

**Limestone Coast Landscape Board
Meeting no 26**

I begin today by acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters on which we meet, and pay my respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

We recognise that First Nations were the first sovereign Nations of Australia and possessed it under their own laws and customs. We respect the continuation of their cultural, spiritual, physical and emotional connection.

We also acknowledge our walking together relationship with the South East Aboriginal Focus Group, Burrendies Aboriginal Corporation and Ngarrindjeri Aboriginal Corporation.

Confirmed minutes

Date:	Thursday, 7 December 2023		
Start Time:	11:54	Finish Time:	17:02
Location:	Mount Gambier	Room:	Commodore Motel
Chair	Penny Schulz		
Attendees:	<p>LC Landscape Board Members: Fiona Rasheed till 16:30, Tracey Strugnell till 16:10, Pete Bissell, Robbie Davis and Mark Bachmann.</p> <p>Staff: Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Le-Anne Thomson, Jason Taylor, Mike Stevens and Nick Kidman (item 2.1 only).</p> <p>Guests: Jennifer Schilling (Primary Industries and Regions SA); Jeff Varcoe (deer farmer from the Hundred of Kennion for item 2.1).</p> <p>Executive Officer: Anya Karsten.</p>		
Apologies:			
Item	4 Closed session		
	<p>Closed session – commencement</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <p>1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 11:36am with staff members S Bourne, L Thomson, L Perkins, J Taylor, M Stevens and A Karsten present.</p> <p>Carried.</p>		



#4.1	LCLB – closed session draft minutes (#25, 26/10/2023)								
#4.2	Business arising								
#4.3	Resolutions by Circular Resolution - nil								
#4.4	GFAC – closed session draft minutes (#19, 07/11/2023)								
#4.6	Border Ground Waters Agreement Annual report								
	Closed session – cessation 11:54								
Item	1 Welcome & apologies								
1.1	Opening, welcome & apologies								
1.2	<p>Declarations of interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict of Interest Register amendments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. P Bissell asked for an additional entry to the Conflict of Interest register as a Wrattobully Winery Association member. 2. R Davis advised that she is no longer a non-executive director of Fight Food Waste Ltd and the entry can be removed from the Conflict of Interest register. • M Bachmann as Managing Director/Founder Nature Glenelg Pty Ltd advised of his potential future perceived or actual conflict of interest in Karst Springs project discussions. • P Schulz advised a potential conflict of interest re item 2.6 Landscape Priorities Fund as an employee of the SA Drought Hub, a co-founder organisation in the 'Building the resilience of Ngarrindjeri Yarluwar-Ruwe' project, but declared that she has no direct links to the project. • F Rasheed is a member of a constituent council and T Strugnell is an officer of a constituent council that have an interest in item 2.3 "2024/25 landscape and water levy rate". It was determined that neither had a conflict of interest under the <i>Landscape SA Act 2019</i>. 								
1.3	<p>Agenda check</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>4.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#25, 26 October 2023)</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.2 Business arising</td> <td>(g)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4.3 Resolutions without meetings – nil entries</td> <td>(j)(k)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Item	Prescribed reason	4.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#25, 26 October 2023)	(g)	4.2 Business arising	(g)	4.3 Resolutions without meetings – nil entries	(j)(k)
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	<p>4.4 GFAC – closed session draft minutes (#19, 7 November 2023) (g)</p> <p>4.5 Karst Springs risk assessment (g)</p> <p>4.6 Border Ground Waters Agreement Annual report (g)</p> <p>4.7 Other business (g)</p> <p>4.8 Closed session action list (g)</p> <p>4.9 Enforcement and Compliance Register (e)(f)</p>
1.4	<p>Welcome to Country and Landscape Board Statement of Commitment</p> <p>Presenter: P Schulz, Chair</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome to Country was read and noted. <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supported the Chair Penny Schulz ratifying the Statement of Commitment at the next Chairs Forum. <p>Carried.</p>
Item	2 Meeting items
2.1	<p>Public gallery</p> <p>J Varcoe addressed the LC Landscape Board meeting concerning deer farming matters.</p> <p>Action: LC Landscape Board to write to Jeff Varcoe re his presentation to the LC Landscape Board.</p>
2.2	<p>Karst spring and alkaline peat fen restoration – project governance</p> <p>Presenter: Jason Taylor</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LC Landscape Board asked to incorporate an annual review of the restoration process with controls in place to ensure its effectiveness. It was suggested that the organisational chart needs to represent project management structure and it was recognised as an opportunity for First Nations’ inclusion. The LC Landscape Board requested to finalise the role of technical advisory group and the process for ensuring integrity of implementation of advice, and managing risk t and perceived conflicts. Concerns were raised about the viability of the project without Stage 2 being in place and the potential detrimental impact on other projects of the LC Landscape Board.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LC Landscape Board discussed potential membership of the project Steering Committee with suggestions such as SE Water Conservation and Drainage Board, Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation. The importance of the project ownership by LC Landscape Board staff was emphasised. <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approved the governance framework for the Save our Springs: Karst spring and alkaline peat fen restoration project with the opportunity to refine the vision and objectives and incorporate a review process. <p>Carried.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> J Taylor to modify visual representation of the attachment (project management structure).
	<p>Lunch 13:23-13:50</p>
<p>2.3</p>	<p>2024/25 landscape and water levy rate</p> <p>Presenter: Le-Anne Thomson</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that some concerns about landscape levy were received from hobby farms which are categorised as primary production regardless of income generated. <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approved the application of CPI at 5.9% to 2024/25 landscape and water levies. <p>Carried.</p>
<p>2.4</p>	<p>Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan report update</p> <p>Presenter: Liz Perkins</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The LC Landscape Board noted next steps in the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan review process. Changes in membership of the Stakeholder Advisory Group was discussed and it was noted that members received a letter of thanks for their participation.

