

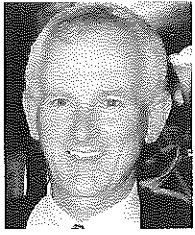


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CHAIRPERSON'S FOREWORD

The year 2000–2001 is the second of the current three year term of Soil Conservation Council which is the fourth set of appointments since the inception of the *Soil Conservation and Land Care Act 1989*.

The year has been one of steady achievement in the face of much discussion about fundamental change in the natural resource management arena. Strong support for integration initiatives is still very evident amongst land managers, although it remains clear that the concept of an 'enabling' rather than 'compelling' environment of integration is required by the community.

Soil Conservation Council has continued to attempt to play a pro-active role in integration by encouraging joint positions amongst natural resource management bodies. The recommendations of the Statutory Authorities Review Committee for amalgamation with Animal and Plant Control have been generally supported by Council on the proviso that the pace of change on amalgamation is driven by the community and solutions may vary from region to region around the State.

Council has also supported in principle the provisions of the draft Integrated Natural Resources Management Bill. It will be important that the new level of regional planning proposed in the Bill does not duplicate, but rather builds upon, the existing planning documents within the regions. District Plans developed by Soil Boards, for example, carry the knowledge and commitment of land managers and must remain as part of the foundation upon which regional planning is based. Council has continued to support the ongoing review of District Plans to ensure that they are robust documents.

During the year, Council has continued its commitment to taking responsibility for the SA Dryland Salinity Strategy which I am sure will emerge as a key role of Council when the strategy is released later this year.

Another pleasing outcome this year has been the inclusion of the Peterborough District Council area into the Central Flinders Soil Conservation Board district.

My thanks also to Council members and PIRSA staff for their support and dedication during the year. Particular thanks go to Bill Davies who has been responsible for PIRSA support to Council for a number of years and now to Peter Butler who took over that role during the year. I would also like to acknowledge the strong support of Grant Lomman who has announced his intention to take up another job after five years as Executive Officer of Council.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank all Soil Conservation Boards for their continuing commitment. It is apparent that Boards are increasing their levels of activity and it will be a challenge for the whole program to ensure that appropriate funding policies are in place to support this activity as district board programs develop in the future.

Bill McIntosh
CHAIRMAN



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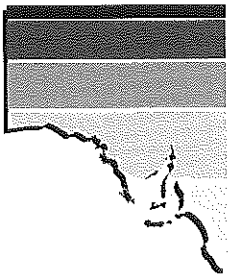
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Soil Conservation Council is very grateful for the assistance provided by PIRSA during the year.

The Council would particularly like to thank the following officers for providing sound technical and administrative support: Roger Wickes (Executive Director, Sustainable Resources), Bill Davies (Program Manager, Rural Communities and Education), Peter Butler (Program Manager,

Land Management and Revegetation), Grant Lomman (Executive Officer), Christel Neuhofer (Acting Executive Officer) and Margret Howard (Administrative Support).

Council also recognises the tremendous assistance provided by PIRSA Rural Solutions regional staff in helping Soil Conservation Boards to address their functions and responsibilities.



THE ROLES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL

The roles of the Soil Conservation Council are to:

- Advise the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources on the administration of the *Soil Conservation and Land Care Act 1989*.
- Develop integrated strategies for the conservation and rehabilitation of the land of the State.
- Disseminate information on the state of the land resources.
- Promote community awareness and involvement in issues relating to conservation and rehabilitation of land.
- Provide guidance to the Soil Conservation Boards as required.

The specific functions of the Council as defined in Section 19 of the *Soil Conservation and Land Care Act* are:

- (a) to advise the Minister on the administration of the Act and the policies that should govern that administration
- (b) to monitor and evaluate the condition of the land of the State and advise the Minister on the extent of land degradation and the economic and environmental implications of the degradation
- (c) to advise the Minister on the priorities to be accorded to land degradation research program, land care programs and other programs or projects for the conservation or rehabilitation of land
- (d) to develop sound strategies for the conservation and rehabilitation of land
- (e) to disseminate information on and promote community awareness of issues relating to conservation and rehabilitation of land and, in particular, to promote the principles that land must be used within its capability and forward planning on that basis must become standard land management practice
- (f) to monitor the operation of the Act and report to the Minister on any problems identified by the Council with the Act or its administration
- (g) to perform the other functions (including the approval of District Plans and three year Board programs) assigned to the Council by or under the Act or by the Minister.



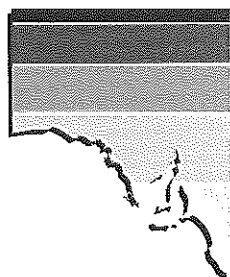
MEMBERS OF THE SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL

The year 2000–2001 represents the second year of operation of the fourth term of the Soil Conservation Council.

The Soil Conservation and Land Care Act specifies Council members must possess the following qualities:

- a Chairperson nominated by the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources, who has, in the Minister's opinion, wide knowledge of and experience in soil conservation and land management
- a person with wide experience in the management of a pastoral lease, selected by the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources from a panel of three made up of names submitted by the South Australian Farmers' Federation
- a person with wide experience in horticulture, selected by the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources from a panel of three made up of names submitted by the South Australian Farmers' Federation
- a person with wide experience in dryland cropping and grazing of livestock; and a person with wide experience in intensive agriculture in high rainfall country, selected by the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources from a panel of three made up of names submitted by the South Australian Farmers' Federation
- a person with wide experience in the provision of education relating to land management or soil sciences, selected by the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources from a panel of three made up of names submitted at the invitation of that Minister by one or more tertiary education institutions
- a person with wide knowledge in the field of environmental conservation, selected by the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources from a panel of three made up of names submitted at the invitation of that Minister by the Conservation Council of South Australia Incorporated
- a person who is, or has been, an active member of a Soil Conservation Board, nominated by the presiding members of the Boards
- a person who is a member of the Pastoral Board who has, in the opinion of the Minister for Environment and Heritage, wide experience in public administration of pastoral land, nominated by that Minister
- a person nominated by the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources, who is an employee in the Department of Primary Industries and Resources who has, in the opinion of that Minister, wide experience in the implementation of soil conservation and land management strategies
- a person who is a Public Service employee who has, in the opinion of the Minister for Environment and Heritage, wide experience in public administration in environmental matters nominated by that Minister
- a person who is a Public Service employee who has, in the opinion of the Minister for Water Resources, wide experience in public administration of water resources, nominated by that Minister.

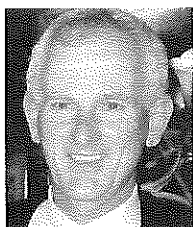
The Act also requires that at least two of the members be women and two of the members be men. The State Government has decreed that by the year 2000, at least 50% of all members of Statutory Authorities be women.



COUNCIL MEMBERS

The following were council members during the 2000–2001 year.

The current membership of council was appointed in September 1999 for a term of three years.



Bill McIntosh, Chairman, pastoralist from Blinman in the Northern Flinders Ranges, who has wide experience in soil conservation and pastoral lease management.



Gerry Butler, Land Management Project Officer from Birdwood, who has wide knowledge and experience in conservation matters, nominated by the Conservation Council of South Australia.



Sharon Oldfield, pastoralist from near Marree, with wide experience in the management of a pastoral lease, a regional and State Ibis Award winner, nominated by the South Australian Farmers' Federation.



Roger Nield, farmer from Cleve on Eyre Peninsula, elected by Soil Conservation Board Chairpersons in a secret ballot



Helen Ellison, potato grower from Kalangadoo in the South East, with wide experience in horticulture, nominated by the South Australian Farmers' Federation. Resigned in October 2000.



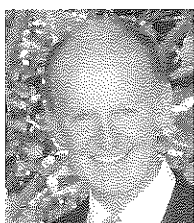
Stephen Mann, the presiding member of the Pastoral Board, has wide experience in public administration of pastoral land, resides at Naracoorte in the South East.



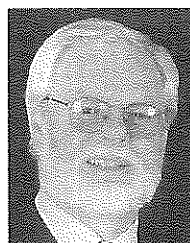
Joe Keynes, member of the Murray Plains Soil Conservation Board for 14 years, with wide experience in high rainfall farming systems, from Keyneton, nominated by the South Australian Farmers' Federation.



Colin Harris, Department for Environment and Heritage, has wide experience in public administration in environmental matters.



Robert Smyth, dryland farmer from Cooke Plains, with wide experience in dryland cropping and grazing of livestock, nominated by the South Australian Farmers' Federation.



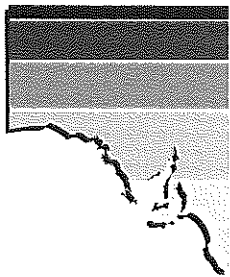
Roger Wickes, Executive Director, Sustainable Resources, Department of Primary Industries and Resources, and Soil Conservator, has wide experience in the implementation of soil conservation and land management strategies.



Iain Grierson, Senior Lecturer with the Department of Soil Science, University of Adelaide, resides in the Barossa Valley.



Stephen West, Department for Water Resources, has wide experience in public administration of water resources.



DEPUTY MEMBERS

John BERGER, dryland farmer from Mindarie (deputy for Bill McIntosh).

Dean CRESSWELL, Assistant Principal, Urrbrae Agricultural High School (deputy for Iain Grierson).

Richard WARWICK, pastoralist from Carrieton (deputy for Sharon Oldfield).

Mark WILKINS, landholder at Birdwood (deputy for Gerry Butler).

Jo GEMMELL, farmer from Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills, with wide experience in high rainfall farming systems, elected by Soil Conservation Boards Chairpersons in a secret ballot (deputy for Roger Nield).

Millie NICHOLLS, dryland farmer from Clare (deputy for Rob Smyth).

John MUNDY, horticulturalist from Gumeracha (deputy for Helen Ellison).

James MITCHELL, agriculturalist from Angaston (deputy for Joe Keynes).

Michael MCBRIDE, member of the Pastoral Board (deputy for Stephen Mann).

Lindsay BEST, Department for Environment and Heritage (deputy for Colin Harris).

Greg ROWBERRY, Department for Environment and Heritage (deputy for Stephen West).

Peter ALLEN, Program Manager, Animal and Plant Control Commission (deputy for Roger Wickes). Resigned in November 2000.

Deputy members were invited to Soil Conservation Council meetings on a rotational basis so that they could gain knowledge of operating procedures and issues being considered by Council.

Nominations were sought from the South Australian Farmers' Federation to replace Helen Ellison. One suitable nomination was received by the Minister. The Minister has also nominated a person to replace Peter Allen as the deputy member for Roger Wickes. These nominations were forwarded to Cabinet early in the 2001–2002 year.



COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Soil Conservation Council has adopted a structure of three working groups to deal with issues of monitoring, planning and policy and to address the goals of the Soil Conservation Council's Strategic Plan.

Members were nominated to the following working groups:

Monitoring	G Butler (Convenor), I Grierson, R Nield, S Oldfield.
Policy	S Mann (Convenor), R Wickes, J Keynes, C Harris.
Planning	B McIntosh (Convenor), R Smyth, H Ellison, S West.

The working groups usually meet for an hour prior to each Council meeting to address any business arising.

