

Limestone Coast Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting information

Location and time

Thursday, 26 February 2026

Kingston District Council

Attendees

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

Staff: Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins Jason Taylor, Le-Anne Thomson, Mike Stevens (left at 14:38), Alison Boomsma for items 4.4 & 4.3 (13:12 – 14:25), Mick Brown and Ehsan Sayad for item 4.5 (13:12-14:25) and Anya Karsten (minute taker).

Guests: Felicity Turner, Turner Agriservices for item 4.4.

Public gallery: Fiona Rasheed (13:45-15:00).

Apologies: Nil.

1. Welcome and apologies

1.1 Opening, welcome and apologies

Meeting opened at 11:02 am.

1.2 Acknowledgment of Country

Presented by Chair Penny Schulz

1.3 Declarations of Interest Register and Standing Interest Register

R Davis asked to note that she received an invitation from the Minister for Climate, Environment and Water to join the membership of the Parks and Wilderness Council (PWC).

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
3.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#38, 4 December 2025)	(g)
3.2 Business arising	(g)
3.3 Resolutions without meetings – nil entries	(g)
3.4 Closed session Actions Register	(e)(f)
3.5 GFAC	(g)
3.6 Water levy revenue	(b)
3.7 Water allocation planning update: LLC WAP/ TC WAP	(j)
3.8 Deer compliance	(f)
3.9 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(b)(f)
3.10 Other business	(g)

Agenda items to be addressed in the following order:

4.4 Grassroots grants

4.3 Regional Landscape Plan update

4.5 NHT update / SAF presentation

Closed session

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 11:09 am with staff members S Bourne, L Perkins, J Taylor, M Stevens, and A Karsten present.

3.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#38, 4/12/2025)

3.2 Business arising

3.3 Resolutions out of session (nil)

3.4 Closed Session Actions Register

3.5 GFAC

3.6 Water levy revenue

3.7 Water allocation planning update:

LLC WAP

TC WAP

3.8 Deer compliance

3.9 Enforcement and Compliance Register

3.10 Other business

2. Moved into the open session of the meeting at 12:57 pm.

Meeting items

4.1 Public gallery

Fiona Rasheed attended from 13:45 till 15:00.

4.4 Grassroots grants – 13:12

Presenter: A Boomsma and F Turner, Turner Agriservices

Discussion:

A Boomsma presented a summary of the 2025 Grassroots Grants projects.

F Turner presented on the Grassroots Grants funded project delivered by Turner Agriservices and M Fraser, Soil Function Consulting as Soil Sunlight Strategists. The project supported landholders to improve soil management practices.

F Turner aims to upskill other advisors to run workshops and provide broader coverage due to time constraints being the main challenge. The workshops received much positive feedback from the community.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the plans for the 2026-27 Grassroots Grants round.
2. Noted the recently completed and current Grassroots Grants projects.

4.3 2026-31 Regional Landscape Plan update

Presenter: A Boomsma

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board received a final version of the 2026-31 Regional Landscape Plan, noting a high-resolution version will be made available for printing. It was also noted that the Plan will be submitted to the Minister post-election as a collective submission from all the Landscape Boards.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the final version of the 2026-31 Limestone Coast Regional Landscape Plan.

4.5 Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) update: Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator

Presenter: J Taylor & M Brown

Discussion:

M Brown introduced himself to the LC Landscape Board, covering his background and his role's outlook. Key points of the presentation were:

- Information sharing is primarily about improving alignment rather than introducing new data
- Imposing sustainable practices without collaboration is likely to be misunderstood and resisted. The focus of this role is on partnerships with industry and farming groups to scale our outcomes effectively.
- A "less is more" approach has been suggested based on feedback to date.
- The goal is to increase adoption of sustainable practices and achieve practical changes on-farm through successful program delivery.
- Emphasis is on strengthening alignment among farmers and creating safe spaces for problem-solving.
- Reporting should combine storytelling with evidence to support communications and promotions.
- There is a notable gap between research and development, and extension activities.
- Identifying leverage points where engagement can be translated into actionable outcomes.

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.

4.2 AR3 mining proposal update

Presenter: S Bourne

Discussion:

The AR3 mining proposal was received and noted.

