

SOUTH EAST NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Meeting 138, 23 August 2018 at Chardonnay Lodge, 15006 Riddoch Highway, Coonawarra

Confirmed Minutes (Formal Session)

BOARD MEETING at 13:15 pm	
1.0	PROCEDURAL
1.1	<p>Opening/Welcome</p> <p>F.R. welcomed Le-Anne Thomson (L.T.) to the meeting in her new role as Manager, Business Support.</p>
1.2	<p>Acknowledgment of Country</p> <p>We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners of the ancestral lands that we are meeting upon here today. We acknowledge elders past and present and we respect the deep feelings of attachment and relationship of Aboriginal peoples to country.</p>
1.3	<p>Board Attendance: Fiona Rasheed (Presiding Member), Deb Agnew (D.A.) , Kerry DeGaris (K.D.), Kerry Gilkes (K.G.), Nick Hunt (N.H.), Michael Bleby (M.B.) & Faith Coleman (F.C.).</p> <p>Apologies: Graham Gates (G.G.), Robyn Campbell (R.C.), Peta Crewe (P.C.) – PIRSA Representative and Dominic Testoni (D.T.) – Limestone Coast Local Government Association.</p> <p>DEW Attendance: Tim Collins (T.C.) Regional Director, Le-Anne Thomson (L.T.), Wendy Telfer (W.T.), Lucy Dodd (L.D.) & Anya Karsten (Minute-taker) (A.K.).</p>
1.4	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Consistent with the Code of Conduct, Board members and staff, in the interests of transparency, are required to declare any personal or pecuniary interests in any item forming part of the agenda as modified. The declaration of interest may become a conflict of interest if the matter has direct personal or pecuniary benefit or dis-benefit that would not be generally experienced by the wider community. At this point, the person must not take further part in the agenda item and must absent themselves from the meeting.</p> <p>Notes: F.R. asked to note her interest in the In-Camera item 2.9; K.G. asked to note involvement as a project officer for “Community helping Cockies” project.</p>

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1.5	Agenda Check Pursuant to Schedule 1, section 3 of the <i>Natural Resources Management Act 2004 (SA)</i> , it was resolved that the following items be determined by the Board <i>in camera</i> : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Item 2.9 Deer Fence Compliance update;• Item 2.10A Wattle Range Council: Expression of Interest – Lot 11 Battye / Rendelsham Road facility;• Item 4.4 In-Camera minutes 137;• Item 4.5 Business Arising;• Item 4.6 Governance, Finance and Audit Committee – In Camera Session 107;• Item 4.7 NRM Act 2004 Delegations Register. Change of agenda The following items have been added to the agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In-Camera Item 4.6 – discuss Weed Spraying as a separate agenda item after the In-Camera Item 2.9;• Additional Item 4.3A Freedom of Information Update.
2.0	MEETING ITEMS
2.1	Business Plan 2019/20 – 2021/22 work program Presenter: Wendy Telfer Points of Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board requires further information from NRSE as subject matter experts in order to determine priorities.• NRSE will develop proposed work program based on the earlier Workshop outcomes;• An out of session meeting will be held to develop Plan. Resolution – That the Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Requests NRSE staff develops projects based on the business plan workshop for consideration at the next meeting. Moved N.H., seconded D.A. & carried.

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2.2	<p>Confirmation of levy budgets for projects in 2018/19</p> <p>Presenter: Wendy Telfer</p> <p>Points of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Levy budgets for projects will be published on the website;• FR will communicate at the PM Forum greater transparency needed around levy spending;• There is enough detail reflected in the project summary. <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approves the levy budgets for projects for 2018/19 as shown in Attachment 1.2. Notes the Project Summary Booklet for the Board’s understanding of 2018/19 levy-funded projects.3. Notes that the work program of projects and levy spend for 2018/19 will be published on the Natural Resources SE website. <p>Moved K.G., seconded K.D. & carried.</p>
2.3	<p>Lower Limestone Coast WAP science review</p> <p>Presenter: Wendy Telfer</p> <p>Points of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration of additional opportunities of broader community involvement during risk assessment review;• First Meeting of the stakeholder advisory group held on 22 August 2018;• Next meeting to be held mid-September 2018 to confirm questions to Goyder Institute and detail next steps for the review process;• Media communication to invite people to give feedback to their group representatives or directly to NRSE staff. <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes this update on the implementation of the LLC WAP Science Review, and the minutes of the Steering Committee.2. Notes the potential policy responses to the Science Review questions.3. Notes the Presiding Member will sign the agreement with Goyder Institute for the independent Science Review.

