

Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board

Minutes

Meeting Title: Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Meeting No6			
Date: 16/12/2020			
Start Time:	0900	Finish Time:	1430
Location:	Port Lincoln Hotel 1 Lincoln Highway, Port Lincoln	Room:	Ballroom
Attendees:	M Whitfield (Chair), B Foster, T Irvine, *J Major, (0900 - 1345) (1355 - 1520) D May, S Milner and *M Turner. *via MS Teams		
Staff:	J Clark (General Manager), S Drewer (Operations Manager), D Mislov (Manager Business Support), B Smith (Senior Natural Resources Officer) (0900 - 1330), S Stovell (Manager, Planning and Engagement) B Tucker (Natural Resources Officer) (1230 - 1330) and J Green (Executive Assistant)		
Visitors / Guests:	M Ward, Director Landscape Services, Dept. Environment and Water (0900 - 0930) (1320 - 1330) K Pobke, Conservation Ecologist, National Parks and Wildlife Service South Australia (0900 - 1230) *A Solomon, Manager, Environmental Science, Environment Protection Authority (1200 -1230) * A Werner, Professor of Hydrogeology at Flinders University (1200 -1230) *via MS Teams		
	Visitor K Hollamby, Regional Coordinator, Eyre and Western, Primary Industries and Regions SA, (0925 - 1200) B Flaherty, Mayor, City of Port Lincoln (1230 - 1330) A Boardfoot, Councillor, City of Port Lincoln (1230 - 1330) R Rowsell, Councillor, City of Port Lincoln (1230 - 1330) P Linn, Councillor, City of Port Lincoln (1230 - 1330)		
Apologies:	Nil		

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Meeting Standing Items

1. Welcome

Item

1.1 Welcome, apologies, and agenda check

The Chair opened the meeting at 0900, delivered an acknowledgement of country and welcomed those in attendance to meeting No6 of the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board (the Board). The Chair called for additional agenda items, 3 were received. B Foster raised the matter of Board meeting agendas, Board capacity and the management of water resources and surface water on lower Eyre Peninsula. J Major raised the items in her Board member report at agenda item 5.2.1.

Action 1. Review previous correspondence regarding the management of water resources on lower Eyre Peninsula and prepare a response. Responsible Person: Operations Manager, by 29.1.21.

1.2 Declarations of interest

J Major declared that she is the Regional Recovery Officer for the National Drought and Flood Agency.

2. Deputations and Presentations

2.1 Director Landscape Services

M Ward provided a presentation in relation to Landscape SA services.

2.2 Cummins-Wanilla Basin Program

S Drewer provided a presentation in relation to the Cummins-Wanilla Basin Infrastructure Upgrade Project. A copy of the presentation was provided.

Action 2. Prepare a presentation regarding the Water Allocation Plan, groundwater and non-prescribed water resources on Eyre Peninsula for Board meeting No7. Responsible Person: Operations Manager, by 9.2.21.

2.3 Eyre & Far West, Conservation Ecologist, National Parks & Wildlife Service SA

K Pobke provided a presentation in relation to conservation ecology on Eyre Peninsula. A copy of the presentation was provided.

Action 3. Invite T Hall, Manager Parks and Sustainable Landscapes, NPW - Regional Operations - Eyre and Far West, to provide the Board with a deputation when the Board next meets on lower Eyre Peninsula. Responsible Person: General Manager, by 1.2.21.

The meeting broke for morning tea at 10.30 and reconvened at 10.40

3. Strategic Items

3.1 | Program Evaluation and Summary of Outcomes

A briefing paper regarding the program evaluation and summary of outcomes was provided to the Board. J. Clark reported to the paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:3.1

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board:

- 1. Note that the Senior Management Team have undertaken a third and final review of all existing, and proposed new, Board programs subsequent to the presentation of the stage one and two findings at Board meetings 4 and 5,
- 2. Note the outcomes of the final review,



- 3. Support the findings of the evaluation process and proposed actions; and
- 4. Note that these findings will be incorporated into the development of the new regional landscape plan.

Resolved

Action 4. Prepare a program summary for Board meeting No7. Responsible Person: Manager, Planning and Engagement, by 9.2.21.

3.2 Regional Landscape plan – engagement

A briefing paper regarding Regional Landscape plan engagement was provided to the Board. S Stovell reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:3.2

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Endorse the Regional Engagement Statement and the Landscape Plan Engagement Plan.

Resolved

Action 5. Amend 'vision' to reflect 'support' not supporting. Responsible Person: Manager, Planning and Engagement, by 11.1.21.