The following points were discussed further:

- Trials to rebuild soil to its original condition involved four fertiliser applications and four plantings. Pits were used to model the scenario, resulting in improved crop outcomes.
- An acid-proof lining for pits, noting a scoping report and a pre-feasibility assessment.
- Leach piles were discussed, including neutralisation processes and the potential site size required.
- There is political momentum to support access to rare earths.
- Meetings of the Koppamurra Community Consultative Committee are being held approximately every three months.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the report on the AR3 mining proposal.

4.6 Kentbruck Green Power Hub update

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

LC Landscape Board requested more time on a future agenda to discuss this matter.

The meeting commended the work of the Bat Recovery Team, noting that this is a species we should prioritise for focused attention.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the status of the Kentbruck Green Power Hub project.

4.7 2025-26 Quarter 2 performance reporting

Presenter: L Perkins

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the attached Q2 project reports.

Standing items

5.1 Draft minutes of LC Landscape Board meeting 38 held 4 December 2025

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 38, held on 4 December 2025.

5.2 Business arising

Nil.

5.3 Resolutions without meeting

Nil.

5.4 Minutes, report and recommendations from the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee – 2 February 2026

Presenter: R Davis (GFAC Chair)

Discussion:

The inclusion of GFAC agenda items was discussed as follows:

- Items for approval by the LC Landscape Board will be in the Appendix
- Items for noting will be available on the LC Landscape Portal on MS Teams.
- Draft GFAC minutes will be included in the LC Landscape Board's agenda package.

It was also noted that the increase in WHS incidents reported prior to Christmas in previous years did not occur in December 2025, likely due to raised WHS awareness across teams.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met on 2 February 2026.
2. Noted the financial summary for the quarter ending 31 December 2025.
3. Approved the reviewed Governance, Finance and Audit Committee (GFAC) Charter.
4. Recommended that the LC Landscape Board adopts the *Public Interest Disclosure Policy*.
5. Recommended that the LC Landscape Board adopts the *Public Interest Disclosure procedure: for a person who wants to make an appropriate disclosure of public interest information*.

6. Recommended that the LC Landscape Board adopts the *Public Interest Disclosure procedure: for responsible officers and employees receiving and dealing with an appropriate disclosure of public interest information.*
7. Noted the Public Interest Disclosure policy and procedures will be publicly available on the LC Landscape Board website once formally adopted.
8. Noted the Work Health and Safety Report for the second quarter of the financial year 2025-26.
9. Noted the key findings of the 2024-25 Annual Report on the Administration of the *Freedom of Information Act 1991.*
10. Noted the approved minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting No. 26, 4 August 2025 as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting held on 28 August 2025.

5.5 Board Contracts Report

Nil.

5.6 Presiding Member's Report

In addition to the written report, the following points were discussed:

- Attended a meeting with SADA with positive outcomes.

Noted.

5.7 General Manager's report

Noted.

5.8 LC Landscape Board Members' reports

Verbal reports were received.

- It was discussed that African Lovegrass issue was raised at the Tatiara Council meeting. Currently the legislation prescribes a landholder must 'control' the infestation. Should the status change to the weed of national significance (WoNS) then the obligation for landholders will be to 'destroy' the weed. It was noted that S Bourne attended the Invasive Species Council function on February 25.
- There is opportunity for increased collaboration between the LCLB and the Native Vegetation Council, the Parks and Wilderness Council due to membership of all by a Governing Board Member.

Action: S Bourne and R Davis to work together to prepare a report on roadside vegetation for inclusion on the Native Vegetation Council meeting agenda.

5.9 Correspondence register

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the correspondence for the period from 15 December 2025 to 18 February 2026.

5.10 Forward plan and actions register

Noted.

5.11 Other business

It was noted that Dr Emma Carmody was appointed as the Commissioner for the River Murray in South Australia. Her role is to advocate on Basin water issues, engaging with stakeholders and advising the SA Government on matters including Ramsar wetlands.

Meeting closure

6.1 Approval for the General Manager to action decisions from the closed session of meeting 39

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 39 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.

Meeting closed at 16:00

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 39, 26 February 2026 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:



Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 23 April 2026