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	<p>Moved D.A., seconded F.C. & carried.</p>
<p>2.4</p>	<p>Achievements Report 2017-18</p> <p>Presenter: Tim Collins</p> <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Delegates the approval of the final draft of the SE NRM Board Achievements Report 17/18 prior to printing, to the Presiding Member. <p>Moved M.B., seconded F.C. & carried.</p>
<p>2.5</p>	<p>Board Meeting Schedule 2019</p> <p>Presenter: Tim Collins</p> <p>Points of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extra meetings may be required. <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approves the continuation of bi-monthly meeting dates for the Board for the 2019 as follows (noting the April and December 2019 meetings are on the third Thursday due to Anzac Day and close proximity to Christmas holidays):<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 28 February 20192. 18 April 2019*3. 27 June 20194. 29 August 20195. 31 October 20196. 19 December 2019 <p>*Note: 19 April 2019 is Good Friday.</p> <p>Moved K.G., seconded K.D. & carried.</p>

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<p>2.6</p>	<p>National Landcare Program Phase 2: Update on funding and delivery</p> <p>Presenter: Wendy Telfer</p> <p>Points of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work orders and unit costings are required for invoicing by the end of September 2018. <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes the National Landcare Program Phase 2 update on funding and delivery.2. Notes the Presiding Member will sign project work orders and subcontracts with partners on behalf of the Board. <p>Moved M.B., seconded D.A. & carried.</p>
<p>2.7</p>	<p>National Landcare Program 2: Subcontractor Work Health Safety (WHS)</p> <p>Presenter: Wendy Telfer</p> <p>Points of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SE NRM Board adopted DEW WHS Policies as Board’s Policies. <p>Resolution - That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes the development and implementation of WHS plans within one month of commencement of core services or the execution of the project work orders.2. Approves the SE NRM Board Contractor Safety Procedure. <p>Moved F.C., seconded K.G. & carried.</p>

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2.8	<p>Update on the South Australian planning reforms – State planning policies</p> <p>Presenter: Wendy Telfer</p> <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes the release of the State Planning Policies for public consultation until 7 September 2018.2. Delegates F.C. to develop a response for Presiding Member to submit to the State Planning Policies consultation. <p>Moved D.A, seconded N.H. & carried.</p>
2.10	<p>Correspondence Register for July and August 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Landcare Association of SA: 2019 State Community Landcare Conference <p>Presenter: Tim Collins</p> <p>Resolution - That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes the correspondence Register for July and August 2018.2. Notes the correspondence from the Landcare Association of SA: 2019 State Community Landcare Conference.3. Writes to the Landcare Association of SA that it is supportive of the Landcare Association holding the State Community Landcare Conference.4. Nominates K.G. as Board’s representative for the Conference Steering Committee. <p>Moved D.A., seconded K.D. & carried.</p>
3.0	CONSENT SCHEDULE

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<p>3.1</p>	<p>Consent Schedule</p> <p>Presenter: Fiona Rasheed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Items: 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 & 3.5 <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adopts the recommendations contained in the Board Papers for items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, & 3.5. <p>Moved M.B., seconded F.C. & carried.</p>
<p>3.2</p>	<p>South East Flows Restoration Project – Project Update (Project delivery and Communications and Community Engagement)</p> <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes progress on SEFRP delivery and implementation of SEFRP Communications and Community Engagement Strategy. <p>Carried by consent.</p>
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Tatiara Water Allocation Plan Review – Update</p> <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes this update on the review of the Water Allocation Plan for the Tatiara Prescribed Wells Area.2. Notes the draft minutes from meeting 9 of the Tatiara WAP stakeholder Advisory group meeting held on the 26 July 2018. <p>Carried by consent.</p>

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3.4	South East Drainage and Wetland Strategy Sub-Committee update (June meeting No 8) Resolution – That the Board: 1. Notes the attached meeting notes of the SEDWS Subcommittee (Meeting 8) 7 June 2018. Carried by consent.
3.5	Board Meeting Planner and Calendar Resolution – That the Board: 1. Notes the Board Meeting Planner and Calendar. Carried by consent.
4.0	STANDING ITEMS
4.1	SE NRM Board – Formal Session Minutes (137, 28/06/2018) Presenter: Fiona Rasheed Resolution – That the Board: 1. Approves the amended Minutes of the formal session of the Board meeting No 137, held on 28 June 2018, subject to the following correction: – Item 4.10 remove “Robe forum” from N.H.’s report. Moved F.C., seconded K.G. & carried.
4.2	Business Arising Nil.

