

Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting minutes

Meeting information

Location and time

Thursday 27 February 2025 at 10:54 am

Kingston District Council, 29 Holland Street, Kingston

Attendees

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

Staff: Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Le-Anne Thomson, Jason Taylor, Mike Stevens, David New (for item 1.2); Alison Boomsma, Kylie Pethybridge (for items 3.2 and 3.3) and Anya Karsten (minute taker).

Guests: Doug Nicholls, Craig Kropinyeri (for item 1.2).

Public gallery: Fiona Rasheed to 14:37.

Apology: Mark Bachmann.

Welcome and apologies

1.1 Opening, welcome and apologies

Meeting opened.

Chair P Schulz acknowledged the valuable contributions of former LC Landscape Board Member F Rasheed and wished her well in her future role. The Chair also welcomed new LC Landscape Board Member J Sobels.

1.2 Acknowledgment of Country and update from Burrandies

Presenter: David New, Doug Nicholls and Craig Kropinyeri

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed cultural burning, pre and post-burn soil samples and asked to view the reports. It was noted that roadside burns help reduce fuel and weeds and improve biodiversity.

The successful collaboration between Burrandies and the Landscape Education team was discussed, including opportunities for the Walking the Seasons program to be transferrable to other regions and nationally, noting the project relies on the knowledge of local Community. Curriculum is built around in-depth learning, delivered together with Burrandies and has been enhanced by the teaching background of Landscape Education Coordinator M Holtz. The LC Landscape Board noted that these activities do not extend to the Upper South East, Ruth Schubert will help develop this program in the area.

Farming in drought was discussed. An understanding of the landscape can be applied to designing a sustainable drought setting. Community walks can assist develop drought resilience.

ACTIONS:

1. **J Taylor** to pre and postburn soil report data in the next Board papers.
2. **S Bourne** to discuss issues in Tatiara such as historic, personal and native title and consider ways to address them e.g. through Local Government.
3. **LCLB** work with Burrandies to revisit opportunities at Moot Yang Gunya Swamp Mundulla.

1.3 Declarations of Interest Register and Standing Interest Register

- J Sobels requested an addition to the Standing Declarations of Interest Register: "Chair of the Coorong Environmental Trust".

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 (#32, 5 December 2024)	(g)
5.2 Business arising	(g)
5.3 Resolutions without meetings – nil entries	(g)
5.4 Risk Register	(g)
5.5 Confidential Correspondence	(e)(f)
5.6 Closed session Actions Register	(e)(f)
5.7 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(b)(f)

Item	Prescribed reason
5.8 Other business	(g)

- P Schulz requested to discuss the impact of the Board Member vacancy in item 5.8 Other business (discussion did not occur due to time constraint).
- Correction to Item 3.8 "2024-25 Quarter 2 performance reporting" classification from "for noting" to "for decision".

Meeting items

3.1 Public gallery

Cr Fiona Rasheed, Kingston District Council (item 3.4 only).

3.2 2025-26 Grassroots Grants

Presenter: A Boomsma

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the plans for the 2025-26 Grassroots Grants round.

3.3 Regional Landscape Plan

Presenter: A Boomsma and K Pethybridge

Discussion:

A workshop on the Regional Landscape Plan was held to capture LC Landscape Board Members' perspectives. Members were invited to log on the LC Landscape Board Engage Regional Landscape Plan page for a preview.

It was noted that the biggest achievements since the Regional Landscape Plan's launch in 2021 include:

- Deer eradication diligence and tenacity, despite set backs, legal issues and geographic spread. This project represents all of the elements of the priorities and innovative ways in undertaking the Board's work.
- Padthaway Water Allocation Plan, showing scientific judgement.
- Success in building a brand and its recognition in the community.

The LC Landscape Board discussed challenges, suggested structure and word changes and further resources that can be used in this process.

It was noted that a broad community involvement in the process will help create a sense of ownership of the Regional Landscape Plan.

ACTION:

A Boomsma to provide LC Landscape Board Members with private Regional Landscape Plan review page details.

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3.4 Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan update

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board received an update on the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan amendment process. Further steps of the process include moving into more challenging areas including sustainable allocation and potential concerns with PIRSA's economic study.

It was noted that the LLC WAP review is a statutory process.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the update on the amendment process to revise the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan.
2. Recommended that the Green Triangle Forest Industries Hub principles are provided to the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan amendment process Stakeholder Advisory Group.

3.5 Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan review commencement

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

It was noted that C Burns will be the project officer supporting this review.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the commencement of the process to review the Water Allocation Plan for the Tintinara Coonalpyn Prescribed Wells Area in accordance with the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*.
2. Approved the establishment of the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group (the Group) as a committee of the Board to support the review of the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan.