Working group activities and achievements during the year included:

Monitoring Working Group

- The development and trial of a strategy to use Soil Conservation Board members' reports to obtain land condition information across the State.
- Arranged for David Chambers, Land Management Society of Western Australia, to facilitate a workshop for Soil Conservation Board members on the Startup Farm Monitoring Kit produced by the Society and a presentation at the Chairpersons' Conference.

- Endorsed the purchase of three Startup Farm Monitoring Kits from the Land Management Society of Western Australia for use by Soil Conservation Boards.
- Continued to discuss initiatives for sustainable land management research projects in South Australia.
- Undertook a review of the regional land management strategy documents prepared by Soil Conservation Boards to determine research priorities.
- Undertook Strategic Plan activities.

Planning Working Group

- Reviewed Soil Conservation Board District Plan review documents and provided comments to Council.
- Reviewed Soil Conservation Board three- and five-year action programs and provided comments to Council.
- Undertook Strategic Plan activities.

Policy Working Group

- Provided comments on the 'Building on a Foundation' report on the review of the Soil Conservation Program.
- Undertook a review of National Farmers Federation and Australian Conservation Foundation documents regarding State raised levies.
- Undertook Strategic Plan activities.

Soil Conservation Board Council Liaison Members and PIRSA Liaison Officers for 2000–2001

Soil Conservation Board	Council liaison member	PIRSA liaison officer
Central Eyre Peninsula	Roger Nield	Liz Cox
Central Flinders	Colin Harris	David Powell – Sandy Gunter
Central Hills	Gerry Butler	Tracey Strugnell
Coorong District	Rob Smyth	Giles Forward
Eastern Districts	Iain Grierson	David Woodard
Eastern Eyre Peninsula	Roger Nield	Rachel May
Far West Coast	Colin Harris	Liz Cox
Gawler Ranges	Stephen Mann	David Powell – Sandy Gunter
Hummocks	Roger Wickes	David Woodard
Kangaroo Island	Iain Grierson	Lyn Dohle
Kingoonya	Stephen Mann	David Powell – Sandy Gunter
Lacapède–Tatiara	Helen Ellison	Jock McFarlane
Lower Eyre Peninsula	Roger Nield	David Davenport
Lower North	Iain Grierson	Chris Rudd – David Woodard
Lower South East	Helen Ellison	Dale Lewis – Melissa Cann
Marla–Oodnadatta	Sharon Oldfield	David Powell – Sandy Gunter
Marree	Sharon Oldfield	David Powell – Sandy Gunter
Mount Remarkable	Roger Wickes	Mary Anne Young
Murray Mallee	Joe Keynes	Giles Forward
Murray Plains	Joe Keynes	Giles Forward
North East Pastoral	Bill McIntosh	David Powell – Sandy Gunter
Northern Flinders	Bill McIntosh	Sandy Gunter
Northern Hills	Gerry Butler	Tim Herrmann
Southern Hills	Rob Smyth	Brian Hughes
West Broughton	Steve West	Mary Anne Young
Western Eyre Peninsula	Steve West	Liz Cox
Yorke Peninsula	Gerry Butler	Chris Rudd – Andrew Harding

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

In December 1999, the Statutory Authorities Review Committee, a bi-partisan committee of the Legislative Council wrote to Council advising of its Inquiry into the South Australian Soil Conservation Boards and Animal and Plant Control Boards (APCB). The terms of reference for the review being:

'that the Statutory Authorities Review Committee examine the roles and relationships between the Soil Conservation Boards and the APCBs and other groups which have a primary interest in the natural environment, with particular reference to the effectiveness and efficiency of operations of these bodies'.

The Committee presented its report to Parliament on 11 April 2001. The Minister for Primary Industries and Resources was required to prepare a report on the recommendations within four months, detailing which of the recommendations are supported and how they will be implemented; and which of the recommendations are not supported and the reasons.

The recommendations of the Statutory Authorities Review Committee are:

1. *That the Soil Conservation Boards and Animal and Plant Control Boards should be amalgamated over a five year period. Each amalgamated board should include all existing board members, with the membership of the amalgamated board to be rationalised over a two year period. This would require legislative change.*
2. *That the amalgamated boards should be known as Land Management Boards.*
3. *That the Animal and Plant Control Commission and Soil Conservation Council be amalgamated and renamed the Land Management Council. This would require legislative change.*
4. *That the Land Management Boards should be adequately funded by State Government in order to build on the work of the former Soil Conservation Boards and Animal and Plant Control Boards.*
5. *That appropriate fees and expenses should be paid to members of Land Management Boards.*
6. *That the Land Management Boards should employ authorised officers as required by legislation to carry out works as directed by the Board.*
7. *That the relationship between Land Management Boards and Local Government should be maintained (as is currently the case with Local Government, Soil Conservation Boards and Animal and Plant Control Boards) and that Local Government should not be disadvantaged in any new funding arrangements for Land Management Boards.*
8. *That the boundaries of the Land Management Boards, where possible, should fall within the boundaries of the proposed Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) regions.*
9. *That the Natural Heritage Trust regional boundaries should be used as a starting point for the proposed INRM Regions. However, there may be some variation required in the case of the Murray River Basin and the Greater Mount Lofty Ranges region. Existing Catchment Water Management Board boundaries should also be taken into account.*
10. *That the Land Management Boards in each region should work together to establish the land management issues to be recognised in the Natural Resource Management and Investment Strategy for their region.*
11. *That the draft Integrated Natural Resource Management Bill be supported, subject to appropriate amendments resulting from this report and feedback from interested parties.*
12. *That Land Management Boards and Catchment Water Management Boards should be key players in the Integrated Natural Resource Management Groups and should work closely together to ensure an holistic approach to natural resource management in South Australia.*
13. *That the INRM Groups should liaise closely together with Regional Development Boards and Local Government in order to ensure that economic interests and land use planning issues are considered alongside natural resource management issues.*
14. *That, following the establishment of INRM Regions and Groups, meetings of existing boards, committees and community groups involved in natural resource management should be encouraged to explore any possible voluntary rationalisation.*

15. *That more attention should be paid at a Federal and State level to ensuring continuity in natural resource management funding and programs.*
16. *That a further review of natural resource management in South Australia be undertaken by the State Government in five years time, possibly in conjunction with the Statutory Authorities Review Committee, to examine the effectiveness and efficiency of any new structure which results from the draft INRM Bill and this report. This review should make recommendations as to any further improvement that could be made to the effectiveness and efficiency of natural resource management in South Australia.*

The Minister requested Soil Conservation Council to prepare a response to the recommendations as a contribution to the whole-of-government response being prepared by the Minister. Council submitted a response supporting the concept of amalgamation between soil conservation and animal and plant control in principle. Council raised some concerns over requiring boards to amalgamate within a five year timeframe (Council strongly supports the process being driven by the community), resolving issues surrounding the differing methods of funding currently in place between the two programs and the role and relationship with local government.

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Council supports the concept of integrating natural resource management in South Australia. During 2000–2001 Council strongly promoted, encouraged and progressed integrated natural resource management (INRM) issues.

The draft INRM Bill was released during the year, proposing a structure to provide for an integrated structure for natural resource management in South Australia. Soil Conservation Council prepared a submission providing comments on the draft Bill, supporting the proposal in principle. The Soil Conservation Council was instrumental in working with the Water Resources Council, Animal and Plant Control Commission, Natural Resources Council, Pastoral Board, State Revegetation Committee and Native Vegetation Council during the year to also prepare a joint response from these peak bodies for natural resource management to the draft INRM Bill.

REGIONAL STRATEGIES

Council was advised that additional funding of \$125 000 would be made available during 2000–2001 to continue the land management component of the regional strategy development process. The additional funding was provided to complete the scoping and prioritisation of regional land management issues by each of the regional groups, and to implement activities to address the identified priorities.

The Soil Conservation Boards in all regions have now completed reports identifying high priority regional land management issues and strategies for their region. This information is provided as a guide to invest in natural resource management through programs such as the Natural Heritage Trust.

The funding was primarily used to support the district planning activities of individual Soil Conservation Boards, together with other issues such as promotion and awareness raising activities and networking between Boards and with other natural resource management groups in the regions.

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

- Murray I'Anson, Pru Henschke and Roger Nield were nominated by Council for membership on the Native Vegetation Council. Murray I'Anson was appointed with Roger Nield as the deputy member.
- Rob Smyth, Iain Grierson and Joe Keynes were nominated by Council for membership on the Farmbis – Skilling Farmers for the Future Steering Committee. Rob Smyth was appointed with Joe Keynes as the Deputy Member.
- Rob Smyth was nominated by Council for membership on the new Farmbis State Planning Group following the amalgamation of the Farmbis and Property Management Planning Program. Rob Smyth was reappointed.
- John Berger was nominated by Council for membership on the Centenary of Food and Fibre Steering Committee. John Berger was appointed.
- Joe Keynes was nominated by Council for membership on the River Murray Catchment Water Management Board. Joe Keynes was appointed.

- Roger Nield was nominated by Council for membership on the PIRSA Code of Practice Reference Group. Roger Nield was appointed.

Council members or nominees continued to represent land management interests on:

- Natural Resources Council (Bill McIntosh)
- Better Soils Technical Reference Group (Iain Grierson)
- Landcare Association of South Australia (Gerry Butler)
- Property Management Planning Consultative Committee (Sharon Oldfield)
- State Revegetation Committee (Joe Keynes).

KANGAROO ISLAND FIELD TOUR

The 2001 Soil Conservation Council field trip to Kangaroo Island was held on 26–27 June 2001 in conjunction with Council's 89th meeting. Members of the Kangaroo Island Soil Conservation Board hosted Council members on a tour around the Island, looking at a diverse range of issues including; the management of salinity, acid soils, waterlogging, non-wetting sands, biodiversity, effluent and native vegetation. Council members saw many innovative practices being used to address these issues such as; raised bed cropping, pollarding, spreading of clay and lime, improved pastures, curved fencing and drainage works. Council members were impressed with the relationship Board members had with the local community and the input Board members have had into working with land managers to resolve some of the major land management issues on the Island.

SA DRYLAND SALINITY STRATEGY

Soil Conservation Council has responsibility for dryland salinity issues in South Australia. Council led an inclusive and open consultative process to develop the new SA Dryland Salinity Strategy to replace the old Technical Strategy. This involved the formation of a reference group with members drawn from State agencies, primary industry organisations, conservation organisations, local government and private landholders and Soil Conservation Board members.

The final strategy is due for release in November 2001 and will be managed, monitored and evaluated by a new SA Dryland Salinity

Committee. The Committee will advise the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources and the Soil Conservation Council on matters affecting the implementation of the Strategy and the management of dryland salinity, and foster shared responsibility for salinity management between State, Commonwealth and Local Governments, regional and primary industry groups, landholders and the wider community.

LAND CONDITION MONITORING

The Soil Conservation Council has a responsibility to monitor land condition throughout the State of South Australia and evaluate its condition. This responsibility is enshrined in the Soil Conservation and Land Care Act under Section 19 (1)(b).

Under this legislation, Soil Conservation Council provides advice on the extent of the degradation, apparent through its monitoring and evaluation, and the economic and environmental implications of this degradation.

In the first instance Soil Conservation Council should make this advice available to the Minister for Primary Industries and Resources. Soil Conservation Council is also required under the legislation to recommend to the Minister areas of land that should be assessed and subsequent action to prevent further degradation or to enable rehabilitation of those lands, should degradation occur.

