

Limestone Coast Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting information

Location and time

Wednesday 30 April 2025 at 13:05

P&A Society Inc Boardroom, Naracoorte Showgrounds, 176 Smith Street, Naracoorte

Attendees

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

Staff: Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Le-Anne Thomson, Jason Taylor, Mike Stevens, Alison Boomsma, Kylie Pethybridge (for items 3.2 and 3.3) and Anya Karsten (minute taker).

Guests: Nil.

Public gallery: Nil.

Apologies: Nil.

Welcome and apologies

1.1 Opening, welcome and apologies

Meeting opened.

1.2 Acknowledgment of Country

Presenter: Chair Penny Schulz

1.3 Declarations of Interest Register and Standing Interest Register

R Davis informed that she is now a member of the Native Vegetation Council, representing landscape boards.

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*:

Item	Prescribed reason
5.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#33, 27 February 2025)	(g)
5.2 Business arising	(g)
5.3 Resolutions without meetings – nil entries	(g)
5.4 Closed session Actions Register	(e)(f)
5.5 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(b)(f)
5.6 Other business	(g)

Meeting items

3.1 Public gallery

Nil

3.2 Business Plan

Presenter: L Perkins, A Boomsma

Discussion:

LC Landscape Board discussed budgets and deficit management. It was noted that any additional financial issues can be managed out of session as they arise or discussed at the June GFAC meeting prior to adoption of the Business Plan at the 26 June LC Landscape Board meeting.

ACTION:

L Perkins prepare a Business Plan paper for next LC Landscape Board meeting reflecting the financial management issues.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved finalisation of levy funded projects to inform the annual business plan development.

3.3 Regional Landscape Plan update

Presenter: A Boomsma

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board received an update on the Regional Landscape Plan review. It was noted that A Boomsma also met with members of the Limestone Coast Youth Environment Council who showed interest in the projects and provided fresh input into the Plan review.

ACTION:

A Boomsma to leave comments open for one more week.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the progress of the review of the Regional Landscape Plan.

3.4 Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan update

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

L Perkins presented an update on the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan amendment process. It was noted that Naracoorte had the greatest attendance at its 'one-on-one drop-in' sessions. The LC Landscape Board suggested presenting a table of consumptive pools showing trading parties as an additional management tool.

It was discussed that great care is required to address sustainable use of the resource to mitigate historical overallocation. It was noted that the "current climate" definition refers to a 10-year time period. Adaptive management should manage climate variability, not historical overallocation.

The LC Landscape Board noted that current decisions are relying on the best available data to date. Concerns have been raised regarding the availability and accuracy of data on stock and domestic bores due to the absence of a defined cut-off date for data applicability.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

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

3.5 Box Flat Wild Dog Consultative Committee

Presenter: S Bourne

Discussion:

It was noted that the Committee was originally established to coordinate baiting programs and respond to wild dog attacks. The committee has been considering aspects outside the current Terms of Reference, specifically the issue of dingoes and their value in the environment.

The LC Landscape Board discussed a letter from PIRSA seeking feedback on a proposal to aerial bait in Ngarkat following the cessation of wild dog control in northwest Victoria. Discussions with PIRSA will continue.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved requested funding of \$2,550 for the 2025/26 year in line with the request for support made in the last financial year.

ACTION:

1. **M Stevens** to invite an Operations member of staff to future BFWDC meetings.
2. **S Bourne** to invite PIRSA to a LC Landscape Board meeting to discuss future management of wild dogs.

3.6 Board Skills Matrix

Presenter: L Thomson

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board noted that since completing the skills matrix in 2022, there have been changes in the membership. Currently there are seven LC Landscape Board members and the skills summary was presented to consider if the membership requires expansion. It was noted that currently all skills areas are covered across the LC Landscape Board membership and management team.

The LC Landscape Board determined that a skills analysis should be conducted every 2 years or as required.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the 2025 LC Landscape Board Member Skills Matrix.
2. Approved regular board skills assessment to be undertaken at least every 2 years.
3. Approved to maintain the LC Landscape Board composition of 7 Board Members.

3.7 Draft Murray Mallee and Limestone Coast Regional Plans

Presenter: S Bourne

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board noted that a response to the draft Murray Mallee and Limestone Coast Regional Plans will be prepared and circulated out of session prior to submission by the consultation closing date on 17 June 2025.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Discussed the Regional Plans and noted the submission will need to be considered out of session.

3.8 Karst Springs Stage 2

Presenter: S Bourne

Discussion:

It was noted that the Shorebird and Wetland Habitat project proposal template for Karst Springs Stage 2 is being developed and is due for submission on Monday 5 May 2025 for decision federally. The LC Landscape Board discussed possible MoAAs and caveats as a level of protection of the property titles for the potential land ownership by Burrandies Aboriginal Corporation.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the status of the Shorebird and Wetland Habitat Project to provide \$17 million of funding to improve shorebird and wetland habitats across South Australia's Coorong, Lower Lakes, Murray Mouth and South-East landscape.
2. Expressed a strong desire to work with Burrandies in the development and management of karst springs and explore pathways for joint ownership in the future.

3.9 Regional Drought Resilience Plan update

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

It was noted there is further opportunity to learn from the community about the impacts of drought. Regional Development Australia is taking the lead in the delivery of the Regional Drought Resilience Plan. Funding this year will target delivery of more immediate activities from the plan. The second phase of delivery will enable greater planning of each activity.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the approval of the Limestone Coast Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

3.10 National Heritage Trust (NHT) projects update

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board noted a large volume of activity, including a community engagement session in Port MacDonnell, 'Cockies' annual count on 3 May, tender submissions, and progress on the Southern Bent Wing Bat project.

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 from now until June 2028.

3.11 African Lovegrass program post-summer update

Presenter: M Stevens

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board expressed support of the program, noting the current challenges of its roll out. It was suggested holding a workshop in a different location, noting that further education in the region and preventative measures from landholders are needed.

It was noted that the economic impact of African Lovegrass can be underestimated, however the risks include drought effects, reduced stock numbers and productivity losses. Changes in the ecosystems may contribute to an increased fire risk.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the outcomes of the 2024-25 African Lovegrass landholder assistance program.
2. Noted the success of the African Lovegrass program and supported its continuation.

Break 16:10-16:18

Standing items

4.1 Draft minutes of LC Landscape Board meeting 33 held 27 February 2025

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 33, held on 27 February 2025.

4.2 Business arising

Nil.

4.3 Resolutions without meeting

Nil.

4.4 Board contracts report

Nil.

4.5 Presiding Member's report

Noted.

4.6 General Manager's report

Noted.

4.7 LC Landscape Board members' reports

Nil discussed.

4.8 Correspondence register

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Accepted the correspondence for the period 21 February 2025 to 23 April 2025.

4.9 Forward plan and actions register

- Invite Tatiara Council to a Wild Dogs meeting with Nick Secomb, Director Plant and Invasives Species Biosecurity, PIRSA
- Consider a workshop on roadside vegetation
- Include Tatiara WAP update.

4.10 Other business

Nil.

Closed session

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 16:42 with staff members S Bourne, L Perkins, J Taylor, M Stevens, L Thomson and A Karsten present.
2. Moved into the open session of the meeting at 17:07.

5.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#33, 27 February 2025)

5.2 Business arising

5.3 Resolutions without meeting (nil)

5.5 Closed Session actions register

5.6 Enforcement and Compliance Register

5.7 Other business

Meeting closure

6.1 Approval for the General Manager to action decisions from the closed session of meeting 34

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 34 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.

Meeting closed at 17:07

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 34, 30 April 2025 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:



Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 26 June 2025