LANDSCAPE SOUTH AUSTRALIA LIMESTONE COAST

Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting minutes

Meeting information

Location and time

Thursday 27 August 2026

Visitor Information Centre, 27 Arthur Street, Penola

Attendees

LC Landscape Board Members: Penny Schulz (Chair), Jonathan Sobels, Pete Bissell, Robbie Davis, Tom Linnell, Tracey Strugnell and Mark Bachmann.

Staff: Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Jason Taylor, Le-Anne Thomson, David New, Ehsan Sayad, Alison Boomsma, Nick Bassett, Edel Stoner, Cathy Ashby, Vanessa Freebairn and Anya Karsten (minute taker).

Guests: Ben Taylor, Senior Wetland Ecologist, Nature Glenelg Trust; Thomas Lovett, CEO, Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation.

Public gallery: Nil.

Apologies: Nil.

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 Opening, welcome and apologies

Meeting opened at 11:10 am.

1.2 Acknowledgment of Country

Presented by Chair Penny Schulz.

1.3 Declarations of Interest Register and Standing Interest Register

1.4 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*:

Confirmed

Item	Prescribed reason
3.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#41, 25 June 2026)	(g)
3.2 Business arising	(h)(j)
3.3 Resolutions without meetings	(g)
3.4 Closed session Actions Register	(b)(e)(f)(j)
3.5 GFAC closed session draft minutes (#30, 10 August 2026)	(g)
3.6 Farmed and feral deer compliance	(f)(i)
3.7 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(b)(f)
3.8 Other business	(g)

Order of items:

4.2 Pest Plant and Animal Strategy

4.8 AR3 Koppamurra CCC

Followed by items in the agenda order.

Closed session

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 11:40 am with staff members S Bourne, L Perkins, J Taylor, M Stevens and A Karsten present.

   3.6 Farmed and feral deer compliance

   3.7 Enforcement and Compliance Register

   3.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#41, 25/06/2026)

   3.2 Business arising

   3.3 Resolutions out of session

   3.4 Closed session actions register

   3.5 GFAC closed session draft minutes (#30, 10/08/2026)

   3.8 Other business

Confirmed

2. Moved into the open session of the meeting at 12:07 pm

Meeting items

4.1 Public gallery

Nil

4.2 Pest Plant and Animal Strategy

Presenter: M Stevens

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board was invited to provide feedback on the draft Pest Plant and Animal Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy has not yet been circulated to staff for consultation, as the first step is to obtain overall direction from the Governing Body.

The Strategy is intended to support the organisation's legislative requirements and provide a practical reference for staff in their daily work.

Board members noted that the document is informative and clearly outlines how pest plant and animal management is undertaken through teamwork and prioritisation. The Strategy also recognises the important role of individual landholders, community Landcare groups and farming groups and aims to better mobilise community resources.

The Strategy will be published on the website and is expected to be of interest to the broader community.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Provided feedback on the draft strategy.

4.8 AR3 mining proposal update

Presenter: S Bourne

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board noted that the AR3 Feasibility Study has been completed, with the final reports expected to be released in September. It was also noted that the Pre-Feasibility Study Report is a public document and is available on the AR3 website.

It was further noted that approximately 50% of mining activity in the area is situated on forestry land.

Confirmed

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the report on the AR3 mining proposal.

Lunch 12:47 – 13:20

4.3 Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan update on amendment process

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed and considered the outcomes from recent consultation and recommendations from the latest Stakeholder Advisory Group meeting.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Proceed in the amendment process with:
    a. The partial separation of water licence instruments into an entitlement and allocation (partial unbundling).
    b. The consumptive pool arrangement of:
        i. Lower Limestone Coast Unconfined Aquifer Consumptive Pool
        ii. Managed Aquifer Recharge Consumptive Pool (unconfined aquifer)
        iii. Lower Limestone Coast Confined Aquifer Consumptive Pool
    c. The classes of water access entitlements proposals with the following conditions:
        i. Class 1 Public water supply
        ii. Class 2 Community facilities
        iii. Class 3 Manufacturing, processing and intensive animal keeping
            1. A revision of the definition in consideration of drought responses, new uses such as AI data centres and forestry manufacturing.
        iv. Class 4 General security
        v. Class 5 Supplementary delivery water
            1. Further development of the principles around proportional transfer.
        vi. Class 6 Supplementary environmental water
            1. Further development of the principles around trade and governance.

Confirmed

2. Continue to investigate the options for a First Nation Consumptive Pool or class of water access entitlement.

Tatiara Water Allocation Plan update on amendment process

Presenter: Liz Perkins

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the update on the process to amend the Tatiara Water Allocation Plan.

4.3 Tintinara Coonalpyn (TC) Water Allocation Plan

Presenter: C Burns

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board received a progress update. It was noted that the next update will be received at the 29 October LC Landscape Board meeting with further discussion on finalising the review process.

It was noted that there are currently limitations on salinity data. The experience and knowledge of the Stakeholder Advisory Group was recognised.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan review update.