Primarily through the Monitoring Working Group, Council continued to have an involvement with the monitoring activities being undertaken by PIRSA and to develop new initiatives to promote and encourage monitoring activities of the Soil Conservation Boards and communities. Three Startup Farm Monitoring Kits for farm monitoring were purchased by Council for Soil Conservation Board use, following a workshop by the Land Management Society of Western Australia on the kits. These kits have already been utilised by several Boards.

MEDIA STRATEGY

Soil Conservation Council employed communications consultant Peter Fuller and Associates to help raise awareness of the soil conservation program and the activities and achievements of Council and Soil Conservation Boards to the wider South Australian community. The strategy involved two quarterly features

published in South Australia's leading rural newspaper, *Stock Journal*, in February and May 2001 on salinity and INRM issues. Articles were developed by the consultant in conjunction with Soil Conservation Boards and Soil Conservation Council.

SUBMISSIONS ON REPORTS AND PAPERS

During 2000–2001, Council provided comments on the following reports and papers:

- State Water Plan (Department for Water Resources).
- Draft State Dryland Salinity Strategy.
- Draft INRM Bill.
- Inquiry into the South Australian Soil Conservation Board and APCBs (Statutory Authorities Review Committee).
- Draft Guidelines for Clearance of Bracken, *Pteridium esculentum* (Native Vegetation Council).
- Biograzing – Waterpoints and Wildlife (Pastoral Board).
- A Guide to Board Planning (Animal and Plant Control Commission).
- Environmental Education for a Sustainable Future (Department for Environment and Heritage).

GUEST SPEAKERS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS

- Mark Williams, Chairman, Hummocks Soil Conservation Board and Robin Manley, Chairman, Lower North Soil Conservation Board, presented to Council the Northern Agricultural Districts Regional Land Management Strategy.
- Rick Barratt and Andrew Secker of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement Negotiation Team and Parry Agius of the Native Title Unit presented to Council on the relationship between native title issues and Soil Conservation Boards and land management in South Australia.
- Rita Borda, Managing Director, Macro Meats – Gourmet Game provided Council with an overview of the Kangaroo Industry Reference Group and Kangaroo Management.
- Christine Johnson, Paul Jupp and Colin Whiterod of the Animal and Plant Control Commission attended a Council meeting to

discuss a joint position for the peak bodies for natural resource management in South Australia.

- Don Plowman, Director, Research and Development, South Australian Research and Development Institute discussed land management research issues with Council members.
- Paul Dalby, Program Coordinator, Land Technology Alliance, PIRSA presented information on the Cooperative Research Centre of Landscape Future and the Land Technology Alliance.
- Peter Alexander, Department for Environment and Heritage presented information to Council on the kangaroo management policies of the State government.

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES DEVELOPED OR REVIEWED BY COUNCIL

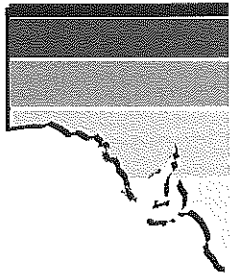
- Process for the review of Soil Conservation Board District Plans.
- Soil Conservation Council Strategic Plan (reviewed).
- Process for appointing Soil Conservation Boards (reviewed).
- Soil Conservation Board Handbook (reviewed).
- Soil Conservation Board annual reporting process.
- District Plan Review Guidelines.
- Development of a strategy to utilise Soil Conservation Board member reports to contribute to land condition monitoring.

ATTENDANCE AT FUNCTIONS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council members were represented at the following events and functions during 2000–2001:

- Australian and New Zealand Agricultural and National Resources Ministerial Council briefing.
- Meeting of peak bodies for natural resource management in South Australia.
- State Animal and Plant Control Conference.

Council members also attended some meetings of Soil Conservation Boards during the year.



SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD ISSUES

2001 CHAIRPERSONS' CONFERENCE

The Chairpersons' Conference was held on 21 and 22 February 2001 at Hahndorf Resort. The theme of the conference centred on INRM in South Australia, with the release of the draft Bill for the overarching legislation on 17 February a prominent topic for discussion.

Conference participants heard about the Government approach to the legislation from the Hon. Rob Kerin, Deputy Premier and Minister for Primary Industries and Resources, and Andrew Johnson, Group Manager Strategic Services, Sustainable Resources. Many of the Soil Conservation Board Chairpersons also presented their thoughts on related issues including experiences with amalgamations and cooperation between sectors, the future of Soil Conservation Boards in an integrated structure and working within a regional framework. A workshop session on the potential for integration and amalgamation from a Soil Conservation Board perspective involved all conference participants and identified possible options for Boards in the future.

Other speakers on day one included Bill McIntosh, Chair, Soil Conservation Council, who spoke on INRM and working closer with other groups, and Bill Davies, Program Manager, Rural Communities and Education, who spoke on the review of the Soil Conservation Program. David Chambers from the Farm Monitoring Systems Group in Western Australia, provided information on an on-farm monitoring kit, Peter Kuhlmann, Chair of the Western Eyre Peninsula Soil Conservation Board, shared his experiences in the Rural Leadership Program and Dennis Mutton, Chief Executive, PIRSA, recognised the efforts of long-serving Soil Conservation Board members.

Day two of the conference included a PIRSA report from Roger Wickes, Executive Director Sustainable Resources, and a presentation by Charles Matheson, a member of the Kangaroo

Island Soil Conservation Board and Daryl Bell, a member of the Marree Soil Conservation Board, on the Board's role in responsible tourism. Rick Barrett of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement Negotiation Team provided information on native title claims and their potential impact on Boards. Neville Wurst, Chair, Murray Mallee Soil Conservation Board and Peter Alexander, Manager, Wildlife and Biodiversity Branch, Department for Environment and Heritage, spoke about native animals which are, or have the potential to become, pests to land managers in South Australia.

Other sessions on day two included Tim Herrmann, Land Management Consultant, PIRSA, explaining a practical guide being produced to assist Boards to deal with problem properties, and a report from Peter Dunn, Chair of the Native Vegetation Council on native vegetation management issues and legislation. Robin Manley, John Berger and Geoff Bammann of the Lower North, Murray Mallee and Eastern Eyre Peninsula Soil Conservation Boards presented their views on how the size and diversity of land uses within a region can impact on the effectiveness of working on a regional level. The conference finished with a summary of the two days by Peter Ridgeway, Chair of the Lacepede-Tatiara Soil Conservation Board. Conference proceedings were provided to all Board members and participants.

BOUNDARY REVIEWS

Northern Hills–Murray Plains

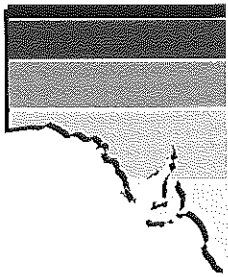
A working group between the Northern Hills Soil Conservation Board and Murray Plains Soil Conservation Board was formed to discuss the issue of a boundary review to more closely align the Boards to catchment and Local Government boundaries. The recommendation was made, and accepted unanimously, by both Boards and the community to have the Murray Plains Soil Conservation Board incorporate that portion of the Northern Hills Soil Conservation Board that is part of the recently formed Mid Murray Council.

In essence, the boundaries of Murray Plains Soil Conservation Board and the Mid Murray Council are now one in the Eastern Mount Lofty Ranges. The recommendation was endorsed by Council and recommended to the Minister for approval. The boundary amendment was published in the Government Gazette on 10 May 2001.

Goyder–Central Flinders

A consultation process commenced in 1999–2000 involving Central Flinders Soil Conservation Board and Goyder Soil Conservation Board to discuss the alignment of boundaries to enable incorporation of the Peterborough District Council area into a Soil Conservation Board district. Consultation continued into 2000–2001 and involved the Soil Conservation Boards, District Councils, the Federation of North Eastern Councils and industry bodies.

The Central Flinders and Goyder Soil Conservation Boards subsequently agreed on a proposal that the boundary of Central Flinders Soil Conservation Board be extended to include the District Council of Peterborough, District Council Orroroo–Carrieton and the southern part of Flinders Ranges Council being the former Kanyaka–Quorn District Council area, and that the Goyder Soil Conservation Board boundary be realigned to include only the District Council of Mount Remarkable. Furthermore, it was proposed that the name of Goyder Soil Conservation Board be changed to Mount Remarkable Soil Conservation Board to reflect the new boundary changes which now coincide with the District Council of Mount Remarkable. The proposal was endorsed by Soil Conservation Council and recommended to the Minister for approval. The boundary amendment was published in the Government Gazette on 14 December 2000.



SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD NOMINATIONS

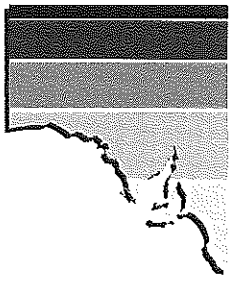
During 2000–2001, Council made recommendations to the Minister for appointment of members to the following Soil Conservation Boards:

Eastern Districts
Lower Eyre Peninsula
Southern Hills
Central Flinders
Kangaroo Island
Mount Remarkable
Yorke Peninsula

Hummocks
Eastern Eyre Peninsula (casual vacancy)
Murray Mallee (casual vacancy)

Marla–Oodnadatta (two casual vacancies)
Northern Flinders (casual vacancy)
Gawler Ranges (casual vacancy)
Western Eyre Peninsula (casual vacancy)
North East Pastoral (casual vacancy)
Kingoonya (casual vacancy)
Eastern Eyre Peninsula (casual vacancy)

Throughout the year Council encouraged unsuccessful nominees to become involved in Board activities. In some instances, Boards assisted these people to attend meetings and other activities to encourage their continued participation.



SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD DISTRICT PLANS

The following list shows the status of district plans for Soil Conservation Boards during 2000–2001. The Eastern District Soil Conservation Board is yet to have its District Plan endorsed by Council.

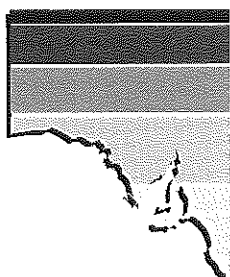
The following Boards undertook to review their District Plan:

- Southern Hills
- Northern Hills
- Coorong District
- West Broughton

- Central Hills
- Lower North
- Eastern Eyre Peninsula.

The following Boards submitted their three or Five-Year Action Plans for endorsement by Council:

- Murray Mallee
- Coorong
- Lower North
- West Broughton.



SOIL CONSERVATION COUNCIL BUDGET 2000 — 2001

State Government funding was provided through PIRSA to meet the operating costs of the Soil Conservation Council and Soil Conservation Boards.

The following is a summary of income and expenditure incurred during 2000–2001.