3.3 Regional Landscape Plan – Regional Priorities

A briefing paper regarding the Regional Landscape Priorities was provided to the Board. S Stovell reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Action 6. Amend 'vision' to reflect 'support' not supporting and remove priority numbers from strategic document. Responsible Person: Manager, Planning and Engagement General Manager, by 11.1.21.

Action 7. Amend Attach 1 to reflect the inclusion of Climate Change. Responsible Person: Manager, Planning and Engagement General Manager, by 11.1.21.

Action 8. Distribute the associated documents to Board members as they are developed. Responsible Person: Manager, Planning and Engagement, as the documents become available.

Action 9. Add the Regional Landscape Plan to the Governance Schedule for Board meeting No7. Responsible Person: Executive Assistant, by 25.1.21.

Recommendation 6:3.3

Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Endorse the draft Landscape Plan vision, regional priorities and focus areas, subject to any changes identified at the meeting.

Moved: S Milner Seconded: T Irvine Outcome: Carried

3.4 Regional Landscape Plan – Pest Risk Assessment

A briefing paper regarding Regional Landscape Plan – Pest Risk Assessment was provided to the Board. S. Stovell and S. Drewer reported to the paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:3.4

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board note that the Pest Risk Assessment is being reviewed as part of writing the new Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Plan.

Resolved

3.5 Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk Management Framework

A briefing paper regarding the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk Management Framework was provided to the Board. J. Clark reported to the paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:3.5

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board endorse the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk Management Framework.

Resolved

3.6 Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk Appetite Statement

A briefing paper regarding the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk Appetite Statement was provided to the Board. J. Clark reported to the paper as presented and provided the meeting with a summary of the risk management workshop conducted by the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk, Audit and Finance Committee on 15.12.20. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:3.6

Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board endorse the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk Appetite Statement.

Moved: T Irvine Seconded: S Milner Outcome: Carried

3.7 Coffin Bay Research Proposal

A briefing paper regarding the Coffin Bay research proposal was provided to the Board. J. Clark reported to the paper as presented. A Solomon and A Werner contributed to the deliberations. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:3.7

Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board:

- 1. Discuss the request for funding support by the Flinders University for a research project 'assessing and mapping water quality threats to Coffin Bay', and
- 2. (If ARC decide to fund the project), make a funding commitment of \$15,000 per annum (or alternative amount), over three years, out of retained earnings.

Moved: B Foster Seconded: T Irvine Outcome: Carried

The meeting broke at 1230 for lunch with members of City of Port Lincoln and a presentation by B Smith regarding Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Projects on Southern Eyre Peninsula. The meeting reconvened at 1330

3.8 Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Strategic Work Plan

A briefing paper regarding the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Strategic Work Plan was provided to the Board. J. Clark reported to the paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:3.8

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board:

- 1. Discuss and decide on the items proposed for inclusion in the 2020/21 annual strategic work plan; and
- 2. Note progress against the proposed items.

Resolved

Action 10. Make certain that the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Strategic Work Plan is clearly identified as the Board's strategic work plan. Responsible Person: General Manager, by 1.2.21.

4. Procedural Matters

4.1 4.1.1 Adoption of Minutes of Meeting No.5

The draft minutes of Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Meeting No. 5 held on 27 October 2020 were provided for formal endorsement.

Recommendation 6:4.1.1

Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board accepts the minutes of meeting No. 5 held on 27 October 2020 as a true and accurate record of the business conducted at that meeting.

Moved: T Irvine Second: S Milne Outcome: Carried

4.1.2 Adoption of IN CAMERA Minutes of Meeting No. 5

The draft minutes of Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board IN CAMERA Meeting No. 5 held on 27 October 2020 were provided for formal endorsement.

Recommendation 6:4.1.2

Motion: The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board accepts the minutes of in camera meeting No. 5 held on 27 October 2020 as a true and accurate record of the business conducted at that meeting.

Moved: T Irvine Seconded: S Milner Outcome: Carried

4.2 Action List

The list of action items arising from the previous Board meeting was provided for information. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.2

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board note the status of Board action items.

Resolved

4.3 Finance Report November 2020

A Financial Performance Report for November 2020 was provided to the Board. D Mislov reported to the paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.3

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board receive the Financial Performance Report for November 2020.

Moved: S Milner Seconded: D May Outcome: Carried

4.4 Work, Health and Safety (WH&S)

Nil

4.5 Risk Management Register

A briefing paper regarding the risk management register was provided to the Board. J Clark reported to the briefing paper as presented and provided the meeting with a summary of the risk management workshop conducted by the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk, Audit and Finance Committee on 15.12.20. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.5

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board adopt the risk management register as presented.

