

Limestone Coast Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting information

Location and time

Thursday 24 October 2024 at 11:39 am

Caledonian Inn, 1 Victoria Street, Robe

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, Mike Stevens, Robbie Andrew until 13:30, Mark DeJong until 14:20, Sue Botting until 13:30, Vanessa Freebairn until 12:12, Anya Karsten (minute taker).

Guests: Nick Whiterod, Science Program Manager, Jane French, Centre Manager, Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM); Tom Prowse and Ruth Cope, University of Adelaide.

Public gallery: Jennifer Schilling, Department of Primary Industries and Regions from 11:48 am until 14:38.

Apologies: Nil.

Welcome and apologies

1.1 Opening, welcome and apologies

Meeting opened 11:39 am

1.2 Declarations of Interest Register and Standing Interest Register

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 (#30, 22 August 2024)	(g)
5.2 Business arising	(g)
5.3 Resolutions without meetings – nil entries	(g)
5.4 People Matter Employee Survey	(g)
5.5 Deer compliance	(e)(f)
5.6 Wild Dogs	(e)(f)
5.7 Closed session Actions Register	(e)(f)
5.8 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(b)(f)
5.9 Other business	(g)

1.4 Acknowledgement of Country

Presenter: P Schulz, Chair

Meeting items

3.1 Public gallery

Jennifer Schilling, Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA.

3.2 Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) update

Presenter: N Whiterod

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth Research Centre Annual Report 2023-24 and Research Plan.

3.3 Padthaway Water Allocation Plan

Presenter: S Botting

Discussion

The LC Landscape Board noted that the Padthaway Water Allocation Plan has been simplified compared with the last adopted Plan.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the following be provided to the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water:
 - a. Padthaway Water Allocation Plan 2024
 - b. Padthaway Water Allocation Plan Implementation Plan
 - c. Padthaway Water Allocation Plan Consultation Summary
 - d. Padthaway Water Allocation Plan Risk Assessment
2. Recommended the Minister for Climate Change, Environment and Water adopts the Padthaway Water Allocation Plan 2024.
3. Approved the updated Water Affecting Activities Control Policy.

3.5 Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) project update

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed opportunities for Natural Heritage Trust projects including bird surveys, bat nights, African Love Grass, Karst Springs progression. It was noted that a high level land purchase briefing was prepared by DEW for submission to the Federal Government as part of the \$17m shorebirds 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.

3.6 Drainage and Wetlands Strategy Committee – Meeting no. 3 minutes

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

It was noted that the Drainage and Wetlands Strategy Committee met at the Mount Burr site and feedback from the Committee members was positive.

The LC Landscape Board discussed the project potential for the region noting that there are no mechanisms to progress at this stage.

The LC Landscape Board emphasised the importance of evaluating the benefits of this work for the region and suggested a pursuit of external funding opportunities.

The Governing Board discussed that one potential outcome of the Committee's work could involve retention water in the landscape, using Lake George as an example.

It was noted that there are currently no established methods for a simplified carbon credits accreditation system specifically for wetlands that recognise carbon credits.

It was noted that this work will benefit from M Herpich's involvement.

ACTION: M Bachmann and P Bissell to provide the LC Landscape Board with the Drainage and Wetlands Strategy Joint Boards Committee priorities shortlisting and potential methodologies to progress with the LC Landscape Board, including shorter meeting sessions, and buying unused water allocation. These discussions can feed into the joint Committee.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the minutes of the third meeting of the LCLB and SEWCDB Drainage and Wetlands Strategy Committee Meeting held on 21 August 2024.

Lunch 13:05 - 13:30

3.4 Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan update

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

It was noted that there is a need to assess the conduct of a specific Stakeholder Advisory Group member against the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan Steering Committee Terms of Reference.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

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

3.7 2023-24 Quarter 4 performance reporting

Presenter: L Perkins

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the attached Q4 project reports.

Standing items

4.1 Draft minutes of LC Landscape Board Meeting 30 held 22 August 2024

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 30, held on 22 August 2024 subject to correction in item 3.3 'Flow lines and flight lines (FLaFL)' to read "M Bachmann returned to the meeting room at 12:58".

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

The LC Landscape Board noted an invitation to the Staff Day scheduled on 27 November at the Naracoorte Caves. Calendar invitations will be sent out.

Noted.

4.7 LC Landscape Board members' reports

P Bissell

- Attended SEAFG which received a presentation from DEW on Coastal Lakes management. Indigenous harvesting of fish was distributed to the community. Burrandies fire brigade is progressing well.
- Attended Walking the Seasons launch at Lake McIntyre.

Tom Linnell

- Incorporating water literacy in environmental education holding workshops targeted at teachers over the next year.

- LC Landscape Board educators will target schools. T Linnell expressed appreciation of L Perkins's team and the work involved.
- Will attend Dr Harris workshop in November.

T Strugnell

- Attended a Focus Group meeting.

M Bachmann

- Shared some insights with the LC Landscape Board from his recent trip to Sydney to attend the Global Nature Positive Summit and Australian Land Conservation Alliance Conference.
- Also advised that a number of documents are currently out for public comment related to the development of the new federal Nature Repair Market.

Noted.

4.8 Correspondence register

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Accepted the correspondence for the period from 17 August 2024 to 17 October 2024.

4.9 Forward plan and actions register

- Proposed wind farm update, noting currently no information available from Nat Traeger . Follow up with a government department responsible for the renewable energy development.
- Joint Wetlands Strategy committee team item – shortlisting priorities.

4.10 Other business

Nil.

Closed session

Closed session – commencement

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 14:52 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 31

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 31 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.

Meeting review and communication

1. Lake Hawdon North presentation
2. Joint Drainage and Wetlands Strategy Committee meeting outcomes
3. Coorong Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth (CLLMM) update

It was noted that 20,000 deer had been removed since the strategy implementation commencement in April 2022.

Meeting closed at 16:42

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 31, 24 October 2024 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:



Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 5 December 2024