3.6 Committee review

Presenter: L Thomson

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Reviewed membership of the following Limestone Coast Landscape Board committees:
 - Governance, Finance and Audit Committee – R Davis (Chair), T Strugnell and P Schulz (Board Chair).
 - Tatiara Water Allocation Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group – R Davis, T Strugnell (proxy).
 - Lower Limestone Coast WAP Stakeholder Advisory Group – P Schulz (Board Chair), P Bissell, T Linnell (proxy).
 - Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group – J Sobels (Chair), T Strugnell.
 - Limestone Coast Water Planning Steering Committee – P Schulz (Board Chair), R Davis.
 - LC Landscape Board and South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board Joint Committee – P Bissell, M Bachmann, T Linnell (proxy) and 2 SEWCDB Members: P Rasenberg and P Ross.
 - Box Flat Wild Dog Control Coordinating Committee (joint committee of Limestone Coast and Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Boards) – T Strugnell, J Sobells (proxy).
2. Reviewed members of the non-Board committees:
 - Chairs Forum – P Schulz.
 - South East Aboriginal Focus Group – M Bachmann, P Bissell (proxy), T Linnell (back up proxy).

ACTION:

A Karsten to email M Bachmann to confirm his acceptance of Committee Membership nominations.

3.7 National Heritage Trust (NHT) projects update

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed the status of the Flow Lines and Flight Lines (FLaFL) funding and noted the approaching lucerne technical trial day.

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.

3.8 2024-25 Quarter 2 performance reporting

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed African lovegrass approach with a proposal being prepared. A sensible approach to its control due to drought in the upper south east is noted. A desired outcome is voluntary compliance.

The LC Landscape Board received an amended Q2 project report #5 "Pest Plant and Animal Management", noting there was an error in the version provided in the agenda papers.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the attached Q2 project reports.

Standing items

4.1 Draft minutes of LC Landscape Board Meeting 32 held 5 December 2024

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 32, held on 5 December 2024, subject to the inclusion of Alison Boomsma included in the list of staff attending.

4.2 Business arising

Nil.

4.3 Resolutions without meeting

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

4.4 Governance, Finance and Audit Committee

Presenter: GFAC Chair, R Davis

The LC Landscape Board expressed concerns about DEW's water levy invoicing and the associated delays with revenue interest, noting that the working capital is a short-term advance that must be returned by 30 June.

It was noted in the WHS report that critical information will be received directly by the LC Landscape Board.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met on 3 February 2025.

2. Noted the Financial Report for the quarter ending 31 December 2024. (Appendix 1)
3. Approved the reviewed Governance, Finance and Audit Committee Charter. (Appendix 1)
4. Noted the Work Health and Safety Report for 2024-25, quarter 2. (Appendix 1)
5. Noted the Committee approved the minutes of the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting 23 held on 11 November 2024 as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting on 5 December 2024.

4.5 Board contracts report

Nil

4.6 Presiding Member's report

Noted.

The LC Landscape Board agreed to pay conference fees for Board Members attending the SA Industry Climate Change Conference, noting early bird registrations close 28 February.

ACTION:

A Karsten to make required bookings on behalf of the LC Landscape Board Members, noting accommodation and travel will be covered by Members.

4.7 General Manager's report

The LC Landscape Board discussed the sustainability issues of the smaller Landscape Boards and their funding as identified in John Hill's review. M Garrett provided an overview during the Landscape SA Induction. It was noted that in the LC region, there is no levy to deliver compliance to a higher level.

Noted.

4.8 LC Landscape Board members' reports

The Landscape SA Board Members induction held in Adelaide was discussed, noting the Welcome to Country with accompanying didgeridoo player setting the tone for the day.

Noted.

4.9 Correspondence register

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Accepted the correspondence for the period from 29 November 2024 to 20 February 2025.

4.10 Forward plan and actions register

Item added to the future agenda:

- GRAIL project – meeting on 30 April 2025.

It was noted that R Davis will be away for the 23 October Board Meeting but will attend via MS Teams.

Actions register:

- Wild dogs item: change of status from “ongoing” to “in progress”.

4.11 Other business

Nil.

Closed session

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 16:08 with staff members S Bourne, L Perkins, J Taylor, and A Karsten present.
2. Moved into the open session of the meeting at 16:58.

5.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#32, 5 December 2024)

5.2 Business arising

5.3 Resolutions without meeting (nil)

5.4 Risk Register

5.5 Confidential Correspondence

5.6 Closed Session actions register

5.7 Enforcement and Compliance Register

5.8 Other business

Meeting closure

6.1 Approval for the General Manager to action decisions from the closed session of meeting 33

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 33 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.

Meeting review and communication

The LC Landscape Board noted a different approach for 2025 to communicate meeting outcomes to the community, including building a closer and more permanent relationship with the ABC resulting in regular/fortnightly interviews. A Grassroots Grants interview is booked for S Bourne for 28 February.

Meeting closed at 17:00

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 33, 27 February 2025 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:



Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 30 April 2025