Resolved

4.6 4.6.1 Policy & Procedure Schedule Review

A briefing paper regarding the policy and procedure schedule review was provided to the Board. D Mislov reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.6:1

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board:

- 1. Revoke the following policies, as they are not relevant or required, and that they be removed from the Policy & Procedure Schedule:
 - WHS1 Chief Executive Statement 2015-2020
 - Bonds Held Policy DEWNR 52/0430
 - Science Partnership Costing Policy DEWNR D0005214683
 - Water Licensing Debt Write Off Policy and Procedure DEWNR-00008371
 - Advertising Policy DEW-D0002269
 - Community Participation in Decisions Policy DEWNR 55/2051
 - External Publications Policy DEWNR 55/2051
 - Internal Communications Policy DEWNR 55/2051
 - Inviting the Minister or Premier to an Event Policy DEWNR 55/2051
 - Management of Display Material Policy & Procedure DEW-D0004690
 - Social Media Policy DEWNR 55/2051
 - Visual Communications Policy DEWNR 55/2051
 - Website Management Policy DEWNR 55/2051
 - Remuneration for internal (non-statutory) DEW Committees: Policy & Procedure DEWF-00000311
 - Graduate Ranger Program Policy DENR 28/1168
- 2. Revoke the following policies, as they are operational in nature, and that they be removed from the Policy & Procedure Schedule:
 - Advance Account and Cash Float Policy DEWNRD 00005825
 - Uniform Policy

Resolved

4.6:2 Draft Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Procedure

A briefing paper regarding the draft Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Procedure was provided to the Board. D Mislov reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:



Recommendation 6:4.6.2

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board endorse Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Governance Policy and Procedure No 4 - Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Conflict of Interest and Lobbyist Procedure.

Resolved

Action 11. Remove the additional set of procedures concerning 'Attendance by members, where they have a conflict', recommended for addition to the procedure, which received approval from the General Manager's Forum and was not considered by the RAFC. Responsible Person: Executive Assistant, by 22.1.21.

4.6:3 Draft Budget Policy

A briefing paper regarding the draft Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board budget policy was provided to the Board. D Mislov reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.6:3

Motion: That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board endorse the draft Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Finance Policy and Procedure No 02 - Budget Policy.

Moved: D May Seconded: S Milner Outcome: Carried

4.7 Transfer of Plant Equipment

A briefing paper regarding the transfer of DEW plant equipment was provided to the Board. J Clark and D Mislov reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.7

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board consider and endorse:

- 1. Transfer of plant and equipment assets from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) in Table 1 and Table 2 from DEW to the EPLB; and
- 2. Disposal of plant and equipment in Table 2 using appropriate assets disposal methods.

Resolved

4.8 Risk, Audit and Finance Committee (RAFC) Terms of Reference (ToR)

A briefing paper regarding the RAFC ToR was provided to the Board. D Mislov reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.8

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board review and endorse the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Risk, Audit and Finance Committee Terms of Reference.

Resolved

Action 12. Amend item 4.3 in the RAFC ToR to reflect 'The Committee has full access to Board information'. Responsible Person: Executive Assistant, by 22.1.21.

Action 13. Remove reference to *Whistle Blower Act 1993* and replace with *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*. Responsible Person: Executive Assistant, by 22.1.21.

4.9 Out of Session Discussion – Eastern Eyre Soil Management opportunity

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A briefing paper regarding the Eastern Eyre soil management opportunity was provided to the Board. S Stovell reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.9

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board ratify the out-of-session approval of the recommendation below:

- 1. Determine under S22(5)(b) of the Landscape South Australia Act that the majority of members of the board express their concurrence by return email to Jackie Green within 24 hours of receiving this notification, by indicating approved or not approved to the resolutions below, and that a majority decision will be taken to be made at a meeting of the Board;
- 2. Dispense with the requirement to provide any other form of notice, notice of a meeting to the public under S24(2) of the Act;
- 3. Note the additional information provided to support approach to be taken in regard to the Eastern Eyre soil management opportunity (agenda item 5:3.3)
- 4. Approve up to a \$100,000 from carryover funding, to enable immediate on ground action, leading to practice change in soil and land management Eastern EP; and
- 5. Enter in to a grant agreement with an existing farming group to deliver the full program of works detailed in the briefing.

