

Limestone Coast Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting information

Location and time

Thursday 22 August 2024 at 11:50 am

Visitor Information Center, 27 Arthur Street, Penola

Attendees

LC Landscape Board Members: Penny Schulz (Chair), Fiona Rasheed (MS Teams), Mark Bachmann, Pete Bissell, Robbie Davis, Tom Linnell, Tracey Strugnell

Staff: Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Le-Anne Thomson, Jason Taylor, Anya Karsten (minute taker)

Guests: Nil

Public gallery: Nil

Apologies: M Stevens

Welcome and apologies

1.1 Opening, welcome and apologies

Meeting opened

1.2 Declarations of Interest Register and Standing Interest Register

The following amendments to the Standing Interest Register were noted:

M Bachmann:

- Managing Director / Founder, Nature Glenelg Pty Ltd as Trustee for Nature Glenelg Trust (charitable, non-government environmental organisation)
- Director, Bachmann Nominees Pty Ltd as Trustee for Bachmann Asset Trust (private family trust)
- Member, Biodiversity Assessment Expert Reference Group supporting the development of the Nature Repair Market (Australian Government committee)

R Davis:

- Remove entry "Ambassador to the UN World Potato Congress 2024".

M Bachmann declared a Conflict of Interest in agenda item 3.3 "Flow lines and flight lines" as director of the Nature Glenelg Trust, which has an interest..

1.3 Agenda check

Pursuant to section 23(5) of the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*, 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 *Landscape South Australia (General) Regulations 2020*:

Item	Prescribed reason
5.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#29, 20 June 2024)	(g)
5.2 Business arising	(g)
5.3 Resolutions without meetings – nil entries	(g)
5.4 GFAC closed session minutes of meeting 22 held 2 August 2024	(g)
5.5 Deer compliance	(e)(f)
5.6 Closed session Actions Register	(e)(f)
5.7 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(b)(f)
5.8 Other business	(g)

1.4 Acknowledgement of Country

Presenter: P Schulz, Chair

Meeting items

3.1 Public gallery

Nil.

3.2 LLC WAP Update

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed unbundling water licences, consultation sessions, industries supporting the proposal, bore structure. It was noted that the meter reads will be taken late due to changes to the Border Ground Waters agreement.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the update on the amendment process to revise the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan.

3.3 Flow lines and flight lines (FLaFL)

Presenter: J Taylor

M Bachmann left the meeting room at 12:52 and did not participate in discussion or the decision.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the status of the Federal Government commitment of \$17 million of new funding to improve shorebird and wetland habitat across South Australia's Coorong, Lower Lakes, Murray Mouth and South-East landscape.
2. Endorsed the following three priority project sites as being the highest priority for FLaFL funding in the Limestone Coast region:
 - Lake George - flow restoration
 - Middle Point Swamp - land purchase and restoration
 - Karst Springs - land purchase of stage 2 and restoration

M Bachmann returned to the meeting room at 12:58.

Lunch 12:58 - 13:18

3.4 NHT update

Presenter: J Taylor

Action: J Taylor to forward the Emergency Preparedness and Response Plan to LC Landscape Board Members.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the status of the current Natural Heritage Trust projects being delivered by the LC Landscape Board as the Regional Delivery Partner until June 2028.

3.5 Karst springs - project update

Presenter: J Taylor

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the status of the Save our Springs: Karst Spring project.

3.6 Hydrogen and Renewable Energy (HRE) Act

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

F Rasheed asked to note wind farm development being investigated in Kielira area. The LC Landscape Board considered that there was no conflict of interest.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the status of the *Hydrogen and Renewable Energy Act 2023* and related legislative framework.

3.7 Lake Hawdon North, restoration project update

Presenter: J Taylor

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted progress on the Lake Hawdon North Restoration Project.

3.8 Drainage and Wetlands Strategy Committee

Presenter: S Bourne and J Taylor

Discussion:

- The joint boards' Drainage and Wetlands Strategy Committee (the Committee) met on 21 August 2024. During the meeting the Committee discussed current tools in place and formed a future agenda which will be a starting point of discussion for the next meeting.
- The LC Landscape Board discussed the opportunity to work with the SEWCDB and manage projects on behalf of the SEWCDB. Funding options for shared projects of mutual interest were noted.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Drainage and Wetlands Strategy joint Board Committee update and the overview of the joint South Eastern Water Conversation and Drainage Board and LC Landscape Boards meeting on 23 August 2024.

Standing items

4.1 Draft minutes of LC Landscape Board meeting 29 held 20 June 2024

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 29, held on 20 June 2024.

4.2 Business arising

Action: Add an item re 'Wild Dogs' to the October or December meeting agenda.

4.3 Resolutions without meeting

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the resolutions out of session on 8 August 2024:
 - 2.1 Draft Annual Financial Statements
 1. Approved the Presiding Member to sign the 2023-24 draft annual financial statements.
 2. Noted that the 2023-24 draft annual financial statements will be submitted to the Auditor-General before 9 am on Monday 12 August.
 - 2.3 Approval to request carryover of expenditure authority
 1. Approved to request carryover of \$374k unspent expenditure authority from 2023-24 into 2024-25 and future financial years.

4.4 GFAC minutes of meeting 22 held 2 August 2024

Presenter: R Davis, GFAC Chair

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met on 2 August 2024.
2. Noted the Work Health and Safety Report for the fourth quarter of the financial year 2023-24. (Appendix 1).
3. Noted that the Committee approved the reviewed Freedom of Information statement to be published on the LC Landscape Board website. (Portal).
4. Approved the 2025 meeting schedule. (Appendix 1).
5. Noted the 2023-24 Financial Management Compliance Program overview at attachment 1. (Appendix 1).
6. Approved the manager Financial Management Compliance self-assessment questionnaire for the financial year 2023-24.
7. Noted the Committee approved the minutes of the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting 21 held on 3 June 2024 as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting on 20 June 2024.

4.5 Board contracts report

Nil.

4.6 Presiding Member's report

Noted.

4.7 General Manager's report

CSIRO project meeting. Growing the region's ability of investing in landscapes.

The report will be included in the next LC Landscape Board meeting agenda.

Noted.

4.8 LC Landscape Board members' reports

R Davis: Attended Chairs' Forum in the mid-north as proxy for P Schulz due to the Deputy Premier Close's visit to the Limestone Coast region. She also attended the Australian Vertebrate Pest Conference in Sydney and next week will attend the National Biosecurity Symposium on the Gold Coast.

4.9 Correspondence register

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Accepted the correspondence for the period from 14 June 2024 to 16 August 2024.

4.10 Forward plan and actions register

- Wild dogs – October meeting
- Briefing on proposed wind farm – October (Robe)
- **Action:** In addition to roadside native vegetation, Piccanninie Ponds, and feral deer eradication projects, submit application for Natural Capital Accounting project with Farming for the Future, linking biodiversity and production landscapes.
- Water discussion session – TBC.

4.11 Other business

Nil.

Closed session

Closed session – commencement

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 15:15 with staff members S Bourne, L Thomson, L Perkins, J Taylor, and A Karsten present.

Meeting closure

6.1 Approval for the General Manager to action decisions from the closed session of meeting 30

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 30 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.

Meeting review and communication

The following items were identified:

- Visit to Greenrise Lake
- YEC and Wattle Range Council workshop
- SEWCDB and LCLB Joint Board meeting 23/08

Meeting closed 16:05

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 30, 22 August 2024 – confirmed as a true and correct record:



Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 24 October 2024

Confirmed