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4.3 Governance, Finance and Audit Committee – Formal Session Notes – (108, 06/08/2018) and Out of Session (108A, 09/08/2018)

Presenter: Michael Bleby

Resolution – That the Board:

1. Notes the interim financial reports for the period ended 30 June 2018 and the key points highlighted in the summary report. It is important that this report is read in conjunction with the attached financial reports.
2. Notes the Quarterly Project Performance Report for Quarter 4 of 2017-18.
3. Notes the Summary of Outputs Achieved Report for 2017-18.
4. Notes the Key Performance Indicators Schedule 2 reporting.
5. Notes the review and endorse the revised Freedom of Information Statement to be published as a stand-alone document of the Natural Resources South East website.
6. Adopts the following list policies and procedures that have been previously noted by the Board:

Name DEWNR Policy #

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| 1 | Cash Management Policy and Procedure | DEWNRD 00009248 |
| 2 | Procurement Policy | DEWNR 06/2180 |
| 3 | Asset Management Policy | DEWNR 52/0665 |
| 4 | Asset Stocktake Procedure | DEWNRD 00008352 |
| 5 | Income Management Policy | DEWNRD 00007571 |
| 6 | Legal Advice Procedure | DEWNRD-00017964 |
| 7 | Financial Reconciliations Procedure | DEWNR 52/0435 |
| 8 | General Ledger Journal Procedure | DEWNRD-00006066 |
| 9 | General Ledger Journal Preparation and Authorisation Guidelines | DEWNRD
00006067 |
| 10 | Mobile Device Policy | DEWNR F0000030307 |
| 11 | Risk Management Policy | DEWNR 84/13/0081 |
| 12 | Debt Recovery and Write Off/Waiver Procedure | DEWNRD-00008370 |

7. Adopts the following list of Department for Environment and Water policies and procedures.

Name DEWNR Policy #

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| 13 | Fraud and Corruption Control Procedure | DEWNRD-00009662 |
| 14 | Whistleblowers Protection Policy | DEWNR 00018968 |
| 15 | Whistleblowers Protection Procedure | DEWNR 00018968 |

8. Adopts the revised SE NRM Board Sponsorship Policies.

Name Policy Reference #

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| 16 | Managing outgoing sponsorship requests Policy | B9a |
| 17 | Seeking and servicing incoming sponsors Policy | B9b |

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9. Adopts the **(18)** Inappropriate Conduct Procedure. NRM Board procedure.
10. Notes the South East Natural Resources Management Board 2017-18 review of legislative compliance with the Act and other regulatory requirements.
11. Approves the SE NRM Board activities for 2018/19 financial year.
12. Approves the proposed 2019 meeting schedule.
13. Notes that the draft formal session minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee meeting 107, 08 June 2018 were discussed at the South East Natural Resources Management Board meeting held on 28 June 2018.
14. Notes that the draft Formal Session Minutes of Governance, Finance and Audit Committee out of session meeting 107A, 20 June 2018 were discussed at the South East Natural Resources Management Board meeting held on 28 June 2018.

Moved M.B., seconded D.A. & carried.

Out of Session Resolutions (108A, 09/08/2018) and (108B, 14/08/2018):

That the Board:

1. Notes the South East Natural Resources Management Board draft Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018.
2. Approves the financial reports for the period ended June 2018 and the key points highlighted in the summary report amended to reflect correct membership of the USE NRM Group (James Ferguson) and the GFAC (Nick Hunt). It is important that this report is read in conjunction with the attached financial reports.
3. Notes that the End of Financial Year cash balance is \$2.286 million.

Moved M.B., seconded D.A. & carried.

4.3A Additional Item (not considered during the GFAC meetings 108, 108A and 108B):

“Freedom of Information update”

That the Board:

1. Approves Presiding Member to sign the Instrument of Designation (Attachment 2 to the paper), pursuant to section 4 of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act, designating Le-Anne Thomson as an accredited FOI officer on behalf of the Board, upon successful completion of the Minister approved training, provided by the State Records of South Australia.
2. Reviews all instrument of designations under the Freedom of Information Act 1991 every 2 years.

Moved N.H., seconded D.A. & carried.