Break 15:05 – 15:15

4.4 Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) projects update

Presenter: J Taylor and E Sayad

Discussion:

- National Soils Monitoring Project: the LC Landscape Board noted that 149 site samples have been collected and delivered to CSIRO. Reports are expected to be provided to the relevant landholders. The importance of the landholder approval engagement was discussed. It was noted that some other states have experienced challenges in developing and maintaining these relationships.

- Improving Landscape Health of Sandy Soils: An update was presented on behalf of N Bassett regarding the *Improving Landscape Health of Sandy Soils* project.

- The use of drones for spray control and how effective the technology is across different landscape situations was also discussed. It was agreed that further consideration is needed regarding how well the technology performs under varying landscape conditions.

Confirmed

- The LC Landscape Board discussed the Peat Soil Science and Management Project which is looking at approaches to better understand and manage peat soils. The focus is on building and maintaining peat, noting that when peat soils are wet, they are not suitable for agricultural use and when they are dry, they can be used for agriculture. There is a need to manage water levels appropriately to protect peat resources. It was noted that once peat is lost or degraded beyond a certain point, the process cannot readily be reversed.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the status of the Limestone Coast 2023-2028 Natural Heritage Trust program being delivered by the LC Landscape Board as the Regional Delivery Partner.
2. Received a presentation on the National Soil Monitoring Program and other current soil projects from Sustainable Primary Production staff.

4.5 Natural Resource Management Plan: a strategic opportunity for the Limestone Coast

Presenter: A Boomsma

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board noted that the Natural Resource Management Plan is a requirement of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) contract and will set directions for 2050. There will be opportunity to bring all projects together and create a suite of projects. The Plan's due date is November 2027.

It was noted that there may be an option to merge the NRM Plan and Regional Plans.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the process of developing a Natural Resource Management Plan as per NHT requirements.

4.6 Bittern and Bandicoot projects

Presenter: J Taylor, C Ashby and V Freebairn

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board received an update on Bittern and Bandicoot projects. It was noted that an increase in the Bittern population will promote increases in other species.

Members noted the role of woodland birds in supporting the development and regeneration of understory vegetation and improving habitat and landscape health.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

Confirmed

1. Received a presentation from the Habitat Conservation staff members leading the Bittern and Bandicoot projects.

4.7 Climate Ready Government policy

Presenter: E Stoner

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed and noted items such as:

- Opportunities presented by the approved Office and Depot Strategy
- Tools available to Landscape Operations team to reduce herbicide and chemical use
- Option to re-introduce vegetation variety through reseeding with multiple species post-burn
- A mandate for all government agencies to transition to electric vehicles and hybrids for SUVs
- Potential for Karst Springs property development including different energy systems.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the Limestone Coast Landscape Board Climate Ready Government policy.
2. Endorsed the arrangements developed to meet the requirements of the Premier and Cabinet Circular *PC007 – Climate Ready Government*.

Standing items

5.1 Draft minutes of LC Landscape Board meeting 40 held 23 April 2026

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 40, held on 23 April 2026.

5.2 Business arising

5.3 Resolutions without meeting (OOS)

Resolution of 4 August 2026<date>– LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved Dr Elizabeth (Liz) Perkins, Manager Planning and Engagement, to act in the position of General Manager, Limestone Coast Landscape Board, to cover annual leave for Steve Bourne from 7 to 18 September 2026 inclusive.

Confirmed

Resolution of 11 August 2026 – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the 2025-26 interim financial statements.
2. Noted the 2025-26 interim annual financial statements must be signed by the LC Landscape Board Chair and submitted to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2026.
3. Noted the Annual Internal Controls letters from DEW and SSSA.

Resolution of 11 August 2026 – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved to request to carryover $1.12m of unspent expenditure authority and $1.26m of revenue recognition from 2025-26 into 2026-27 and future financial years.
2. Noted that minor immaterial adjustments (less than 5% variance from that approved) may be made pending final changes to the 2025-26 ledger.

5.4 Governance Finance and Audit Committee (GFAC) (#30, 10 August 2026)

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met on 10 August 2026.
2. Noted that the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee approved the reviewed Freedom of Information statement to be published on the LC Landscape Board website.
3. Approved the 2027 meeting schedule, subject to moving the 1 February meeting to early March 2027 due to the possible change of the board composition.
4. Noted the Work Health and Safety Report for the fourth quarter of the financial year 2025-26.
5. Noted the approved minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting No. 29, 1-3 June 2026 as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting held on 25 June 2026.

5.5 Board contracts report

Nil.

5.6 Presiding Member's report

Noted.

5.7 General Manager's report

The Members noted the CSIRO visit to the Limestone Coast region update.

Noted.

5.8 LC Landscape Board Members' reports

Verbal reports were received.

Confirmed

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 amendments process was discussed and noted.

5.9 Correspondence register

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the correspondence for the period from 19 June to 20 August 2026.

5.10 Forward plan and actions register

Due to several anticipated apologies, the LC Landscape Board requested to reschedule meeting no. 43 on the 22 October to 29 October 2026.

5.11 Other business

Nil.

Meeting closure

6.1 Approval for the General Manager to action decisions from the closed session of meeting 42

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 42 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.

Meeting closed at 16:54

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 42, 27 August 2026 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:



Dr Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 29 October 2026

Confirmed