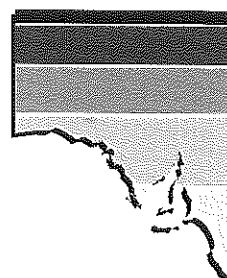
INCOME		\$
Budget allocation from PIRSA		371 000.00
EXPENDITURE		
Grants to Soil Conservation Boards		229 586.81
Travel		17 857.34
Sitting fees		29 473.77
Catering and meals		1 231.55
Chairpersons conference		6 672.76
Media strategy		8 879.38
Media releases		928.55
Teleconferences and telephone		1794.86
Monitoring kits		2009.95
Administrative expenses		3 968.56
Professional services		2 578.64
Annual report		3187.00
Executive support (salaries + on costs)		61 756.52
Other		2009.95
Total		371 935.64
INCOME		
Allocation of Regional Strategies Funding		124 880.00
EXPENDITURE		
Long service leave (3 months) Executive Officer		12 562.07
Regional strategies funding grants		112 287.86
Total		124 856.86



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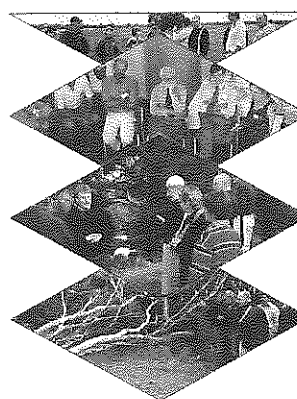
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CENTRAL EYRE PENINSULA SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

The Central Eyre Peninsula SCB District includes the District Councils of Le Hunte and Elliston, covering 12 090 km². There is approximately 502 000 ha of remnant vegetation in the district. The main land use is cereal and sheep farming on mostly alkaline soils, including extensive dune and swale systems. There are significant areas of shallow soils on sheet limestone, which are used mainly for grazing. Annual rainfall ranges from 450 mm on the south west coast to approximately 250 mm in the northern boundaries.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation	Area
Roger Scholz	Chairman	Farmer	Yaninee
Veronica Robinson	Member	Agronomist	Elliston
Sean O'Brien	Member	Farmer	Kyancutta
Nigel Scholz	Member	Farmer	Wudinna
Neville Jericho	Member	Farmer	Minnipa
Anita Crisp	Local Government*	Resigned 03.01	Koongawa
Elaine Seal	Secretary–Treasurer	–	–

*awaiting gazettal notice of new local government representative.

Board Meetings

Meeting No..	Meeting Date	Location
41	02.08.00	Karcultaby Area School.
42	25.10.00	Elliston Council Office.
43	07.03.01	Lock Hotel.
44	11.04.01	Emergency Service Complex, Wudinna.

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Dates	Attending	Nature of Meeting
21–22.02.01	Roger Scholz	SCB Chairperson's Conference.
16.03.01	Roger Scholz	Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management public meeting.

Activities undertaken to achieve Three Year Plan

Date	Activity
10.00	Implementation of Three-Year Action Plan.
11.00	Forwarded comments to Musgrave Water Allocation Plan.
01.01	Publication of new Promotional Brochure.
08.01	Joint committee with APCC to discuss possible amalgamation in the future.
10.01	Sponsor a magnesia trial site, plus media promotion.
Ongoing	Working closely with Animal and Plant Control officers to support a coordinated approach. APCC officers regularly attend Soil Board meetings.
Ongoing	Combined Eyre Peninsula Soil Boards Summer weeds project. Sites in this district (Elliston and Koongawa) have not been treated this season, due to lack of summer rainfall.

Property Inspections

Date	Place/Property	Reason
02.08.00	Karcultaby Area school	Inspected Landcare garden received A National Award, plus outlined future works.
25.10.00	Tom Henderson's property at Elliston	Observed results of direct seeding.
07.03.01	Glen Habner's property at Murdinga	Inspected Salinity project: 'Reduction in recharge' received NHT grant.

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
10.00	Wudinna and Karcultaby schools engaged in Olympic Landcare event, planting 2000 trees to commemorate the Olympic Games.
12.00	Board members attended opening of Gawler Ranges National Park.
01.01	Supported Reduction of Recharge Project in Murdinga district.

Publicity and Promotion

Date	Place/Property	Reason
28.07.00	Karcultaby Area school	Supported students expenses to attend 'Kids Congress' in Adelaide.
Mar 2001	Promotional brochure	Completed brochure, use at Field Days, Council offices, etc
Mar 2001	Elliston Le Hunte APCC	Supported application to NHT for Bridal Creeper control.
Quarterly	The Long Run – Eyre Peninsula's own land management publication	Continued to financially support and contribute articles to this publication.

Community Landcare Groups (registered subcommittees)

Group Name:
Elliston Landcare Group

Reported by:
Deb May

The Elliston District Landcare Group has been very busy in the last 12 months, taking on a major on-grounds project : Elliston – Sheoaks for Sustainability.

After receiving funding last September, the group have done a bulk order of fencing materials. We were able to save \$2000 on freight, plus the usual discounting on products due to bulk ordering. This enabled us to purchase surplus materials, since areas have been made bigger in some cases and helped others reduce their capital outlay. We have encountered administration problems along the way: ABN number to apply for, incorporation to chase up. It was decided to make the timetable more flexible to assist in any seasonal pressures that occur.

The Group has collected nearly 50 kg of seeds, which is approximately half of seed required and plans for more collecting are under way for next season. Unfortunately, most seed is available at harvest time and there is not a large number of personnel available to collect seed. We have grateful for the assistance from Phil Barron and Simon Bey. Without their valued support we would have been struggling to collect half of the seed. Some community members have also been willing to give a hand with collection.

Approximately 33 km of direct seeding has been undertaken this year – with good germination reported from landholders. Red legged earthmites have been a particular concern and all landholders have been asked to watch out for them and treat accordingly. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon Bey and Jeff Edwards for their assistance.

Fencing off revegetation has been carried out as well with most of this nearing completion. Only one area has been inspected and signed off. Most landholders are happy to finish all their sites, so only one inspection day need occur per property.

District Plan Program Development

The Central Eyre Peninsula SCB has identified a number of land management issues in the District which need to be included in the new Plan. The local PIRSA Land Management Consultant is currently reviewing the plan, with input from Board members. It is anticipated that a draft document will be produced in the next month and the draft placed on a 90-day public consultation period.

It is anticipated that the new District Plan will be ready for printing early 2002.

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

During March 2001 the Board forwarded to the Soil Conservation Council a list of long-serving Board members to receive a Certificate of Appreciation. Members included:

- Lloyd Dolphin 22 years
- Peter May 13 years
- Murray Cook 10 years
- Geoff Zacher 9 years

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

	\$
Bank balance (01.07.00)	1 712.99
Board budget allocation	13 388.12
Interest and other income	226.24
Total	\$ 15 327.35

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	1 928.00
Travel expenses	1 338.22
Other expenses	5 232.46
Total	\$ 8 498.68

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

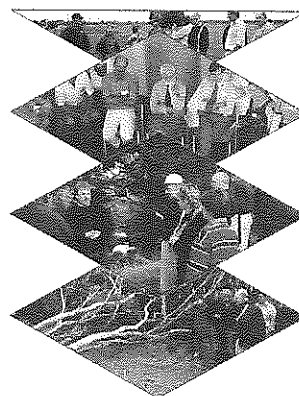
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Treasurer: E M Seal Chairman: Roger Scholz

CENTRAL FLINDERS SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

Marginal farming and pastoral country which has had four grasshopper plagues and six seasons of below average rainfall in the growing season. This area belongs to the Northern Agricultural Districts, and should also be part of the Rangelands because of its composition.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Richie Paynter	Chairman	Farmer–ETSA Employee
Jane Luckraft	Secretary–Treasurer	School Assistant–Grazier
Malcolm Byerlee	Local Government Representative	Farmer
Grant Chapman	Member	Farmer
Brian Thomas	Member	Farmer and Grazier
Roger Mortimer	Member	Upper North APCB
Modris Ozolins	Member	Tour Operator

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
1	04.10.00	Quorn
2	30.01.01	Carrieton
3	06.03.01	Carrieton
4	11.05.01	Peterborough

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
20.03.01	5	Teleconference
05.11.00	1	Kangaroo Management Meeting

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

- The declaration of the Central Flinders Soil Conservation Board in January 2001 included new areas. The Board now includes the Peterborough, Orroroo–Carrieton and the greater portion of the Flinders Ranges Council areas. This is a first for Peterborough, as they had previously not been included in a Board area.
- The 2000–2001 financial year has brought a mixed bag for this Board. The rains in spring 2000 brought about the hatching of locust and grasshopper plagues, but the joint campaign launched by PIRSA and Local Government was the most successful yet. However, the long-ranging effects of even a successful campaign are reduced feed and retarded feed growth for some time to come.
- The good spring and early summer rains were followed by a long dry period of six months, almost too late for farmers to sow. This brought its own set of problems for our Board because we have on-going land monitoring with some landholders in the District.

- On the brighter side, several landholders in the district have applied for, and received NHT funding for rehabilitation work on their properties. These landholders, and some of this district, had not previously applied for NHT funding, so it set a good example for the area. This was partially brought about by the involvement of the Community Landcare Officer for the area. He has since had contact with the schools in the district and has involved them in some of the rehabilitation activities, and in their own initiatives.
- A large area of the Board is involved in devolved grants from NHT through the six Rangelands Boards. The two grants are specifically for eradication of rabbits and boxthorns in an area stretching north from Orroroo to Cradock. This is the first of a three year program, which has been highly successful in its first year.
- The Board's own NHT grant for rehabilitation of scalded lands had been stalled because of unfavourable seasons for the last four or five years, but landholders in the Peterborough area were encouraged to apply for funding for work to be done in their area. They had not been included in a Soil Board area before and it was an ideal way to promote the Board's aims. The landholders who applied for assistance carried out the work in a variety of approved ways, and as a result, further applications have been received from landholders who are willing to carry out similar rehabilitation work.

District Plan/Review/Program Development

Tenders let to various qualified groups for submission. Waiting on replies.

Property Inspections

Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
06.03.01	Eurelia area	Monitoring tour.
11.05.01	Peterborough area	Familiarity tour for Board members, also checking on use of Rehabilitation of Scalded Land grant monies.

Community Landcare Groups (Registered subcommittees)

Group Name	Projects undertaken
Johnburgh and Districts Landcare Group	Bendleby Historical Site quarry filling and revegetation. \$42 000 grant from RESBEX for the first year of a three year program to eradicate of rabbits and boxthorns in the Walloway Catchment Basin.

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

\$

Bank Balance (01.07.00)	11 860.95
Board budget allocation	5 827.00
Interest and other income	6 141.83
Total	23 829.78

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	2 460.00
Travel fees	561.00
Other expenses	2 010.78
Total	5 031.78

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

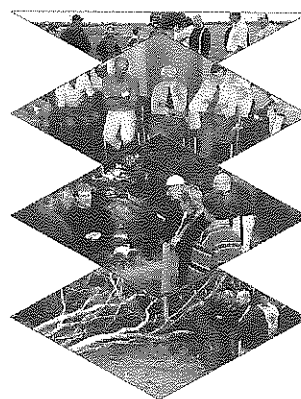
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Treasurer: J Luckraft Chairman: R Paynter

CENTRAL HILLS SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

For the majority of the district the rain that fell in February had sufficient follow up rain to maintain the early germination of pastures and consequently good ground cover was maintained throughout autumn. A large number of vineyards are continuing to be established in the Balhannah to Charleston area on land previously used for dairying and cattle grazing. A large number of smaller properties changed hands with many of the new landholders having little or no experience in managing land.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Stewart Fraser	Chairman	Retired university lecturer (Geography)
Margaret Wilksch	Secretary	Consultant – land manager
Bill Gale	Local Government	Farmer
Don Cranwell	Member	APCB Advisor
Lois Klaebisch	Member	Dairying
Doug McCarty	Member	Small landholder – civil engineer – teacher
Wayne Quine	Member	Dairying

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
1	14.07.00	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
2	04.08.00	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
3	08.09.00	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
4	06.10.00	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
5	03.11.00	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
6	01.12.00	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
7	12.01.01	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
8	02.02.01	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
9	02.03.01	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
10	06.04.01	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
11	04.05.01	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre
12	01.06.01	Mount Lofty Ranges Catchment Centre

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Strong links with Catchment Boards, LAPs, EPA, and Councils were maintained and strengthened. The partnership with the Northern and Southern Soil Conservation Boards played an important role with the very successful Land Management Program and involved nine team, 11 management and potential partner consultation meetings. This program of education of land holders, particularly those new to the district, is playing an increasingly important role for the growing number of new small landholders. Close links with our small farm advisor includes his attending most of the Board's meetings. He had 105 visits to landowners in 2000 and 70 in the first six months of 2001.