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4.8 Presiding Members Report

Presented by: Fiona Rasheed

Meetings Attended on Behalf of the Board

1. Meetings/events attended on behalf of the Board (include date and minutes if available, and relevant information arising from meeting/event that is not included in minutes):
 - Presiding Member's Teleconference (2/6)
 - discussion of Landscape SA Reform consultation process
 - Phone-link to discuss SE NRM Board Fee-For-Service weed spraying model (3/6)
 - as per agenda item
 - Phone-link for NRM Partners Workshop on Landscape SA Reform (5/6)
 - meeting of NRM Partners (8 NRM Boards, Primary Producers SA, Conservation Council of SA, Landcare Association of SA, Local Government Association) to provide early feedback on the Landscape SA Reforms. Faith Coleman attended in person for SE NRM Board. Facilitated by Becky Hirst. Facilitated by Becky Hirst (facilitator for Landscape SA Reform community engagement).
 - Phonelink for Presiding Members Workshop on Landscape SA Reform (5/6)
 - meeting of the 8 NRM Boards (Presiding Members or other representatives) to provide early feedback on the Landscape SA Reforms. Faith Coleman attended in person for SE NRM Board. Facilitated by Becky Hirst.
 - Meeting with Grant District Council to discuss SE NRM Board Fee-For-Service weed spraying model (5/6)
 - Meeting with Nick McBride, Member for Mackillop, and Phil Frensham, Parliamentary Secretary to Natural Resources Committee of Parliament to discuss NRM issues (1/8)
 - issues discussed included Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan Science Review and SE NRM Board Fee-For-Service Weed Spraying
 - Council of Presiding Members meeting (1/8)
 - Landscape SA Reform
 - DPTI State Planning Policies - Public Consultation
 - SA Natural Alliance Presentation
 - NRM Regions Australia Update
 - NLP2 Update
 - Australian Government - Department of Environment and Energy Presentation
 - Governance, Finance and Audit Committee Meeting (6/8)
 - as per minutes
 - Meeting with Troy Bell (Member for Mount Gambier) to discuss NRM issues (10/8)
 - issues discussed included SE NRM Board Fee-For-Service Weed Spraying
 - Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan Science Review Steering Committee Meeting (10/8)
 - Meeting with Tony Pasin to discuss NRM issues (17/8)

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- issues discussed included Australian Government Funding and feral deer management

2. Community feedback, including:

1. Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan Science Review

- discussions with representatives from Coonawarra Vingeron's Association and Zone 5A Irrigators regarding the science review Stakeholder Advisory Group
- have communicated these discussions to relevant DEW staff and actions have been taken to amend Stakeholder Advisory Group accordingly (removal of water trading representative from the Stakeholder Advisory Group due to perceived conflict of interest and inclusion of Sub-Clover Growers Group Representative)

– Private Water Management Works

- have been receiving written and photo updates regarding the private water management works undertaken as a result of the licence issued by the SEWCDB
- will continue to communicate with landholder regarding the outcomes of the private water management works

Resolution – That the Board:

1. Notes the Presiding Member's Report for July and August 2018.

Moved F.C., seconded K.G. & carried.

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4.9 Regional Director's Report

Presented by: Tim Collins

Points of Discussion:

Meetings/events attended on behalf of the Board.

Regional Management Team meeting (x2).

Purpose: Monthly meeting dealing with regional leadership and management.

Relevant NRM items addressed:

- NLP 2 program - developing specific project outcomes; engaging staff; communications plan.
- Project reporting – review Q4 reports and provide feedback to Project Review Committee.
- Weed Control Services – discuss status of project proposal, endorse for GFAC
- Monitor HR, WHS matters.

South East Leaders Group

Purpose: Quarterly meeting with Senior Regional staff.

Relevant NRM items addressed:

- NLP2 update; DEW delivery model; Three year NRM Business Plan priorities; Landscapes SA reform.

Weed Control Services

Steering Committee Meeting

Purpose: Responsible for the overall guidance, strategic direction and final decision making for the revised weed control service.

Project plan approved, refer papers.

Meeting with District Council of Grant

Attendees Mayor Richard Sage, CEO David Singh and Works Manager Adrian Schultz, Fiona and Lucy.

Initial discussion on DC Grant weed spraying requirements, council's perception of the service and how it should operate. Discussions to continue. Fiona to meet with Mayor.

Landscape SA reform Engagement Working group.

Purpose: Working group of regional CE Mangers and engagement staff drafting the engagement process for Landscapes SA reform.

