

1. INTRODUCTION

This Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve Community Land Management Plan (**CLMP**) has been prepared by the District Council of Robe (**Council**) in fulfilment of its obligations under:

- Section 196 of the *Local Government Act 1999* (**the Act**).
- Licence 137A with the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board.
- Licence 352 with the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board.

2. LAND TO WHICH THIS PLAN APPLIES

This Community Land Management Plan (CLMP) applies to the following Crown Land:

- **Licence 137A** – Sections 380, 381, 382, 585 Hundred of Waterhouse, containing Robe Lakes Reserve (CR5759/559, CR5759/558, CR5759/560)
- **Licence 352** – Sections 383, 384, 586 Hundred of Waterhouse, containing Drain L Reserve (CR5647/956, CR5759/557)

Maps showing the extent of Licence 137A and Licence 352 are attached to this CLMP.

3. OWNER

The Land is owned by the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board.

4. NATURE OF ANY TRUST, DEDICATION OR RESTRICTION

The land is dedicated as Crown land in the name of the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board (the Board).

The land is dedicated for drainage purposes pursuant to the Crown Lands Act 1929 by Gazette 10/07/1980.

Portions of this land may also form part of the First Nations of the South East #1 Native Title Claim (SAD211/2017). Council acknowledges the continuing connection of First Nations peoples to land, waters and culture, and commits to working with First Nations on matters of cultural heritage, interpretation, education and access relating to the Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve.

5. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY OWNER

Relevant sections of the South Eastern Water Conservation & Drainage Act 1992 Section 17 (a) states that the Board provides an effective and efficient system for managing the surface water of the non-urban lands of the South East, by conserving, draining, altering the flow of or utilising that water in any manner. In doing so, Section 19 (a) states that the Board may enter a contract, agreement, or arrangement of any kind (whether with landholders or any other person or authority).

6. PURPOSE FOR WHICH LAND IS HELD

This CLMP meets the requirements of the conditions of the South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Board licences held by Council:

- **Licence 137A** (Attachment 1): authorises use of the Robe Lakes Reserve environs for recreational activities by the public, and for the establishment of a town entrance statement, informational signage and associated community infrastructure.
- **Licence 352** (Attachment 2): authorises use of Drain L Reserve for low-impact recreational activities compatible with the environmental values of the site. Permitted purposes include walking and cycling trails, passive tourism experiences, and educational opportunities delivered through interpretive signage, cultural and heritage appreciation, and community engagement activities.

Both licences emphasise the conservation and protection of biodiversity, native vegetation and water quality, ensuring recreational and tourism use occurs in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and respectful of the site's cultural and natural values.

Suitable recreational activities include birdwatching, walking, bike riding, canoeing/kayaking, horse riding and fishing, whilst unsuitable activities include hunting, camping, campfires and motorised watercraft.

7. APPLICABLE COUNCIL POLICIES

7.1 Legislation

In addition to the *Local Government Act 1999*, the management of the Land is affected by the following main legislation:

- Planning & Development
 - *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*
 - *Encroachments Act 1944*
- Culture & Heritage
 - *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988*
 - *Native Title Act (SA) 1994*
 - *Heritage Act 1993*
- Environment & Natural Resources
 - *Native Vegetation Act 1991 (Biodiversity Act 2025 (SA) will repeal the Native Vegetation Act 1991 once fully commenced)*
 - *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*
 - *Environment Protection Act 1993*
 - *South Eastern Water Conservation and Drainage Act 1992*
- Environmental Health & Safety
 - *Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016*
 - *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*
 - *South Australian Public Health Act 2011*
 - *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 (SA)*
 - *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)*

In the event of an inconsistency between the provision of an official plan or policy under another Act and the provisions of a management plan under the *Local Government Act 1999*, the provisions of the official plan or policy prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.

7.2 Council By-laws

Council has established by-laws, under the *Local Government Act 1999*, relevant to the management of community land:

- By Law 1 Permits and Penalties
- By Law 2 Local Government Land
- By Law 4 Moveable Signs
- By Law 5 Dogs; and
- By Law 6 Cats.

7.3 Council Policies

This Plan links with Council key policies for the management of community land. Main policies include:

- Asset Management Policy
- Child Safe and Vulnerable Persons Environment Policy
- Code of Conduct Volunteers Policy
- External Grant Funding Policy
- Mobile Vendor Location Rules Policy
- Public Consultation Policy
- Risk Management Policy

7.4 Council Plans

Section 122 of the Act sets out that a Council must develop and adopt plans (which may take various forms) for the management of its area, to be called collectively the strategic management plans.

