

**Limestone Coast Landscape Board  
Meeting no 21**

*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 (not as per the Chair)*

**Confirmed minutes**

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 23 February 2023		
<b>Start Time:</b>	11:25	<b>Finish Time:</b>	18:00
<b>Location:</b>	Naracoorte	<b>Room:</b>	P & A Society Building, Showgrounds, 176 Smith Street
<b>Chair</b>	Penny Schulz		
<b>Attendees:</b>	<p><b>LC Landscape Board Members:</b> Pete Bissell, Fiona Rasheed, Mark Bachmann, Tracey Strugnell (in person), Robbie Davis (MS Teams).</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Mike Stevens, Le-Anne Thomson, Mark de Jong, Chelsea Burns, Abigail Goodman.</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Item 2.1 Public Gallery: Heather Heggie; Item 2.6 Communities Helping Cockies: Mark Smith and Lisa West (Zoos SA), Emily Baldwin, Sam Rothe, Natasha Davis (Trees for Life), Bronwyn Perryman (Birdlife Australia) - in person; Vicki-Jo Russell (Trees for Life) and Skye McPherson (Birdlife Australia) - MS Teams.</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	<b>Declarations of interest</b>		
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. F Rasheed declared a conflict of interest in item 2.7 "2023-24 Business Plan and CPI" as an Elected Member of Kingston District Council, left the room and did not participate in discussion and decision.</li> <li>2. T Strugnell declared a conflict of interest in item 2.7 "2023-24 Business Plan and CPI" as employee of Coorong District Council, left the room and did not participate in discussion and decision.</li> </ol>		

	<p>3. M Bachmann declared a conflict of interest in item 5.4 "National Landcare Program" as director of the Nature Glenelg Trust with member of staff involved in the National Landcare Program, left the room and did not participate in discussion and decision.</p> <p>4. T Strugnell declared a conflict of interest in item 5.4 "National Landcare Program" as Coorong and Tatiara District Councils' employee and her colleague is involved in the National Landcare Program, left the room and did not participate in discussion and decision.</p>																		
1.3	<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 border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Item</th> <th>Prescribed reason</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#20, 15 December 2022)</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.3 GFAC-closed session meeting (#16, 6 February 2023)</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.4 National Landcare Program</td> <td>(k)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.5 Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Planning update</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.6 General Manager's report</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.7 Other business</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.8 Closed session action list</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5.9 Enforcement and Compliance Register</td> <td>(e)(f)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Item 2.6 Communities Helping Cockies was moved in agenda order after item 2.3 "Board Committees review".</p>	Item	Prescribed reason	5.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#20, 15 December 2022)	(g)	5.3 GFAC-closed session meeting (#16, 6 February 2023)	(g)	5.4 National Landcare Program	(k)	5.5 Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Planning update	(g)	5.6 General Manager's report	(g)	5.7 Other business	(g)	5.8 Closed session action list	(g)	5.9 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(e)(f)
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1.4	<p><b>Welcome to Country</b></p> <p>Read and noted.</p>																		
<b>Item</b>	<b>2 Meeting items</b>																		
2.1	<p><b>Public gallery</b></p> <p>Heather Heggie, Naracoorte resident addressed the LC Landscape Board with concerns about declared weeds in Naracoorte area.</p>																		

<p>2.2</p>	<p><b>Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Planning Update</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: L Perkins</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertakes a comprehensive review of the principles for licencing components to determine if amendment is required. Review should look at whether the principles could be simplified but must also consider risks to the environment or primary producers that changes could introduce. Review should also consider opportunities such as environmental allocations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p><b>Board Committees review</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: P Schulz</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointed members to the following LC Landscape Board committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance, Finance and Audit Committee: R Davis, P Schulz, T Strugnell</li> <li>Tatiara Water Allocation Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group: F Rasheed, R Davis (proxy)</li> <li>Padthaway WAP Stakeholder Advisory Group: P Schulz, R Davis (proxy)</li> <li>Lower Limestone Coast WAP Stakeholder Advisory Group: P Schulz (Board Chair), P Bissell, B Hood (proxy)</li> <li>Regional Landscape Plan Steering Committee: B Hood, M Bachmann</li> <li>Box Flat Dingo Wild Dog Control Coordinating Committee: T Strugnell, P Schulz (proxy)</li> <li>LC Landscape Board and South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board joint Committee: P Bissell, M Bachmann</li> <li>Limestone Coast Water Planning Steering Committee: P Schulz and R Davis.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Appointed members to the following non- LC Landscape Board committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South East Aboriginal Focus Group: M Bachmann, P Bissell (proxy), F Rasheed (back up proxy)</li> <li>Chairs’ Forum: P Schulz (Board Chair)</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>



2.6	<p><b>Communities Helping Cockies</b></p> <p><b>Presenters: A Goodman (LC Landscape Board), M Smith and L West (Zoos SA), E Baldwin, S Rothe, N Davis (Trees for Life), B Perryman (Birdlife Australia), V-J Russell (Trees for Life) and S McLean (Birdlife Australia)</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the Communities Helping Cockies presentation.</li> </ol> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
<p><b>Lunch 13:15 – 13:40</b></p>	
2.4	<p><b>Habitat Conservation Program</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: M de Jong</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LC Landscape Board noted that further work in the Habitat Conservation is desirable and asked to include it in the business plan discussions.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted that carryover uncertainty has impacted the delivery of project activities</li> <li>2. Noted that emerging information on the immediate threats to Mosquito Creek has informed priority for investment on Mosquito Creek activities</li> <li>3. Approved amendments to the 2022-23 Habitat Conservation Project Plan presented in attachment 1</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p> <p><b>Action: LC Landscape Board</b> to address water through Mosquito Creek in discussion of business plan.</p>
2.5	<p><b>African Lovegrass campaign</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: M Stevens</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved in principle the 3 year project scope.</li> <li>2. Includes \$42k p.a. for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 Business Plans towards the project to match PIRSA’s contribution.</li> </ol>