Two combined meetings with the other Hills Boards were held for discussions on INRM and amalgamation of the Boards with the APCBs. Four training workshops helped new members to understand the role of the Board.

Board members attended and were represented on Goolwa to Wellington LAP, Bremer Barker, OCWMB Watercourse Management Committee, Sixth Creek Landcare and Flaxley Landcare. Members attended meetings of the Angas River Catchment, Biggs Flat-Echunga Landcare, Dawsley Creek Landcare, Meadows Agriculture Bureau, OCWM Board (8) and MDCWM Board (6). Members also attended or were represented on other various industry meetings, including four seminars held at the Waite. Displays were mounted and attended at MLRCC Open Day, Meadows and Uraidla Shows.

District Plan/Review/Program Development

The updated District Plan is with the printer for finalising ready for distribution.

Property Inspections

Native vegetation

The Central Hills Board visited and commented on seven native vegetation applications.

Change of Land use

The Central Hills Board visited and commented on eight change of land use applications for Mount Barker, Hills and Onkaparinga Councils.

Property inspections

The Central Hills Board visited eighteen degraded properties, in some cases in conjunction with other agencies, in particular Councils, EPA and LAP officers.

Bus tour

Because of the number of new members to the Board, an extensive bus tour covering much of the area serviced by the Board was a valuable education and orientation tool. It included driving past many known degraded properties.

Field Days/Extension Activities

The Board updated a booklet on the activities of the over 50 Landcare Groups in district and put on

a very successful field day for land care groups and landholders in the district that particularly show cased good land management practices on small holdings.

Publicity and Promotion

The Board continued to provide editorial articles for local newspaper and 'Small Talk', the very successful free post paper that is part of the Land Management program which has a distribution of 22 000 throughout the Mount Lofty Ranges and which results in a large number of responses to the Board from landholders.

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

- Considerable time was spent on preparing for INRM and amalgamation with extra meetings held. Each Board member served on at least two subcommittees, these included District plan, promotional material, finance, problem properties and executive. Lack of resources and demands on Board members' time was a issue and with the direction being taken to amalgamate to Land Management Boards and the reduction in community membership with greater responsibilities, the extra work load demands put on fewer is of great concern to the Board.
- The ongoing 'Soil Order property' again absorbed time and further contact with the Ombudsman.
- The changing patterns of intensive land use in the Mount Lofty Ranges creates an increasing need for a dedicated Compliance Officer for the region. The three Boards have jointly been exploring ways in which such an officer might be funded and will continue to do so as a matter of priority.

Board Administration Issues

The Board in conjunction with the other regional two Hills Soil Conservation Boards employs an administrator-bookkeeper who maintains the accounts of the three Boards and of the Land Management Program. Employing such a dedicated administrator proved a great boom to all three Boards in coping with complications of the BAS.

Future Developments

The Board is very conscious of the implications of the impending INRM legislation and the associated proposals for amalgamation with APCB. Clearly such developments imply major changes to structure and the responsibilities of the Board; very careful consideration will be required to ensure that an appropriate balance is maintained between the level of technical expertise available on the Board and the degree of community representation among its members. Whatever the future structure of the Board maybe it is imperative that it be properly resourced to ensure the pressure of responsibility on Board members does not become even more onerous.

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

\$

Bank Balance (01.07.00)	17 139.75
Board budget allocation	15 552.25
Interest and other income	547.38
Total	\$33 239.38

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	5 400.00
Travel fees	3 072.44
Other expenses	25 470.74
Total	\$33 239.38

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

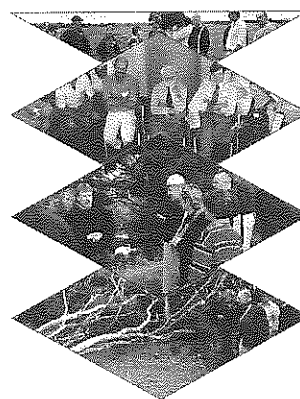
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Treasurer: M Wilksch Chairman: S Fraser

COORONG DISTRICT SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

The Coorong District Soil Conservation Board boundary aligns exactly with the Coorong District Local Action Plan (LAP) Committee, the Coorong District Council and the Coorong Animal and Plant Control Board. This enables all stakeholders to take a coordinated approach to natural resource management.

Annual Rainfall is approximately 350 to 500 mm. The major land use is dryland agriculture, including cereal, legume cropping and livestock grazing. Major issues of concern include dryland salinity, native vegetation decline, soil erosion and condition, animal and plants pests. Groundwater recharge is the main issue affecting the future dryland agricultural production in the Coorong District area.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Allan Piggott	Chairman	Farmer
Keith Scobie	Local Government	Farmer
Gordon Stopp	Treasurer	Farmer
Henry Angas	Member	Farmer
Mig Brookman	Member	Farmer
Steve Murray	Member	Farmer
Ken Strother	Member	Farmer
Sharon Starick	Secretary	—

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
59	26.07.00	Francesco's Restaurant, Murray Bridge
60	14.09.00	National Parks Office, Salt Creek
61	31.10.00	Water Front Motel, Meningie
62	05.02.01	Coorong District Council Office, Tintinara
63	02.04.01	Coorong District Council Office, Taillem Bend

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
21.07.00	Gordon Stopp	Meeting with NDSP Communications Officer.
26.07.00	Allan Piggott, Henry Angas, Gordon Stopp, Ken Strother, Keith Scobie	Joint Soil Boards Forum – 'The Future of Soil Boards in the SA Murray-Darling Basin'.
3.08.00	Gordon Stopp	USE Drainage Advisory Committee met with South East Water Catchment and Drainage Board.
07.08.00	Allan Piggott, Keith Scobie	Meeting and field tour with the Statutory Authorities Review Committee.
08.00	Mig Brookman	South East Natural Resources Consultative Committee.
23.09.00	Gordon Stopp	Saltland Agronomy Project: Saltland Management Workshop. Gordon Stopp presented information and participated in the workshop.
23.11.00	Gordon Stopp	Saltland Agronomy Project Management Team.
20–22.02.01	Henry Angas	Soil Board Chairperson's Conference.
12.03.01	Ken Strother	Soil Boards CARE Committee.
19–23.03.01	Gordon Stopp,	PURSL Conference, Tasmania.
03.04.01	Gordon Stopp	Upper South East Water Conservation and Drainage Advisory Committee.
07-08.04.01	Keith Scobie	South East Coastal Management Forum.
30.04.01	Gordon Stopp	South East Regional Assessment Panel, Straun
10.05.01	Gordon Stopp	South East Catchment Water Management Plan, Tintinara.
18.06.01	Allan Piggott, Ken Strother	Soil Boards CARE Committee.
4 meetings	Allan Piggott	Australian Landcare Council.
5 meetings	Ken Strother	Narrung Peninsula Feral Animal Control Project
6 meetings	Allan Piggott, Steve Murray, Henry Angas, Gordon Stopp, Mig Brookman, Ken Strother, Keith Scobie	Coorong District LAP Committee

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

- The Soil Board and other key stakeholders involved with natural resource management are waiting in anticipation for the INRM Legislation. The SA Murray-Darling Basin already has an Interim INRM Group which is currently developing a Natural Resource Management Plan (primarily based on existing

plans) and an associated Investment Strategy. An Operational Support Strategy is also being developed and aims to identify the 'human resources' required to ensure on-ground works.

- The Soil Board supports in principle the recommendations of the Statutory Authorities Review Committee requiring the amalgamation of Soil Boards and APCBs.
- The Soil Board continues to have a close working relationship with the Coorong District LAP Group. Salinity is the priority issue with resources being allocated to preventative measures involving the establishment of perennial vegetation. The Coorong District Council, in conjunction with the LAP and SARDI, is investigating opportunities for economically viable businesses to take advantage of salinity. This includes aquaculture, salt harvesting and brine shrimp production.

District Plan/Review/Program Development

The District Plan has been promoted and used as a base document in the development of the Coorong District LAP. The LAP contributes to the implementation of the District Plan and the three-year program by addressing issues of concern and management actions as identified in the District Plan. The Coorong District Local Action Planning Committee continues to offer a package of incentives for on-ground works to landholders in the region. The Board has completed a Review of the District Plan, as required by the Act, with the document being distributed widely throughout the community.

The Board has finalised its Five-Year Action Plan which identifies priority actions to be undertaken both by the community and the Board. It is anticipated that the Plan will be released in the near future.

The Board and the Local Action Planning Committee have continued to develop a close working relationship and consequently have developed and adopted a paper 'Policy for Operation' formalising this relationship. Both Committees recognise that the relationship is not final but will continue to evolve.

The Board is continuing to develop strong linkages with the other many groups contributing to INRM within the region including Murray Mallee Strategic Task Force, River Murray Catchment Water Management Board (RMCWMB), South East Catchment Water Management Board, South East Natural Resources Consultative Committee, Coorong and Lower Lakes Ramsar Community Reference Group, Landcare Groups, Agricultural Bureaus, Local Government, APCB, Coorong Consultative Committee, Silver Grass Task Force, Camp Coorong Aboriginal Community and Raukkan Aboriginal Community.

The Soil Board has retained its links with Murray Mallee, Murray Plains and Eastern Districts Soil Conservation Boards through the Soil Boards CARE Committee. This committee has been developing a program to implement key issues identified in the Dryland Regional Strategy for the SA Murray-Darling Basin. This includes organisation of a Forum of all four Soil Boards to enable information exchange and the discussion of emerging issues for the region.

The Board continues to manage a salinity project with Lacepede-Tatiara Soil Conservation Board, involving employment of a Saltland Agronomist at Keith.

The Board was successful in receiving funding for the project 'Eradication of Rabbits on the Narrung Peninsula'. A Management Committee has been established which includes a representatives of the Soil Board and the APCB.

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan

Date	Activities
Ongoing	Supported the Local Action Plan Committee with the implementation of the LAP.
Ongoing 07.00	Continued to work closely with and supported neighbouring Soil Boards (via the Soil Boards CARE Committee) through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 meetings • Joint Soil Boards Forum.
Ongoing	Publicised and promoted the role of the Soil Board and the District Plan throughout the district through the media and field days.
04.01	Publicised and promoted the role of the Soil Board and the District Plan through the distribution of information packages to Land Agents.
Ongoing	Encouraged landholders to become involved in the management of natural resources through opportunities via Local Action Planning. Landholders receiving a property visit or correspondence from the Board are informed of the Incentives program being offered through the LAP.

