Limestone Coast Landscape Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting information

Location and time

Thursday, 28 August 2025 at 12:30

Wattle Range Council, 12 North Terrace, Millicent

Attendees

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

Staff: Steve Bourne (General Manager), Liz Perkins, Le-Anne Thomson, Jason Taylor, Mike Stevens, Kylie Pethybridge (for item 2), Alison Boomsma (for item 2), Ehsan Sayad (for item 3.7), Mark de Jong (for item 3.3) and Anya Karsten (minute taker).

Guests: Nil.

Public gallery: Nil.

Apologies: Nil.

1. 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

T Strugnell requested changes to the standing interest register to clarify her employment description.

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 (#35, 26 June 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 closed session meeting (#26, 04/08/2025)	(g)
3.6 LLC WAP	(g)
3.7 Deer compliance update	(g)(b)(f)
3.8 Enforcement and Compliance Register	(b)(f)
3.9 Other business	(g)

Closed session

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Moved into the closed session of the meeting at 12:34 with staff members S Bourne, L Perkins, J Taylor, M Stevens, L Thomson & A Karsten present.
2. Moved into the open session of the meeting at 15:19.

3.1 LC Landscape Board – closed session draft minutes for endorsement (#35, 26/06/2025)

3.2 Business arising

3.3 Resolutions without meeting (nil)

3.4 Closed Session actions register

3.5 GFAC closed session (#26, 04/08/2025)

3.6 LLC WAP

3.7 Deer compliance update

3.9 Enforcement and Compliance Register

3.10 Other business

Meeting items

3.1 Public gallery

Nil

4.2 Regional Landscape Plan

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

Item discussed in the workshop session of the meeting.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

Nil.

4.3 Lake Hawdon North Project

Presenter: Jason Taylor and Mark de Jong

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board commended the project, noting the positive ecological outcomes for the wider community and organisations. There is a potential for the project's model to be applied to Karst Springs and other projects and provide a knowledge base in the region.

The importance of long-term data collection was discussed to ensure measurable outcomes of our activities are available.

A project launch day will be held on September 24 from 12:30 to 14:30.

The LC Landscape Board discussed an inclusion of the site on the Ramsar register.

Action: S Bourne to discuss with Jason Higham of the potential inclusion of Lake Hawdon North and South as Ramsar sites as diverse and important wetland assets in the region.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted progress on the Lake Hawdon North Restoration Project.
2. Discussed the Lake Hawdon North Wetland Management Plan, with consideration given to:

- Undertaking the ecological monitoring from financial year 2026-27.
- Supporting the establishment and facilitation of a Technical Review Group for the management of Lake Hawdon North.
- Supporting the establishment and facilitation of a forum for community engagement on management of Lake Hawdon North.

4.4 Meeting schedule 2026

Presenter: Steve Bourne

Discussion:

The 2026 schedule was noted. The following locations will be different from 2025:

June – Keith.

October – Robe.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the 2026 meeting schedule.

4.5 Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan review – Stakeholder Advisory Group update

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

It was noted that a broader community consultation will be held in October. The LC Landscape Board discussed the complexity of water management, trends evidence, conditions of the resource and challenges with salinity monitoring.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the update on the Tintinara Coonalpyn Water Allocation Plan review – Stakeholder Advisory Group.

4.6 Tatiara Water Allocation Plan update

Presenter: L Perkins

Discussion:

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

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

4.7 Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) projects update

Presenter: J Taylor and E Sayad

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. Noted a presentation on delivery of the Limestone Coast Climate – Smart Landscapes Program funded by the Commonwealth Climate Smart Agriculture Program.

4.8 South Australia's Land-based Protected and Conserved Area Strategy Draft

Presenter: J Taylor

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board discussed nature repair, habitat restoration and protection mechanisms, noting the 1st nature repair project is registered. The LC Landscape's GRAIL project presents an opportunity for some investment.

Action: J Taylor to draft a letter to P Schulz reflecting the items presented in the report.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the submission will need to be considered out of session.

Standing items

5.1 Draft minutes of LC Landscape Board meeting 35 held 26 June 2025

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Approved the minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting no. 35, held on 26 June 2025.

5.2 Business arising

Nil.

5.3 Resolutions without meeting

The LC Landscape Board noted two out of session resolutions.

Draft Annual Financial statements

1. Approved the 2024-25 interim financial statements.

2. Noted the 2024-25 interim annual financial statements must be signed by the LC Landscape Board Chair and submitted to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2025.

3. Noted the Annual Internal Controls letters from DEW and SSSA.

Approval to request carryover of expenditure authority (updated)

1. Approved to request to carryover $1.19m of unspent expenditure authority and $436k of revenue recognition from 2024-25 into 2025-26 and future financial years.

5.4 Governance Finance and Audit Committee (GFAC) meeting #26, 4 August 2025

Presenter: GFAC Chair, R Davis

Discussion:

The LC Landscape Board noted that carryover requests are only accepted for the external project funding.

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Noted the Governance, Finance and Audit Committee met on 4 August 2025.

2. Noted the 2024-25 interim annual financial statements must be signed by the LC Landscape Board Chair and submitted to the Auditor-General on 11 August 2025.

3. Noted the Annual Internal Controls letters from DEW and SSSA.

4. Noted the development of the Financial Reform Program and its impact on the LC Landscape Board.

5. Approved the reviewed Freedom of Information statement to be published on the LC Landscape Board website.

6. Noted the 2024-25 Financial Management Compliance Program overview at attachment 1 to the GFAC paper.

7. Recommended that the LC Landscape Board approves the manager Financial Management Compliance self-assessment questionnaire for the financial year 2024-25 (attachment 2 to the GFAC paper).

8. Noted the 2024-25 interim audit and the proposed actions to address findings.

9. Noted the Work Health and Safety Report for the fourth quarter of the financial year 2024-25.

10. Noted the approved minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting No. 25, 2 June 2025 as discussed at the Limestone Coast Landscape Board meeting held on 26 June 2025.

5.5 Board contracts report

Nil.

5.6 Presiding Member's report

Noted.

Met with N Centofanti and B Hood concerned water, feral deer and the GRAIL project on 31 July 2025.

5.7 General Manager's report

Noted.

5.8 LC Landscape Board members' reports

Verbal reports were received.

4.9 Correspondence register

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Accepted the correspondence for the period 19 June 2025 to 21 August 2025.

5.9 Forward plan and actions register

Noted.

5.10 Other business

Nil.

Meeting closure

6.1 Approval for the General Manager to action decisions from the closed session of meeting 36

Resolution – LC Landscape Board:

1. Delegated authority to the General Manager to communicate closed session items and resolutions from meeting no. 36 to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate.

Meeting closed at 17:01

Minutes of the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, meeting no. 36, 28 August 2025 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:

Penny Schulz, Presiding Member

Date: 23 October 2025