	<p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the report from the review of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan for submission to the Minister/Deputy Premier. <p>Carried.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. L Perkins to prepare briefing and submit to the Minister/Deputy Premier. 2. L Perkins to advise DEW that the election commitment is now fulfilled.
2.5	<p>2023/24 Quarter 1 performance reporting</p> <p>Presenter: Liz Perkins</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the attached Q1 project reports. <p>Carried.</p>
2.6	<p>Landscape Priorities Fund project update - Building the resilience of Ngarrindjeri Yarluwar-Ruwe</p> <p>Presenter: Liz Perkins</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the update of the Landscape Priorities Fund project <i>Building the resilience of Ngarrindjeri Yarluwar-Ruwe</i>. <p>Noted.</p> <p>Action: The LC Landscape Board requested copies of specific project reports relevant to Ngarrindjeri.</p>
2.7	<p>Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee</p> <p>Presenter: Steve Bourne</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Referred the Wild Dog Baiting Plan for the Ngarkat Conservation Park back to DEW for enhancement and resubmission to the LC Landscape Board early in 2024.

	<p>Carried.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S Bourne to include 'wild dogs' on a future board meeting agenda focusing on ecological and cultural values of dingoes. 2. P Schulz to write a letter to the Box Flat Wild Dog Coordinating Committee recommending the plan back to DEW.
Item	3 Standing items
3.1	<p>LC Landscape Board – draft minutes (#25, 26 October 2023)</p> <p>Presenter: P Schulz</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 25, held on 26 October 2023. <p>Approved.</p>
3.2	<p>Business arising</p> <p>Nil</p>
3.3	<p>Circular Resolutions</p> <p>LC Landscape Board made the following circular resolutions since 26 October 2023:</p> <p>27 November 2023 - LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved for the Chair and General Manager to sign the LC Landscape Board 2022/23 annual financial statements. 2. Approved for the Chair to sign the management representation letter. 3. Approved for the Chair to sign the 2022/23 LC Landscape Board Annual Report. 4. Noted that the 2022/23 Annual Report and financial statements will be submitted to the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water before 30 November 2023. <p>Noted.</p> <p>Action: A Karsten to include a list of out of session resolutions as a paper format in future meeting.</p>
3.4	<p>GFAC draft minutes (#19, 6/11/2023)</p>

	<p>Presenter: R Davis, GFAC Chair</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met on 6 November 2023. 2. Noted the financial reports for the period ended 30 September 2023 (Appendix 1, item 1) 3. Noted the GFAC adopted the Firearm Sound Moderation Policy – considered operational by GFAC. 4. Noted the Work, Health and Safety Report for the first quarter of the financial year 2023-24. (Appendix 1, item 2). 5. Noted the Committee approved the minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting no. 18, 7 August 2023, as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting held on 24 August 2023. <p>Noted.</p>
3.5	<p>Board Contract Reports</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted entry no. 20 on the LC Landscape Board Contracts Register. <p>Noted.</p>
3.6	<p>Presiding Member’s report</p> <p>Noted.</p>
3.7	<p>General Manager’s report</p> <p>Noted.</p>
3.8	<p>LC Landscape Board members’ reports</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R Davis presented a report from the Auditor-General’s Performance and Risk Committee Chairs’ Briefing attendance. She also attended the Chairs Forum as P Schulz’s proxy. • P Bissell attended YELP at Tarooki Ground, Robe and YEC. Projects presented included native gardens, seasons walk, recycling, plastics, wetlands. Success is attributed to the teachers’ commitment to undertake the work and LC Landscape Board’s Landscape Education team.



	Noted.
3.9	<p>Correspondence register</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Accepted the correspondence for the period from 20 October 2023 to 30 November 2023. <p>Noted.</p>
3.10	<p>Actions List and Forward Plan</p> <p>Items for Meeting no. 27, 22 February 2024:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R Davis will attend on MS Teams; 2. Wild dogs; 3. AR3 landholders' attendance. <p>Noted.</p>
3.11	<p>Other business</p> <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Write to Yahl Environmental Leaders and their teacher thanking them for the presentation.
Item	4 Closed session
	<p>Closed session – commencement 15:35</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 15:35 with staff members S Bourne, L Thomson, L Perkins, J Taylor, M Stevens and A Karsten present. <p>Carried.</p>
#4.5	Karst Springs risk assessment
#4.7	Other business
#4.8	Closed session action list
#4.9	Enforcement and Compliance Register

	Closed session – cessation 16:58.
Item	6 Meeting closure
6.1	<p>Approval for the General Manager to action the decisions from the closed session of meeting 26</p> <p>Resolution – LC Landscape Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 26 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate. <p>Carried.</p>
6.2	<p>Meeting review and communication</p> <p>The following items were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with the City of Mount Gambier and District Council of Grant. <p>Noted.</p>
6.3	Meeting closed 17:02.
Item	6 In-camera session from 17:02

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 26, 7 December 2023 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:  _____

Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 22 February 2024