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan continued

Date	Activities
02.01	Interacted with the RMCWMB through the attendance of a representative and discussion at a Soil Board meeting.
Ongoing	Supported the implementation of the Upper South East Dryland Salinity and Flood Management Plan.
Ongoing	Supported the project 'Implementation of the Agronomic Component of the Upper South East Dryland Salinity Floodplain Management Plan' by a Board member sitting on the management committee
06.01	Encouraged stabilisation of drift areas through personal contact with 4 property managers to suggest best management strategies.
04.01	In conjunction with the LAP, targeted and developed 2 projects demonstrating practical methods of controlling and rehabilitating long-term eroded sandhills.
Ongoing	Monitored sites which Board has dealt with to maintain cover.
09.00–02.01 and 11.00	Improved liaison with the APCB through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attendance of 2 Authorised Officers and discussion at Soil Board meetings establishment of a management committee, including representatives of the Soil Board and the APCB, to undertake the project 'Eradication of Rabbits on the Narrung Peninsula'.

Property Inspections

Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
07.00	Jabuk Institute, Sect 5, Hd Peake	Native Vegetation Clearance application.
09.00	Tatiara Station, Meningie	Soil Conservation — discuss potential for project demonstration site.
08.00	D Griggs, Meningie	Soil Conservation — discuss potential for project demonstration site.
10.00	L Grocke, Sect 128, Hd Coombe	Soil Conservation.
03.01	East Wellington	Soil Conservation.

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
11.03.01	Lions Wool Show — Display promoting the Soil Board and the District Plan.
26.04.01	Opening of the Coorong Communications Project — Display promoting the Soil Board and the District Plan.
06.05.01	Volunteers Day — Display promoting the Soil Board and the District Plan.
07.05.01	Community Cabinet Day — Display promoting the Soil Board and the District Plan.

Publicity and Promotion

Date	Nature of Activity	Comments
Ongoing	Articles	Soil Board activities published in the Coorong District LAP newsletter 'Recharge Reduction — Reaping the Rewards'.
Ongoing	Display Posters	The Soil Board, in conjunction with the LAP, Coorong District Council and the APCB, has developed a set of display posters.
02.04.01	Information Packages	Packages containing information on the Soil Board, the LAP Committee and the District Plan was distributed to Land Agents within the region.

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

\$

Bank balance (01.07.00)	10 795.18
Board budget allocation	7 839.10
Interest and other income	342.47
Total	\$ 18 976.75

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	2 503.75
Travel expenses	117.32
Other expenses	6 195.25
Total	8 816.32

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

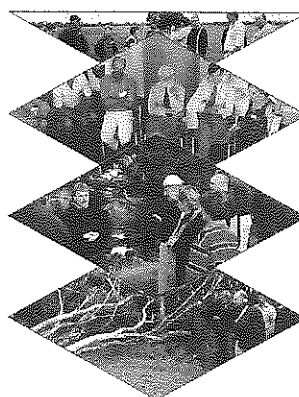
\$ 10 160.43

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Treasurer: G W Stopp Chairman: A M Piggott

EASTERN DISTRICTS SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

Eastern hundreds Regional Council of Goyder. Part Mid-Murray Council. Pastoral leases—perpetual leases east of Burra to New South Wales border, north of the River Murray.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Chris Reed	Chairman – Local Government	Grazier
Paul Williams	Secretary	Station Manager
Vic Breeding	Member	Station Manager
Ann Breeding	Member	—
Dudley Cockington	Member	Pastoralist
David Lindner	Treasurer	Pastoralist
Ian Falkenberg	Associate member	National Parks and Wildlife

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
31	21.08.00	Burra Town Hall
32	27.10.00	Braemar Station
33	18.02.01	Burra Town Hall
34	02.03.01	Burra Town Hall
35	25.05.01	Burra Town Hall

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
02.11.00	3	Kangaroo Industry Reference Group
5 meetings	1	RSBEX
3 meetings	1	Rangeland INRM group
11.01.01	3	RMCWMB
19.02.01	1	Chairpersons' Conference
12.03.01	1	CARE group
15.03.01	3	RMCWMB
17–18.05.01	1	South Rangelands Summit
21–22.06.01	3	Study Tour EDSCB
28.08.01	1	Outback SA

District Plan/Review/Program Development

Consultancy for completion of District Plan awarded to PIRSA Rural Solutions. Draft Plan incorporating Three-Year Plan to be delivered September 2001.

Property Inspections

Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
02.01	Bower	Land Degradation

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
	Production of portable display poster of Eastern Districts SCB aims and activities funded by grant from CARE group.

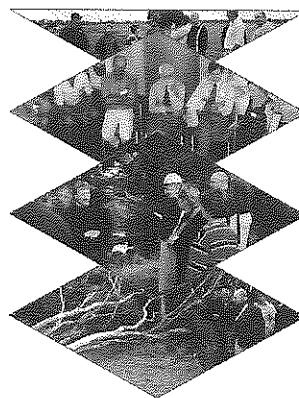
Community Landcare Groups (registered subcommittees)

Group Name	Projects undertaken
Burra Creek	Continuation of Pepper Tree removal by contractor.
Manunda Creek	Application of RAP funding for on ground works.

Financial Report	
Receipts to 30.06.01	\$
Bank balance (01.07.00)	4 875.03
Board budget allocation	19 430.00
Interest and other income	1 965.06
Total	\$ 26 270.09
Payments to 30.06.01	
Sitting fees	3 854.84
Travel expenses	3 675.07
Other expenses	8 982.66
Total	\$ 16 512.57
Bank balance as at 30.06.01	\$ 9 701.52
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Treasurer: J D Lindner Chairman: C M Reed	

EASTERN EYRE PENINSULA SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

District comprises siliceous and calcareous sand ridges and sand spreads, surrounded by sandy loams in the swales that contain calcrete. Deeper reddish soils are predominant in the Kimba area and sandy loam soils over clay cover much of the Cleve hills and nearby slopes.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
G Bamman	Chairman	Farmer
J Hampel	Secretary	Farmer
J Bammann	Local Government	Farmer
A Woolford	Member	Farmer
G Grund	Member	Farmer
D Siviour	Member	Farmer
R Nield	Member	Farmer
S Edwards	Member	Farmer

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
192	24.07.00	PIRSA Cleve
193	09.10.00	PIRSA Cleve
194	05.02.01	PIRSA Cleve
195	02.04.01	PIRSA Cleve
196	25.06.01	Cowell (combined with Eastern Eyre Peninsula APCB)

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
02.01	1	Chairpersons Conference
03.01	1	PURSL – Tasmania

District Plan/Review/Program Development

- Nearly to a final draft for printing by November 2001.
- Yet to be approved by Soil Conservation Council.

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan

Date	Activities
Ongoing	Community consultation — public comment. Promotion of activities. Displays at Field Days.

Property Inspections

Inspection Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/NativeVeg.etc.)
25.06.01	Cowell	Weeds, crops, soil condition.
07.00	Driver River	Catchment and salinity.

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
07.00	Magnesia workshops
07.00	Cleve Field Days display
08.00	Contour banking demonstration
09.00	GMA meeting

Publicity and Promotion

Date	Nature of Activity	Comments
Ongoing	The Long Run	Community awareness
Ongoing	Tribune	Community awareness

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

- Amalgamation with APCBs
- Snails
- Salinity
- Lack of adoption of Best Farming Practices.

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

\$

Bank balance (01.07.00)	17 866.19
Board budget allocation	30 463.00
Interest and other income	660.15
Total	\$48 989.34

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees and Travel expenses	6 247.64
Other expenses	14 829.03
	\$21 076.67

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

Total \$5 735.47

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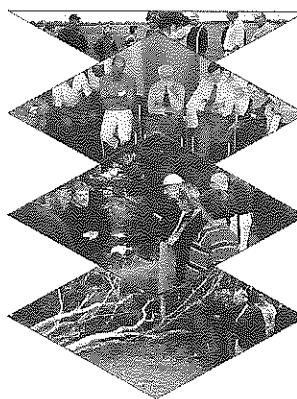
Treasurer: J Hampel Chairman: G Bammann

FAR WEST COAST SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

Situated in the far west Eyre Peninsula, comprised of counties Hopetown and Kintore and Pastoral Lease 2163. Undulating calcareous plains and low hills, with rocky cliffs and sandy beaches on the coast. Range of average rainfalls — 356 mm per annum (Chintulta) to 275 mm per annum (in the north).



Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Peter Polkinghorne	Chairman	Farmer
Phil Landless	Secretary	Non Board member
Brett Dalzell	Local Government Representative	NPWS Ranger
Jon Shippard	Treasurer	Farmer
Ricky Miller	Member	Farmer
Richard Koch	Member	Farmer
Bronte Warmington	Member	Farmer
Therese Gurney	Member	Farmer

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
38	29.08.00	Bookable
39	07.02.01	Penong
40	10.04.01	Bookable

District Plan/Review/Program Development

- District Plan Review Draft near completion
- Salinity activities — soil pit-neutron probes
- Wombat control sites.

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan

Date	Activities
Ongoing	District Plan Review near completion. Magnesia patch field trials. Initiation of wombat control trials.

Property Inspections

Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
29.08.00	Bookabee	Wombat control site.
29.08.00	Bookabee	Saltbush windbreak inspection.
07.02.01	Bookabee	Complete fencing at wombat site.

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
–	Combined Soil Board field day.

Publicity and Promotion

Date	Nature of Activity
09.00	'Long Run' soft rolling skin workshop.
02.01	Production of Far West Coast Soil Board promotional brochures.
05.01	Landlink 19 — wombat control sites.

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

- Summer weed control
- Wombat control
- Snails
- Coastal access
- Feedlots
- Dryland salinity (magnesia patches).

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

	\$
Bank Balance (01.07.00)	13 577.00
Board budget allocation	10 273.00
Interest and other income	1 080.00
Total	\$ 24 930.00

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	1 791.00
Travel fees	729.00
Other expenses	7 843.00
Total	\$10 363.00

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

\$ 14 567.00

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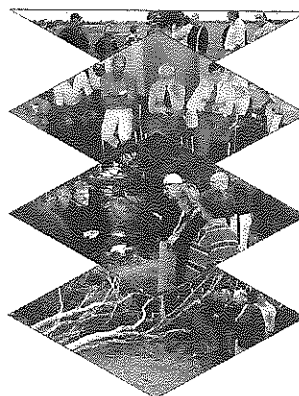
Treasurer: J Shipard Chairman: P W Polkinghorne

GAWLER RANGES SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

The Gawler Ranges Soil Conservation Board is located to the north of Eyre Peninsula in the pastoral region of South Australia. It covers 51 900 km², and comprises 53 pastoral leases and two major towns: Port Augusta and Whyalla. The main enterprises are wool and meat production.



Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Geoff Mills	Chairman	Grazier
Andrew Smart	Secretary	Grazier
Tiffany Lord	Member	Grazier
Sara Nicolson	Member	Grazier
Angus McTaggart	Member	Grazier
Andrew McTaggart	Member	Grazier
Christina Haig	Associate member	Grazier
Craig Nixon	Associate member	Grazier

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
43	16.09.00	Carriewerloo Station
44	07.11.00	Port Augusta
45	06.02.01	Teleconference
46	14.05.01	Port Augusta

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan

Date	Activities
Ongoing	Promotion of range condition monitoring through manual developed by Board.
Ongoing	Promotion of plant identification and knowledge through manual developed by Board.
Ongoing	Encourage feral animal control (goats and rabbits).
Ongoing	Promote best land management practices.
Ongoing	Develop the interdependent links between the environment and socioeconomic issues by facilitating a wether trial. This promotes best practice in both land and stock management, raises the Boards profile and creates a forum for sharing ideas.
Ongoing	Input to kangaroo management with the NPWS.
Ongoing	Promotion and support of environment on-ground works through the Rangeland Action Project.