- Participation in workshop to develop community, staff and Board engagement processes.

NAIDOC week celebrations at Cave gardens.

Meeting with Clive Pinniger, Manager SED Regional Advisory.

Purpose: Seeking advice on potential areas for dairy industry expansion on behalf of DC Grant and Wattle Range Council.

Enhancing the Coorong and Shorebirds along the Limestone Coast (NLP2).

Workshop to determine project deliverables.

LLC WAP Science Review Steering Committee (x2).

Purpose: Responsible for the overall guidance, strategic direction and final decision making for the LLC WAP election commitment.

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Project Plan developed, refer to Board papers.

Election Commitments Project leads meeting.

Purpose: Meeting for DEW staff responsible for delivering election commitments

Relevant NRM items addressed:

- Focus on the process for DEW to deliver Governments election commitments.
- Developing Project plans for each commitment and getting project teams in place.

DEW Parks and Regions Executive meeting (x2).

Purpose: Monthly meeting of Parks and Regions Group Executive.

Relevant NRM items addressed:

- DEW reform
- Landscapes SA process
- Legislative reform project

DEW Leaders Forum

Purpose: DEW Executive monthly forum.

Relevant NRM items addressed:

- Election commitments update
- DEW reform

Council of Presiding Members

- Landscape SA Reform, Update on process and work plan, Legislation, Engagement, Policy, C
Adelaide
- DPTI State Planning Policies – Public Consultation
- SA Nature Alliance presentation

SEFRP review workshop.

Review of SEFRP to date with Project Team, focus on Bakers Range

Discussion on landowner engagement processes; construction process

SA Murray Darling Basin NRM Board.

Attended Board meeting at Mount Barker and gave presentation on SEFRP.

Focused on Community Engagement process lead by NRM Board, construction works and outcome
sot the Coorong and SE wetlands.

Resolution – That the Board:

1. Notes the Regional Director's report.

Moved N.H., seconded K.G. & carried.

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4.10	<p>Board Members' Reports</p> <p>Points of discussion:</p> <p>Kerry Gilkes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GFAC attendance;• Interview panel for Landcare Community Facilitator;• Note: Elders dinner in Lucindale - communication to people not to block culverts. Act of diverting flood water across the properties – ACTION: T.C. to raise at the Drainage Board meeting. <p>Faith Coleman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5th of July Presiding members Forum and initial Landscapes Act consultation. Adelaide;• Native title meeting;• Salt Creek roadhouse issue – changing the way of fee collection etc;• Information signage;• Launch of the International Koala Centre for Excellence (13th July);• The Australian Mangrove and Saltmarsh Network Conference will be held in SA in Feb. There is some discussion of having a fieldtrip to the Southern Lagoon of the Coorong. <p>Nick Hunt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern from community over less user friendly information appearing on NRM Weather site, rainfall figures not readily accessible for current day unless ones gets a calculator and adds them all up. With rainfall being the most popular talking point in the community, this is the feature that needs to be easily accessible with a current day's total. Also be good to have a contact person on web-site, like other regions;• On 17-7-18 a tornado passed through our property with a path of destruction to trees and fences only, going on to take out half the woolshed on the neighbouring property;• While broilga's have made frequent short visits, I now have a pair nesting on a wetland (photo attached!);• On 13-8-18, attended a moving funeral service for NRM Wetland Ecologist, Steve Clarke. A champion to many with environmental beliefs, and one who enjoyed life to the full;• Follow up from the report: NRM Weather Site raised in point 1 of the report - has been resolved. <p>Kerry DeGaris</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glyphosate is under review. <p>Deb Agnew</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attended GFAC meeting. <p>Michael Bleby</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The last Board meeting I attended was 26th April – (Interstate apology for the Board meeting on June 28);• 10th May - attended the Mt Gambier UniSA campus Forestry R&D priorities workshop;• 31st May - attended the Sub Regional forum Mt Gambier;• 7th June – attended the SE Drainage & Wetland subcommittee in Millicent;
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- 8th June – attended and chaired GFAC meeting in Mt Gambier;
- 15th June – attended Board Dinner with the Minister in Naracoorte;
- 6th August – attended and chaired GFAC meeting in Mt Gambier.

Relevant information arising from meeting/event

- Included in the Forestry Research priorities at the launch of the National Institute for Forest Products Innovation (NIFPI) Hub at the Mt Gambier UniSA, is further research into forest water use, biosecurity coordination, - along with many other topics. Looking for innovative Industry Co-investment.
Jim O’Hehir (ex ForestrySA) appointed & has the new General Manager role for Research Coordination.