The strategic management plans of the District Council of Robe are:

- Long Term Financial Plan 2024-2034
- Strategic Plan 2024-2028
- Asset Management Plans
- Annual Business Plan & Budget

Council may from time-to-time develop other Council strategies and plans or have legislated requirements to develop specific plans that may assist in managing its responsibilities.

7.5 Access to Documents

Council by-laws, policies and plans are available for inspection at the Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on Council's website at www.robe.sa.gov.au. Copies will also be provided to interested members of the community upon request, and upon payment of a fee as fixed by the Council at its discretion.

8. PROPOSALS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE LAND

Council has limited staff and financial resources to manage the land and Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve environs.

Council will apply due diligence in an endeavour to:

- Provide recreational facilities at Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve that are safe for community use and remain suitable for the purposes for which they are used.
- Provide advice to the public on suitable and unsuitable recreational activities for the Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve environs.
- Monitor recreational activities in the Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve environs. This includes birdwatching, walking, bike riding, canoeing/kayaking, horse riding and fishing, whilst deterring hunting, camping, campfires and motorised watercraft.
- Provide a town entrance statement, informational signage and associated community infrastructure for the community and its visitors.
- Connectivity – support and encourage accessibility along a shared-use pathway network.
- Manage the land to balance recreation with revegetation and environmental stewardship.
- Work in partnership with SEWCD Board, NPWS, First Nations, Trails Project Team and community volunteers to deliver outcomes and share management responsibilities.

9. OBJECTIVES, TARGETS AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Objective	Performance Targets	How Performance will be Measured
Engage with First Nations to respect cultural values and promote shared understanding of Country	• Consult with First Nations on matters of cultural heritage, interpretation and education. • Incorporate First Nations perspectives into signage, trail design and community engagement activities.	• Records of consultation and engagement with First Nations, including, but not limited to agendas and minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee. • Number of interpretive elements (signs, programs, activities) developed in partnership.
Provide recreation facilities at Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve that are safe for community use and remain suitable for the purposes for which they are used.	• Recreation facilities at Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve are maintained to the standard required for their intended use and are safe for their intended use. • Identified maintenance is carried out promptly and in a workmanlike fashion.	• Action requests for maintenance service in accordance with the Customer Service Policy. • Undertake annual maintenance audit of the Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve facilities to determine the condition of such facilities. • Review audit results to determine condition of facilities and identify any maintenance requirements.

Objective	Performance Targets	How Performance will be Measured
Provide advice to the public on suitable and unsuitable recreational activities for the Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve environs.	• Install Signage at Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve and other suitable locations. • Provision of public information such as this CLMP and other suitable information published on Council's website.	• Undertake annual maintenance audit of the Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve facilities to determine the condition of such facilities. • Information is published on Council's website.
Foster and monitor recreational activities in the Robe Lakes Reserve and Drain L environs.	• Installation of signage at Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve that specifies suitable and unsuitable recreational activities in the area. • Undertake limited Council inspections of the area.	• Number of Council staff will perform limited inspections of the Robe Lakes & Drain L Reserve area to ensure conformance of Council's policies. • Feedback from the community via Council's website or completion of Suggestion/Request Forms at Council office.
Provide gateway entrance statement for the community	• Installation of gateway entrance statement • Identified maintenance is carried out promptly and in a workmanlike fashion.	• Appropriate approvals and installation completed. • Undertake timely maintenance in response to identified needs. • Ongoing upkeep of entrance statement to ensure good presentation
Provide appropriate informational signage and associated community infrastructure for our residents and visitors	• Installation of informational signage and associated community infrastructure. • Identified maintenance is carried out promptly and in a workmanlike fashion.	• Appropriate approvals and installation completed. • Undertake timely maintenance in response to identified needs. • Currency of information is maintained.
Provide for low-impact recreational use	• Develop and implement a Strategic Trails Plan including dual purpose trails. • Ensure recreational use is compatible with environmental and cultural values.	• Strategic Trails Plan adopted by Council • Progress reports on implementation. • Visitor usage and feedback monitored.
Promote education, heritage and tourism	• Incorporate interpretive signage and trail design that reflects cultural, historical and environmental values.	• Signage installed and maintained. • Records of community, school and tourism group engagement.