District Plan Review

A contract has been let to PIRSA Rural Solutions to meet a consultancy brief to review the Board's District plan. Work has commenced and is expected to be completed by mid 2002.

Property Inspections

Where	Reason
Yadlamulka	Revisit photo point monitoring site and assess.
Uplands	Install photo point monitoring sites to enable documentation of change in range condition.

Field Days

Working with the Pastoral Board to co-sponsor with Kingoonya Soil Board a diversity workshop to be held in Woomera on 29.08.01.

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

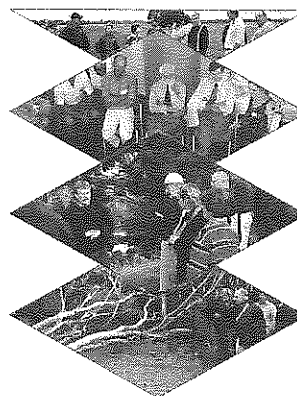
Increasing numbers of kangaroos, especially western greys, is a concern because of the threat to other native species.

I have seen in my time on the Board a very positive shift to conservative management practices and a greater awareness of the environment, the natural resources and natural resource management issues by the land managers.

HUMMOCKS

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

District Councils of Barunga West, Wakefield Regional Council part, Clare and Gilbert Valley Councils, part Regional Council of Goyder.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Mark Williams	Chairman	Farmer
Millie Nicholls	Deputy Chairperson	Farmer
Kevin Jaeschke	Local Government Representative	Farmer
Don Whiting	Member	Farmer
Jenny Ottens	Member	Farmer
Peter Pawelski	Member	Viticulturist
Joe Price	Member	Farmer

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
71	12.07.00	PIRSA Clare
72	05.09.00	PIRSA Clare
73	07.11.00	PIRSA Clare
74	27.02.01	PIRSA Clare
75	11.05.01	PIRSA Clare

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
08.00	K Jaeschke	Green Corp Group Graduation.
	K Jaeschke, D Whiting	Meeting with Wakefield Regional Council, Snowtown. Joint meetings: water erosion plans for Barunga Ranges.
10.00	D Whiting	Wakefield Regional Council – Barunga West Council : water erosion plans for Barunga Ranges.
02.01	–	Community meeting at Snowtown regarding application for NHT funding. Barunga Ranges Water Erosion Plan agreed (30 farmers present).
–	M Williams	Chairpersons' Conference and teleconference.
–	D Whiting	Sandy Soils Management Workshop.

Additional Meetings and Conferences continued

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
–	M Williams, J Ottens	Broughton River catchment. Gaining Ground in Goyder Reference Group meetings.
–	M Williams	Two meetings with PIRSA liaison officer regarding Secretary's contract after consultation with Soil Board member, P Pawelski.
–	M Williams	Meeting with Anne Cope regarding promotion Regional Strategies.
–	M Williams	Three Landcare officer Management Committee meetings.

District Plan/Review/Program Development

The Board engaged the services of a Consultant to assist with the District Plan review as it was taking up considerable meeting time to the exclusion of other business. Initially a full day meeting was held to deal specifically with the plan. Members individually updated sections of the plan and changes and additions were forwarded to the Consultant.

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan

- The 'Gaining Ground in Goyder' project has been ongoing in addressing major erosion problems in the Regional Council of Goyder area.
- The problem with water erosion in the Wakefield-Barunga Council areas has been highlighted and an application submitted for funding to address this.

Property Inspections

Date	Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
–	–	Bus trips held prior to meetings to inspect erosion. Activities undertaken regarding 'Gaining Ground in Goyder' have been few this year as Board members have found meeting business (i.e., District Plan, Gaining Ground in Goyder project) has taken up time. The Board is now ready to prioritise getting around the district with different meeting venues and bus tours.
–	Booborowie Catchment	Inspection of roadsides (D Whiting) regarding application to burn for snail control at Chadwell Gap, Clifford Road, Barunga Top Road.
–	North East of Blyth	Application to burn for snail control (M Williams and K Jaeschke). Native Vegetation Clearance application inspections, PIRSA liaison officer and Board member, P Pawelski.
03.01	Clare	Vineyard development
03.01	Clare	Vineyard development
04.01	Clare	Vineyard development
04.01	Hanson	Burning side of roadways for weed control and snails
05.01	Clare	Vineyard development
05.01	Snowtown	Vegetation inspection.

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
2000-2001	'Gaining Ground in Goyder' meetings, field days and conference.
12.11.00	Burra (M Williams and M Nicholls)
07.09.00	Burra (M Williams and M Nicholls)
09.11.00	NHTmeeting (M Williams)
26.03.01	Booborowie Field Day (M Williams and M Nicholls)
08.09.00	Soil Chemistry, Farrell Flat Hall.
2000-2001	Hart Field Day management committee meetings. Hart Field Day Trial Site working bees and Field Days. Hart Trials committee meeting. Hart Trial Site Spring Crop Walk. (all attended by K Jaeschke and D Whiting).

Publicity and Promotion

Date	Nature of Activity	Comments
-	Gaining Ground in Goyder project	Project has continued to circulate newsletters and publicity in local press, holding seminars.
-	Hart Field Days	Ongoing Hart Field Days publicity. The next Field Day to be held in September 2001.
-	Don Whiting	Recognition for long serving Soil Board member appeared in local press.

General Comments

(Emerging Issues of Concern)

- Concerns have been raised in our district regarding the increase in burning of stubbles and roadside vegetation. Discussions have begun regarding education for farmers to control snails, stubble retention etc. and to work with groups, such as, CFS and regional councils who are concerned at the increase in burning.
- Cooperation between Soil Boards and local government.

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

Bank balance (01.07.00)	16 558.00
Board budget allocation	10 687.00
Interest and other income	473.00
Total	\$ 27 718.00

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	5 166.00
Travel expenses	1 413.00
Other expenses	4 971.00
Total	\$ 27 718.00

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

\$ 16 168.00

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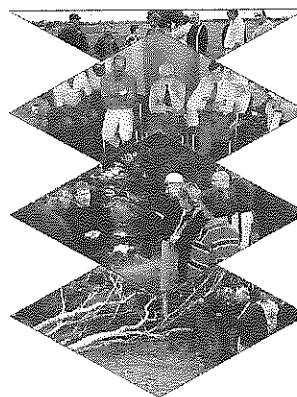
Treasurer: M Nicholls Chairman: M Williams

KANGAROO ISLAND SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

Kangaroo Island (KI) lays approximately 18 km off the tip of Fleurieu Peninsula and covers an area of about 4350 km². The Island is roughly wedge-shaped, with high coastal cliffs at the northwestern end and a central plateau, which is tilted gently towards limestone plains and sand dunes along the southern coastline. Approximately 60% of the land in the district is used for dryland agriculture, while National Parks occupy approximately 27%. Sheep raising for wool and meat production have been the main pursuits for many years, although in recent years diversification into legume and cereal cropping, viticulture, olives, aquaculture, small seed production and tourism is seeing some changes slowly taking place on the Island.



Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
John Anderson	Chairman	Farmer
Bill Roper	Vice Chairperson	Farmer
Graham Smith	Local Government	Farmer
Annette Florance	Treasurer	Farmer–Tour Guide
Charles Matheson	Member	Farmer–Restaurant Owner
Malcolm Schaefer	Member	Farmer
Chris Denman	Member	Farmer
Helen Richards	Executive Officer	–

Board Meetings

Meeting	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
General meeting	17.07.00	Kingscote
General meeting	21.08.00	Kingscote
Executive meeting	04.09.00	Kingscote
General meeting	18.09.00	Kingscote
General meeting	16.10.00	Kingscote
Executive meeting	02.11.00	Kingscote
General meeting	20.11.00	Kingscote
Executive meeting	24.11.00	Kingscote
Special meeting and Tour	26.11.00	Several locations on KI
Executive–Training meeting	04.12.00	Kingscote
General meeting	11.12.00	Kingscote
General meeting	26.02.01	Kingscote
Executive meeting	22.03.01	Kingscote
General meeting	26.03.01	Kingscote
General meeting	30.04.01	Kingscote
General meeting	12.06.01	Kingscote

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
09.00	W Roper	Local Water Management Plan meeting.
Various	Treasurer and Executive Officer	Attendance KI Seedbank Advisory Committee Meetings.
Various	Executive Officer	Attendance KI Bridal Creeper Management Committee meetings.
Various	Council rep	Attendance Roadside Vegetation Committee meetings and inspections.
Various	Chair	Attendance Coastal Advisory Committee meetings.
10.00	Dudley Landcare Tour	All members and Executive Officer.
02.01	C.Matheson and H. Richards	Chairpersons Conference.
03.01	W. Roper	Attended PURSL Conference in Launceston, Tasmania.
Various	Executive Officer	Integrated Catchment Management Committee.
Various	Treasurer and Executive Officer	Several meetings with the KI Seedbank Advisory Committee and Greening Australia representatives, to assist with securing the future operation of the KI Seedbank.
Various	Members and Executive Officer	Several meetings with various stakeholders regarding the Catchment Planning process for KI.

General Comments (Emerging Issues of Concern)

- If the KI Soil Board is to remain pro-active it will require the continuation of adequate financial support for administration of general Soil Board affairs and Board functions.
 - The KI Soil Board now employs an Executive Officer for approximately 15 hours per week on a contract basis. This has been very successful and greatly assists the Board to be pro-active within our community. Indeed with the Board now so involved in local land management activities it would not be possible to continue with this level of involvement without paid administrative support.
 - There is still some confusion regarding the GST for Community Groups and non-profit organisations, and this has not been cleared up yet. The paper work required to be done by our Soil Board continues to increase, and this further supports the need for our Executive Officer.
 - We still question the rationale that non-profit and volunteer organisations must collect and pay GST, surely such bodies should be exempt from this enormous paper chase. We hope that the Soil Conservation Council will lobby the Government at every opportunity to have this issue changed.
- We simply would not get a Treasurer to handle our books on a volunteer basis.
- We still have grave concerns with the burdens and work loads placed on volunteers in our small community. It seems the pressure is ever increasing on the volunteer in rural areas.
 - It can be difficult to get community people to give Board members feedback on land degradation and other such issues. Our decision to make more field trips out into the Island community has been a good one, with field trips and farm tours being very successful and well received by the community. It is also assisting to raise the profile of the Soil Board to the wider community outside Landcare Groups.
 - This year we have been fortunate to have both the SA Soil Conservation Council and Landcare Australia visit KI. This gave us a great opportunity to show just how much great on-ground work is being done here on the Island. The feedback from those visits was very positive, which was very pleasing for the Board.
 - This also gave us the opportunity to raise issues of concern with Council members and get first hand comment back from them, which was very beneficial for us. We certainly appreciated having them visit KI.