Other relevant matters, including Community feedback etc.

- I was involved in the ‘March in May’ event at Canunda NP as local Friends of Parks President. This event continues to be an important contribution to the NRM education of the Region’s primary school students.
- On W/E of May 11/12 I attended the Annual Safari for local volunteers at KarnKendi camp at Nelson. Included Field trips to Picks swamp, Estuary tour, River cruise, great presentations from Steve Clark, Mark Backman & others. Well organised by DEW staff - important to recognise the work of volunteers, good opportunity to showcase the great work that is happening.

Graham Gates:

Meetings/events attended on behalf of the Board (include date and minutes if available):

- Tatiara WAP Stakeholders Advisory Group Meeting held on Thursday 26th July at Keith.
- Limestone Coast Bushfire Management Committee held on Tuesday 7th August 2018 at Naracoorte.

Relevant information arising from meeting/event that is not included in minutes:

- Tatiara WAP
 - Discussion on the Landscapes SA Bill which will replace the NRM Act. Priorities include ensuring good public consultation and to simplify water planning.
 - Considerable discussion on unbundling of water and there is uncertainty on the issues of unbundling, as we are not sure how the new Bill will shape up in this regards. An issue paper is to be developed on unbundling for the group outlining the pros and cons of unbundling in the Tatiara PWA.
 - Limestone Coast BMC:
 - Detailed presentation on the roles and responsibilities of the LC Bushfire Management Committee
 - Discussion on the management of Roadside Vegetation to mitigate the effects of bushfire. Report on inaugural meeting of LC BMC Environmental Asset Assessment Panel
 - Reporting to BMC on treatments to identified assets contained within the BMAP. Ground truthing & prioritising assets for treatments as listed in BMAP Risk Register – 28 Extreme Risks & 102 Very High risks
- Community feedback, including:
- Brief overview of the issue raised
 - Considerable interest in the Landscapes SA Reform and Consultation Forums

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- Follow-up action taken regarding the feedback
 - Distributed discussion paper and dates of the Community Forums

Peta Crewe

Crop and Pasture Report South Australia
2018-19 SEEDING AND CROP ESTABLISHMENT

Upper South East

WEATHER

- May rainfall was average to above average and June rainfall was average to below average.
- Mean maximum temperatures were average for the period. Minimum temperatures were below average for June, with several frosts recorded.

CROPS

- Stored soil moisture is adequate with four to five weeks of stored soil moisture available for crop growth.
- Crops were showing signs of moisture stress prior to significant rains in mid-June.
- Sowing was completed by mid-June, with some late barley sown for livestock feed later in the month.
- Pre-emergent herbicides were not effective due to a lack of rainfall, resulting in poor weed control.
- Dry conditions following seeding has resulted in staggered germination of canola crops. Other crops, sown deeper, have emerged well.
- The later break and cold weather slowed crop emergence and growth.
- Redlegged earth mite is causing damage to emerging crops in some areas. A few cases of redlegged earth mite populations with resistance to insecticides has been confirmed by testing.
- The area sown to dual-purpose crops that can be grazed or harvested for grain, has increased.
- Some pasture, barley, canola and bean crops have been replaced with hay crops such as oats and vetch, due to large quantities of hay being consumed or sold during May and June.
- Snails are an ongoing problem for some farmers. Baiting early or along fence-lines before opening rains has been effective.
- Mice are no longer a problem and only isolated baiting is being conducted.
- Large amounts of hay has been sold to NSW and hay reserves are now low on many properties.
- High livestock prices have resulted in an increased area sown to pasture legumes, replacing beans and lentils in rotations.

PASTURES

- Lucerne planting is still underway with most being planted to renovate old stands. Some marginal cropping country has been taken out of annual cropping and is being planted to lucerne.
- Many irrigated lucerne stands have been over-sown with a cereal for hay production, due to poor lucerne seed prices.
- Pasture and lucerne growth has been slow due to a lack of rainfall earlier in the season.

