC Landscape Board members as an out of session paper prior to the General Manager and the LC Landscape Board Chair signing and applying the common seal.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
5.4	<p><b>Board contract report</b></p> <p>The LC Landscape Board noted contract register entry No. 10 "LCLB – Smart Farms Grant Activity ID 4_GKXBUV8 Grant Agreement".</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
5.5	<p><b>Presiding Member’s report</b></p> <p>The LC Landscape Board noted the Presiding Member’s report.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
5.6	<p><b>LC Landscape Board members’ reports</b></p> <p><b>Mark Bachmann report</b></p> <p>Attended the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board (SEWCDB) meeting as NGT representative and suggested that the LC Landscape Board reviews applications for new drains as a follow up action.</p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writes to the SEWCDB offering to work collaboratively in the review of private drainage applications by providing advice on impacts to groundwater and other aspects as per the Landscape SA Act. Use of Native Vegetation example as a precedent.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Robbie Davis report</b></p> <p>R Davis holds a Director’s position on the Board of Invasive Animals Ltd t/a the Centre for Invasive Species Solutions based in Canberra. In this capacity she will be presenting to the Landscape Boards’ General Managers on 8 March 2022 and to the Presiding Members on 9 March regarding the proposed funding model 2022-27.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
5.7	<p><b>General Manager’s report</b></p> <p>The LC Landscape Board noted the General Manager’s report.</p>

	<b>Noted.</b>
5.8	<p><b>Actions List and Forward Plan</b></p> <p>It was noted that Lee Williams will be invited to the April meeting for a deer management program discussion.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
5.9	<p><b>Other business</b></p> <p>Nil.</p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>6 Closed Session</b>
	<p><b>Closed session – Commencement</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <p>1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting with staff members S Bourne, L Perkins, L Thomson, N Mistic, M Stevens, S Botting and A Karsten present in the meeting at 12:01 pm.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
#6.1	<b>LC Landscape Board – Closed session draft minutes (#14, 16 December 2021) and out of session draft minutes (#14B, 14 February 2022)</b>
#6.2	<b>Business arising</b>
#6.3	<b>GFAC – Draft closed session minutes (#10, 24 January 2022)</b>
#6.4	<b>Border Groundwaters Agreement</b>
#6.5	<b>Water Steering Committee minutes</b>
#6.6	<b>Levy discussion</b>
#6.7	<b>Other business</b>
#6.8	<b>Closed session action list</b>
#6.9	<b>Enforcement and Compliance Register</b>
	<p><b>Closed session – cessation</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <p>1. Moved out of the closed session of the meeting at 4:44pm.</p>

	<b>Carried.</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>7 Meeting closing</b>
7.1	<p><b>Approval for the General Manager to action the decisions from the closed session of meeting 15</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items from meeting No. 15 and resolutions to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
7.2	<p><b>Native Vegetation Council presentation and discussions</b></p> <p><b>Presenters:</b> Vaughan Levitzke, Chair NVC, Sarah Reachill and Adam Schutz, Native Vegetation Branch.</p> <p>Presentation to the LC Landscape Board on the Ecological Burning and Cultural Burning Guidelines under development.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
7.3	<p><b>Meeting review and communication:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NVC Ecological and cultural burning.</li> <li>• Border Groundwaters Agreement review discussion and feedback provided to the Review Committee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
7.3	Meeting closed at 4:47 pm
<b>Item</b>	<b>8 In-camera session</b>

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting No. 15, 17 February – confirmed as a true and correct record:

**Confirmed:**  \_\_\_\_\_

Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

**Date:** 28 April 2022