- The Soil Board is continuing to administer a large NHT project 'Promoting Onground Works on Kangaroo Island' which has proved to be very successful and this project will be completed later this year. We now employ three part-time Community Landcare Officers, each with different areas of expertise, to work on the Island (working with all Landcare and Conservation Groups). This has resulted in a very successful Island wide Catchment Planning process nearing completion. These Catchment Plans will add to the regional INRM Strategy now being developed by the new regional Kangaroo Island Natural Resource Board (KINRB).
- While we recognise the importance of regional INRM groups, we do hope that the great many years of pro-active and successful work undertaken so successfully by Soil Boards across the regions will be recognised and not simply brushed aside. It is our opinion that Soil Boards have an important role to play and should continue to be part of available resources for improved land management in rural communities.
- We are pleased with the continued success of our strategies to date, and hope to obtain the resources to continue.

District Plan/Review/Program Development

- The KI District Plan Review was completed in December 2000.
- Printing was completed in March 2001.
- Hard copies of the Plan have been sent to the Soil Conservation Council and distributed around the region to relevant bodies and groups.

- A KI Soil Board Web Site is currently being developed and the District Plan will be put up on the site.

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan

- Completion and distribution of the District Plan review.
- A range of Guest speakers at meetings throughout the year to keep Board members informed of regional issues.
- Farm visits and catchment tours around the region.
- Compilation and distribution of an Information Kit for potential and new landowners and residents.
- Farmer survey — 'A vision for KI'.
- Feature in local paper promoting Soil Board.
- Compilation and distribution of a KI Narrow Leaved Mallee Fact Sheet.
- Continuation of the Catchment Planning process across the Island.
- Full day training session for Soil Board members.
- A beginning of the process for a Local Water Management Plan for KI.
- Continued liaison with and assistance available for all KI Landcare Groups.
- Hosted KI Landcare Chairperson's Forum.
- Assisting Agriculture KI with KI Primary Producer Awards.

Property Inspections

Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
Various	Various areas of KI	Various inspections regarding Native Vegetation Clearance applications.
11.00	Kingscote	Erosion problems in a vineyard. Following inspection remedial on-ground works have been done to alleviate the problem.
11.00	Western KI	Site visit regarding forestry practices in relation to deep ripping and subsequent potential for erosion.
11.00	MacGillivray	Erosion in a farm paddock, topsoil washing down onto a road. Following inspection remedial on-ground works have been done to alleviate the problem.
03-05.01	Gosse	Dam construction, concerns with stability of bank.
04.01	Western KI	Site visit to inspect stream erosion in Stunsail Boom River.

Property Inspections continued

Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
Various	Roadsides Several properties in the Cygnets Valley region	Sites where serious erosion is occurring. Revegetation, drainage fencing remnant vegetation.
06.01	Kingscote – Cygnets River	Seagrass decline, effluent pond, roadside vegetation issues, visit with Soil Conservation Council members.
June 2001	Parndana	Salt scald issues on farming properties.

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
07.00	Host KI Landcare Group Chairperson's Forum.
10.00	Catchment Planning Sessions — Dudley Peninsula.
11.00	Soil Board Catchment Tour — Dudley Peninsula region.
11.00	Landcare Australia visit to KI — tour around the region.
11.00	Parndana Agricultural Show.
11.00	Attendance at KI Council locust forum.
12.00	Soil Board-landcare display in Rundle Mall for Year of the Volunteer promotion.
06.01	Soil Conservation Council visit to KI — tour around the region.
06.01	Joint planning session with KI Natural Resources Board regarding National Action Plan for Salinity.
06.00	Soil Board Catchment Tour – three Cygnets River Landcare Groups – full day tour.
Various	Series of Catchment Planning sessions in the region to assist with the development of Catchment Management Plans. Attendance at property Field Days for winners of the KI Primary Producers Award (Parndana and Penneshaw).
Ongoing	There has been very positive follow on from our KISCB member attending the PURSL Conference. One of the conference speakers (Dr Baden Williams) has now visited Kangaroo Island to speak at our bi-annual Agricultural Field Day, and has done some extension work on 5 properties across the Island.

Publicity and Promotion

Date	Nature of Activity	Comments
Throughout year	Community Landcare Newsletter	Newsletter published quarterly.
Various	Static displays at seminars, workshops around KI	Features include information on Soil Board, Landcare Groups and various landcare and various functions projects on KI.
10.00	Display at Kingscote Show	Features include information on Soil Board, Landcare Groups and various Landcare Projects on KI.
Ongoing	KI Primary Producer Award — assist with promotion, presentation of awards and follow up promotional field days.	The Soil Board co-sponsors an award to primary producers who have integrated commercial farming with sustainable land use and management of the environment whilst maintaining a high business focus.
Ongoing	Production and distribution of Information Kit for new residents and landowners	The Information Kit has been distributed to land agents, stock firms, schools, libraries, etc. and has been very well received.

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

\$

Bank balance (01.07.00)	13 746.00
Board budget allocation	23 235.00
Interest and other income	6 925.00
Total	\$ 43 906.00

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	5 752.00
Travel expenses	4 053.00
Other expenses	27 853.00
Total	\$ 37 658.00

Bank balance as at 30.06.01

\$ 5 428.00

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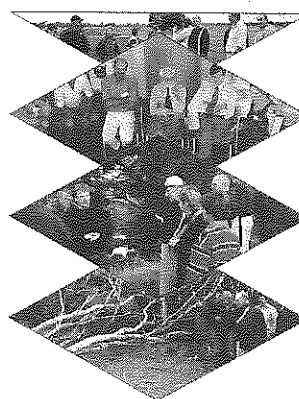
Treasurer: A Florance

Chairman: J Anderson

KINGOONYA

SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD

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Description of District

Following general soaking rain in June 2001, conditions are perfect for saltbush to germinate. Herbs and forbs (although slow) are responding to damp conditions.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Keith Greenfield	Chairman	Pastoralist
David Oag	Treasurer	Station Manager
John Reid	Local Government	Zoologist
Paul Ayliffe	Member	Pastoralist
Richard Mould	Member	Pastoralist
Richard Armour	Member	Pastoralist
Lorraine Greenfield	Member	Pastoralist
Catherine Oag	Admin Officer (NM)	Pastoralist

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
35	07.07.00	Glendambo
36	24.11.00	Wilgena Station
37	09.02.01	Glendambo
38	25.05.01	Woomera

Additional Meetings and Conferences

Meeting Date	Members attending	Nature of Meeting
7 08.00	R Mould (3)	National Radioactive Waste Repository.
10 08.00	D Oag	Rangelands Soil Board Executive Committee (RSBEX).
07.11.00	R Mould (2)	National Radioactive Waste Repository.
10.11.00	D Oag	RSBEX
11.00	R Armour	Kangaroo harvesting.
16.02.2001	D Oag	RSBEX
30.04.01	R Mould (2)	National Radioactive Waste Repository.
01.05.01	K Greenfield (2)	Glendambo Township water supply.
05.01	L Greenfield	Outback SA workshop.

District Plan/Review/Program Development

- Have engaged a review consultant.
- All members contributed with updated material for the first draft.
- First draft has been inspected and awaiting information from the Pastoral Board before the draft can be released for public review.

Activities undertaken to achieve three year plan

Date	Activities
07.07.00	Nominated a member responsible for Kangaroo harvesting.
10.07.00	Kingoonya Community Vegetation Study project completion report to National Landcare Program (NLP).
28.07.00	Discussions with Airforce about exercises within our district.
24.11.00	Complete analysis of data from the Billa Kalina Enclosures.
04.12.00	Kingoonya Rabbit Control Group project final report to NLP.
09.02.01	Simplify Landsystems map.
09.02.01	Discuss property management planning with facilitator.
25.05.01	Logo for Kingoonya SCB on hold until name change.

Property Inspections

Date	Place/Property	Reason (Soil Conservation/Native Veg. etc.)
25.11.00	Wilgena Station	Landsystems and local aquifer.
25.11.00	Tarcoola	Government water system.
25.11.01	Tarcoola	Aust National Railway diesel recovery project.
25.11.01	Tarcoola	Old gold mines.
25.05.01	Nurrungar	Closed Joint Defence Facility.
Ongoing	Central district	White fly infestation of Western Myall trees.

Field Days/Extension Activities

Date	Field Day/Nature of Activity
07.07.00	Discussions with other groups — Glendambo water and effluent problems.
10.07.00	Correspondence — white fly infestation of western myall trees.
12.09.00	GST Business Activity Statement workshop.
04.12.00	Correspondence — Glendambo water supply.
12.01.01	Correspondence — noxious weeds in the district.
16.02.01	Dingo baiting — eastern district.

Publicity and Promotion

Date	Nature of Activity	Comments
Ongoing	Field trips	Invite people in district to join KSCB.
Ongoing	Communication	White fly infestation of Western Myall trees.
Ongoing	Communication	National Radioactive Waste Repository.
07.03.01	Property Management Planning workshop	Invitation sent to all stations in our district for workshop in July and September 2001.
26.05.01	FarmBis Diploma workshop	All stations in our district invited (13 people in attendance).

General Comments

(Emerging Issues of Concern)

- Large amount of Western Myall trees dead or dying from White fly infestation throughout our district.
- Glendambo Township water supply.
- National Radioactive Waste Repository.
- Noxious weeds creeping away from Highway.

Financial Report

Receipts to 30.06.01

\$

Bank Balance (01.07.00)	2 553.15
Board budget allocation	11 908.85
Interest and other income	1 272.13
Total	\$ 15 734.13

Payments to 30.06.01

Sitting fees	1 340.00
Travel fees	2 234.39
Other expenses	8 054.84
Total	\$ 11 628.84

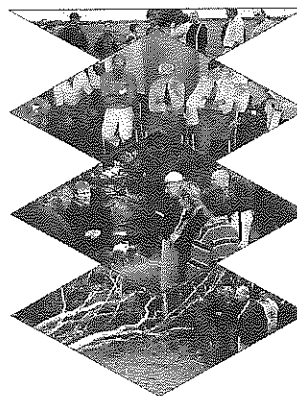
Bank balance as at 30.06.01

\$ 4 055.35

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Treasurer: D Oag Chairman: K Greenfield

LACEPEDE – TATIARA SOIL CONSERVATION BOARD *Annual Report 2000–2001*



Description of District

The district covers the whole of the District Council of Lacedepe and the District Council of Tatiara. The region supports an array of primary industries ranging from mixed grazing, viticulture, cropping both dryland and irrigated, pine production and annual and perennial horticulture. A significant area of the district is salinity affected and it is part of the Upper South East Dryland Salinity and Flood Management Plan.

Board Members

Name	Position	Occupation
Peter Ridgway	Chairman	Cereal and sheep farmer
Adair Dunsford	Secretary	Journalist–Farmer
Arnold Thorpe	Local Government	Grazier
Michael Gaden	Deputy Chairman	Beef and Sheep grazier
Raelene Eats	Treasurer	Cereal and Sheep Farmer
Malcolm Macdonald	Member	Beef and sheep grazier
Julia Tully	Member	Farm Manager
Tony Paget	Member	Grazier

Board Meetings

Meeting No.	Meeting Date	Meeting Location
68	8.08.00	Tony Paget's property 'Taratap'
69	10.10.00	PIRSA Keith
70	20.11.00	Lacedepe District Council, Kingston
71	20.02.01	PIRSA Keith
72	24.04.01	Salt Creek
73	13.06.01	PIRSA Keith

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