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- Many producers are feeding hay and grain to sheep and cattle. Supplementary feeding of sheep is starting to cease as pasture feed becomes available. Cattle still require supplementary feeding.
- Most lambing has finished but some ewes are still to drop their lambs. Overall, marking percentages have been down by about 10% due to the dry conditions earlier in the year and the late break.
- High fox numbers are being reported.
- Overall livestock condition score is good however some ewes are in poorer condition after lambing. This is largely due to insufficient supplementary feed being provided in late pregnancy, when pastures were establishing.
- There has been an increase in the area of pasture renovation due to the high value of livestock. Early sown pastures are now being grazed. Late-sown pastures have grown slowly.

Lower South East

WEATHER

- May rainfall was average to above average.
- June rainfall was average in the north and below average in the southern part of the district.
- Mean maximum temperatures were average for the period. Mean minimum temperatures were below average for June.

CROPS

- Soil moisture is at field capacity but without significant waterlogging, due to the drier than normal start to the season.
- The absence of wet conditions enabled seeding to progress.
- A drop in soil temperatures, combined with numerous frosts, has slowed crop growth.
- Most farmers have completed all seeding of pastures and field crops, although some late hay crops were still being planted in late June.
- Crop types and area sown have not varied significantly from last year.
- Localised slug damage has been reported in some emerging crops.
- There have been isolated reports of vegetable weevil and lucerne flea damaging crops.
- There have been high numbers of redlegged earth mite causing damage to both crops and pastures.
- Farmers are beginning to apply post emergent herbicides to control weeds in crops.
- Limited germination of weeds prior to sowing reduced the effectiveness of knockdown herbicides so higher than usual numbers of weeds are starting to emerge in some crops.

PASTURES

- Early pasture growth has been good but recent frosts have slowed growth.
- Most producers have stopped hand-feeding sheep but continue to hand feed cattle.
- Marking percentages of lambs and calves have been good.
- Hay and grain reserves are now low on most farms.
- Some pasture paddocks with poor growth early in the season due to the lack of early rainfall were overgrazed. Pastures did not recover before temperatures cooled and slowed growth.

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Full report is available at:

http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0006/324681/Crop_and_Pasture_Report_Seeding_and_Crop_Establishment_18-19.pdf

Regional Growth Fund (RGF)

The \$150M RGF was announced on 23 June 2018, with the inaugural competitive funding round opening on 2 July and closing on 31 August 2018. This competitive grant round has up to \$5 million in grant funding available for regional development initiatives in South Australia from \$50,000 up to \$2 million on a matched dollar for dollar basis. Applications will be assessed by a panel led by an independent chair.

The Fund has been established to unlock new economic opportunities, build and strengthen communities and support more regional jobs. The aim is to support new activity that would not occur otherwise and assist regions to grow, become more vibrant and provide rewarding job opportunities.

Projects will be selected based on the following principles:

- support for new economic activity that would not otherwise occur
- the activity can be sustained without further intervention by government after the funding has been provided
- the activity creates benefit for multiple entities, including entities not directly associated with the application
- the activity contributes to the scale of an industry or sector
- the application has a connection to and has vested an interest in a specific regional community.

More information, including guidelines, are available at www.pir.sa.gov.au/regionalgrowthfund

Johne's disease (paratuberculosis) in sheep:

Compulsory quarantine on detection of disease will no longer be applied, thus removing the stigma associated with the disease. There will be support for diagnostic testing for producers wishing to clarify their status. There will be technical support for control program design for producers whose flocks are infected. Producers will be expected to declare their status on Sheep Health Declarations when selling stock.

Vaccination has been shown to be very effective interstate and will be strongly promoted.

Buyers of sheep will be expected to ask questions re the biosecurity practices and health status on the farms of origin of stock for sale.

The new approaches to both ovine paratuberculosis and footrot align with PIRSA's new One Biosecurity program.

Footrot

There will be a move away from viewing footrot as two separate diseases (benign vs virulent) recognising that the disease exists on a spectrum and given the right conditions, an apparently "benign" infection can become virulent.

Testing of affected sheep at saleyards will be expanded to include less severe cases to determine whether the virulent forms of the organism are present with the potential to become more severe over time. In all cases where the more virulent forms of the organism are found, farmers will be encouraged to take action.

While the new approach therefore targets the organism rather than the way in which the disease is manifested, legal Orders may still be served to deal with especially severe cases, and producers are expected to behave responsibly by declaring their status on Sheep Health Declarations and not selling severely diseased animals.

Technical and diagnostic assistance will be provided to affected producers.