	<p>3. Approved the investigation of a Future Drought Fund application to complement ALG control with improving drought resistant pasture productivity.</p> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
2.7	<p><b>Analysis on the impact of consumer price index (CPI) increase on levy</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: L Thomson</b></p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note potential conflict of interest for T Strugnell as employee of Coorong District Council, which is responsible for levy collection.</li> <li>• Note potential conflict of interest for F Rasheed as Elected Member of Kingston District Council, which is responsible for levy collection.</li> </ul> <p>F Rasheed and T Strugnell left the room and did not participate in discussion and decision at 14:25.</p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the application of CPI at 8.4% to 2023-24 landscape and water levies.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p> <p>F Rasheed and T Strugnell returned and resumed the meeting at 14:42.</p> <p><b>Acion: LC Landscape Board</b> to discuss business plan out of session.</p>
2.8	<p><b>Grassroots Grants</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: L Perkins</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the plans for the 2023-24 Grassroots Grants program.</li> </ol> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
2.9	<p><b>Padthaway Water Allocation Plan</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: L Perkins</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p>



	<p>1. Noted the information regarding the next steps for the Padthaway Water Allocation Plan draft plan.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>3 Consent schedule</b>
3.1	<p><b>Consent schedule</b></p> <p><b>Current items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.2, 3.3 &amp; 3.4</li> </ul>
3.2	<p><b>Media and communication statistics</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <p>1. Noted the Communications and Engagement statistics for December 2022 to February 2023.</p> <p><b>Noted via consent schedule.</b></p>
3.3	<p><b>Correspondence register</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <p>1. Accepted the correspondence for the period from 4 December 2022 to 15 February 2023.</p> <p><b>Accepted via consent schedule.</b></p>
3.4	<p><b>Quarterly Project Reports – Q2</b></p> <p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <p>1. Noted the attached Q2 project reports.</p> <p><b>Noted via consent schedule.</b></p> <p><b>Action: A Karsten</b> to include Quarterly Project Reports in the LC Landscape Board agenda packages directly.</p>
<b>Item</b>	<b>4 Standing items</b>
4.1	<p><b>LC Landscape Board – draft minutes (#20, 15 December 2022)</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: P Schulz</b></p>

	<p><b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 20, held on 15 December 2022.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
4.2	<p><b>Business arising</b></p> <p>Nil.</p>
4.3	<p><b>Governance, Finance and Audit Committee (GFAC) – draft minutes (#16, 6 February 2023)</b></p> <p><b>Presenter: R Davis</b></p> <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 6 February 2023.</li> <li>2. Noted the financial reports for the period ended 31 December 2022 (Appendix 2, item 1)</li> <li>3. Noted the adjustments to project-level activities within the existing levy budget of \$230,000 for the feral deer action plan.</li> <li>4. Noted the changes implemented to integrate the pest control service within the Landscape Operations Team.</li> <li>5. Noted the 3.0 FTE Field Officer Salaries are funded by cost recovery revenue.</li> <li>6. Noted cost recovery revenue from the pest control service is forecast at \$347k for 2023-24.</li> <li>7. Approved the reviewed GFAC Charter (Appendix 2, item 2).</li> <li>8. Noted the correspondence from the Auditor-General and responding correspondence from the LC Landscape Board Chair Penny Schulz.</li> <li>9. Noted the Work Health and Safety Report for the second quarter of 2022-23 (Appendix 2, item 3).</li> <li>10. Noted the approved minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting no. 16, 28 November 2022, as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting held on 15 December 2022.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
4.4	<p><b>Board contract report – nil</b></p>
4.5	<p><b>Presiding Member’s report</b></p> <p>LC Landscape Board Members were encouraged to attend SA’s Industry Climate Change Conference, to be held on 20-21 April 2023.</p> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>



4.6	<b>LC Landscape Board members' reports - Nil</b>  <b>Noted.</b>
4.7	<b>Actions List and Forward Plan</b>  <b>Noted.</b>
4.8	<b>Other business</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>5 Closed session</b>
	<b><i>Closed session – commencement</i></b>  <b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b>  1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 15:23 with staff members S Bourne, L Perkins, L Thomson, M de Jong, C Burns and A Karsten present.  <b>Carried.</b>
#5.1	<b>LC Landscape Board – Closed session draft minutes (#20, 15 December 2022)</b>
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#5.8	<b>Closed session action list</b>
#5.9	<b>Enforcement and Compliance Register</b>
	<b><i>Closed session – cessation</i></b>  <b>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</b>  1. Moved out of the closed session of the meeting at 17:53.  <b>Carried.</b>



Item	6 Meeting closure
6.1	<p><b>Approval for the General Manager to action the decisions from the closed session of meeting 21</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 and resolutions from meeting no. 21 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.</li> </ol> <p><b>Carried.</b></p>
6.2	<p><b>Meeting review and communication</b></p> <p>The following items were identified</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lower Limestone Coast WAP progress</li> <li>2. Working with PIRSA on a larger weed control project</li> <li>3. Grassroots Grants launch</li> <li>4. Red-tailed black cockatoo project</li> <li>5. SE Field Days</li> <li>6. Naracoorte Lucindale Council Masterplan and Creek walk</li> </ol> <p><b>Noted.</b></p>
6.3	Meeting closed 18:00
Item	7 In-camera session

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 21, 23 February 2023 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

**Confirmed:** 

Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

**Date:** 27 April 2023