In response to the above recommendations, the following responses were received from Board members:

- Tony Irvine Supportive of recommendations Thursday 29.10.20, 2.08pm
- Justine Major Supportive of recommendations Thursday, 29.10.20, 2.07pm
- Steve Milner Not supportive of recommendations Thursday, 29.10.20, 3.07pm
- Brian Foster Supportive of recommendations Thursday, 29.10.20, 4.25pm
- Debbie May Approved but with reservations Thursday, 29.10.20, 4:49 pm
- Meagan Turner Supportive of recommendations Friday, 30.10.20, 1.33pm
- Mark Whitfield Supportive of recommendations Friday, 30.10.20, 3.01pm

Moved: T Irvine Second: J Major Outcome: Carried

Resolved

Action 14. Develop a draft Policy and Procedure for unexpected funding opportunities. Responsible Person: Manager Business Support, by 29.1.21.

4.10 | SA Water BPOP

A briefing paper regarding the SA Water Best Practice Operating Procedure (BPOP) was provided to the Board. S Drewer reported to the briefing paper as presented. Following discussion, the Board moved:

Recommendation 6:4.10

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board: Endorse part A of the SA Water Best Practice Operating Procedure.

Resolved

Action 15. Include evidence of consultation with landholder. Responsible Person: Operations Manager, by 18.1.21.



Action 16. Update BPOP to reflect current legislation. Responsible Person: Operations Manager, by 18.1.21

5. Standing Items for noting

The Board noted the following reports:

- 5.1 Chair's report
- 5.2 Board Member reports
- 5.2.1 J Major report
- 5.2.2 D May report
- 5.3 General Manager report
- 5.4 Communication and Media report
- 5.5 Executed Contracts
- 5.6 Common Seal Register Nil Report
- 5.7 Seasonal Outlook
- 5.8 Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board WHS Committee Report
- 5.9 Draft Minutes RAFC meeting No. 1

Recommendation 6:5

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board resolve to receive the standing items for noting, as presented.

Resolved

Action 17. Provide assistance to land owners west of Ceduna who are struggling with wild dog attacks on their stock. Responsible Persons: Operations Manager and Western Natural Resources Officer, by 12.1.21.

Action 18. Speak to Naomi Scholz from AirEP regarding the opportunity for farmers to engage with a native seed harvesters. Responsible Person: J Major by 23.2.21.

Action 19. Liaise with the Chairperson of the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board WHS Committee to make sure that Worksafe SA terminology is used in Committee documents. Responsible Person, Manager Business Support, by 15.2.21.

6: Correspondence

The Board noted the following correspondence:

- 6:1 Landscape water levies
- 6:2 Landscape priorities fund
- 6:3 Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board meeting No. 3
- 6:4 Andromeda Metals Great White Kaolin project
- 6:5 Outcomes of the review process and other commitments towards the requirements outlined in letter of commission.

Recommendation 6:6

That the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board resolve to receive the correspondence, as presented.

Resolved

7. In Camera Session

Nil

8. Meeting Closure

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8.1 Invitations for next meeting

Following some discussion the Board agreed that the next Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board meeting, No. 7 will be held on 23.2.21 in Ceduna.

8.2 Next meeting details including the Governance Schedule

The Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board Governance Schedule for future meetings was provided to the Board. Following some discussion the Board agreed to receive a deputation from SA Water regarding desalination and broader water security planning and a deputation from S Drewer regarding the Water Allocation Plan, groundwater and non-prescribed water resources on Eyre Peninsula.

Action 20. Discuss the opportunity to receive a deputation from Andromeda Metals. Responsible Persons: Chair and General Manager, by 11.1.21.

8.3 Review of action list

The Board noted the Actions.

8.4 Board Claims and Administration Items

The Board noted the administrative items.

8.5 Meeting Review

The Board provided feedback on the meeting and discussed the noted additional agenda item raised by B Foster regarding agenda packages, identified at agenda item 1.1. The meeting discussed, the volume of documents in the agenda packages, the time required to review the papers and the varying experiences of members accessing Board meeting papers on MS Teams. The meeting also discussed hosting a facilitated workshop to address regional strategic issues and priorities.

Action 21. Provide attachments to briefing papers as separate documents for Board members to reduce the volume of documents in the agenda package. Responsible Person: Executive Assistant, by 12.2.21.

Action 22. Consider options for a facilitated workshop for the Eyre Peninsula Landscape Board members and members of the Senior Management team with in the next 6 months. Responsible Person: General Manager, by 23.2.21.

Action 23. Liaise with DEW IT regarding the option for Board members to access Board papers on I Share. Responsible Person: General Manager, by 23.2.21.

8.6 Meeting closed

The meeting closed at 1520.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

PRESIDING MEMBER

MARK WHITFIELD

23 February 2021