Wild Dogs

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The new Government of South Australia's policies included a \$1.2 million commitment to employ two full-time equivalent wild dog trappers, who will operate across South Australia for a period of 4 years, starting 1 July 2018. Applications were open in early June for tenders by prospective trappers interested in applying for contract wild dog trapping work under the program. Seven trappers have been contracted, with the first trapper to start work on 2 July 2018. Landholders are invited to apply to have a trapper undertake wild dog management practices on their land.

A further \$200,000 was committed for a one-off extensive baiting program in June 2018. An aerial baiting program was undertaken over four days in late June, between Coober Pedy and New South Wales where wild dog activity is high. There were 25,125 baits dispatched over 5,000 km on 30 properties. More than 124,000 commercial wild dog baits will also be offered to landholders from late June.

Feedback on reporting process from all Members present:

- Timeline for submission – just before the agenda papers are due for distribution;
- Suggestion to move timeline for reports to be submitted to 1,5 weeks instead of 2,5 weeks;
- Change the template merge meetings and events attended (points 1 & 2);
- Community feedback;
- Consider including other relevant matters, including community feedback.

Resolution – That the Board:

1. Notes Board Members' reports from F.C., N.H., D.A., M.B., K.G., K.D., G.G and P.C.
2. Notes the concerns and opportunity to incorporate community feedback and promote the Board is doing through the NLP2 Coorong project.

Moved K.G., seconded N.H. & carried.

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4.11	Common Seal Resolution – That the Board: 1. Notes the Common Seal Report. Moved D.A., seconded K.G. & carried.
4.12	Public Gallery
4.13	Approval for the Regional Director to action the decisions from the In-Camera Session of the Meeting No. 137 Resolution – That the Board: 1. Delegate authority to the Regional Director to communicate in camera items and resolutions to the relevant staff as necessary and appropriate. Moved K.D., seconded M.B. & carried.
4.14	Meeting Review – <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Board reports Member reports – still have opportunity to add verbal report as well as written;2. Time management of presentations– how do we improve;3. Size of the agenda – review to keep to a minimum;4. Dealing with information. Is there a way to condense the information? Possibly consider 1,5 day meetings?;5. Landscape SA meetings;6. Consider when extra meetings are required;7. Distribute information to the Board Members between the meetings via email;8. Consider using Drop Box;9. Use Doodle Poll to find suitable dates for out of session Board meetings. Noted.

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4.15	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Landscapes SA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Public Consultation meetings in South East in September. Discussion on Board members attending Public consultation;2. A facilitated meeting will be held for the Board;3. Staff will be coordinating the event but not participating;4. F.R. advised she will not be attending the event;5. M.B. will be an apology on the 17 September;6. Formal Board submission – idea that the Board will put together a written submission;7. There will be more communication as it gets closer. <p>Formal noting of passing of Steve Clarke</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Steve delivered a number of successful wetland projects on behalf of the Board. He was highly regarded by the community, the board and staff.2. Condolences to his family. <p>Limestone Coast Leadership Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Building capacity in our region – training and mentorship in our region;2. Scholarship sought for the value of 6,500 for a one year course (for 3 attendees). <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes other business.2. Support sponsorship of the Limestone Coast Leadership program. <p>Moved D.A., Seconded K.G. & carried.</p>
	<p><i>In Camera Session – Commencement</i></p> <p>Resolution – That the Board:</p> <p>Moves into the in camera session of the meeting at 2:45 pm with the approved attendance of the following government staff – T.C., W.T., L.T., L.D. and A.K.</p> <p>Moved K.G., seconded K.D. & carried.</p>
2.9	<p>Deer Fence Compliance Update</p>
2.10A	<p>Correspondence: Wattle Range Council: Expression of Interest – Lot 11 Battye / Rendelsham Road Facility</p>

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4.4	SE NRM Board <i>In Camera</i> Session (137, 28/06/2018)
4.5	Business Arising
4.6	Governance, Finance and Audit Committee – <i>In Camera</i> Session (107, 08/06/2018)
4.7	<i>NRM Act 2004</i> Delegations Register
	<i>In Camera</i> Session – Cessation Resolution – That the Board: Moves out of the in camera session of the meeting at 3:45 pm. Moved M.B., seconded D.A. & carried.
5.0	NEXT MEETING
5.1	Thursday, 25 October 2018, Chardonnay Lodge. Meeting closed at 5:30pm.

Formal Minutes of the South East Natural Resources Management Board, meeting 138 held on 23 August 2018 – confirmed as a true and correct record:

Confirmed:



Fiona Rasheed, Presiding Member

Date:

25 October 2018