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## Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan Newsletter 13th August 2019

A round up of news, funding opportunities, and events for Coorong and Tatiara land managers

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### ACT NOW!

**Funding Available: African Boxthorn, African Lovegrass  
& Silverleaf Nightshade Control**

For further information please visit <http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/pests&weeds>

to access the Application Form, Project Details and Funding Conditions.  
Hard copies available at the three Coorong District Council Offices.

# Funding Available

## African Boxthorn, African Lovegrass & Silverleaf Nightshade Control

The Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan has Australian Government funding available for African Boxthorn, African Lovegrass & Silverleaf Nightshade Control on private land in the Coorong District Council area.

Up to 50% of the cost of control is eligible up to a total of \$2000.

**Apply now before the funding runs out!**



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Works must be completed and inspected by 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2020

*This project is funded by the Australian Government under the Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program*



With the support of



# Fox and Rabbit Control Workshops

A series of informative workshops will be held across the Coorong District covering the latest in best practice methodologies available to control Rabbits and Foxes. Also covered at these workshops will be information about funding available to assist with rabbit control and access to \*free fox baits.



**SPEAKERS:**

**Josh Rosser**

**Bec Gould & Steve Baltussen**

**Jon Forrest**

State Rabbit Control Officer with PIRSA  
 Natural Resource Management Officers  
 Natural Resources SA Murray Darling Basin  
 Natural Resource Management Officer  
 Natural Resources South East

FOX CONTROL WORKSHOPS - 2019			
TOWN	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Coomandook	Uniting Church Meeting Room	Wed August 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12 noon
Meningie	RSL Hall	Thurs August 29 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 3pm
Coonalpyn	ABL Agriculture Depot	Thurs September 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12 noon
RABBIT CONTROL WORKSHOPS - 2019			
TOWN	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Meningie	McIntosh Way –opposite 'saleyards'	Tues December 17 <sup>th</sup>	10am - 12 noon
Coomandook	Uniting Church Meeting Room	Wed December 18 <sup>th</sup>	1pm – 3pm

**WORKSHOP REGISTRATION:**

To register for a workshop please email: [sblight@coorong.sa.gov.au](mailto:sblight@coorong.sa.gov.au) or text: 0447 900 001

**\*To access free Fox Off baits a Fox Control Workshop must be attended and an application form completed prior to attending the workshop.**

Please find more information over the page re 'Fox and Rabbit Control Funding Support Available'.



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## 2019 State Community Landcare Conference Registrations Open - 29 & 30 October


Registrations are now open for the 2019 State Community Landcare Conference 'Landcare Unearthed – Celebrating Diversity, Managing Landscapes'. This biennial conference will be held in Bordertown.

There will be a free community Landcare picnic on Sunday 27 October, followed by a field tour on Monday 28 October to the Limestone Coast region and the west Wimmera in Victoria.

Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 October will showcase the movers and shakers of the Landcare movement from across South Australia and interstate, celebrate the State Landcare Awards and special anniversaries for Landcare SA of 20 years and Landcare Australia for reaching 30 years

To register [click here](#):

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### GRDC Grains Research Update (Keith)

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The GRDC Grains Research Update Events provide Agronomists, Consultants, Researchers, and Growers with a forum to showcase innovative thinking and the latest research outcomes relevant to modern farming systems.

Wednesday 21st August, 2019

Keith Institute

Heritage Street, Keith SA

9.00am to 1.00pm ( doors open at 8.30)

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#### Labor cops spray over SA Water hikes

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An independent inquiry into water pricing in South Australia has found the former Labor state government over-valued SA Water assets by at least \$520 million, driving up household and business water bills in order to increase government revenue.



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The SA Water Price Inquiry findings were announced by Treasurer Rob Lucas.

A discussion of the results of this inquiry can be accessed in the In Daily article at

<https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2019/07/24/labor-cops-spray-over-sa-water-hikes/>

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## Soil-improving strategies examined

A SA agricultural machinery research and development team is providing the engineering expertise needed to investigate soil amelioration and mitigation strategies and their impacts on soil and crop health.

Research engineers at the University of SA Agricultural Machinery Research and Design Centre are involved in a number of GRDC-funded projects that aim to tackle a range of subsoil constraints in cropping, including compaction, low nutrient status and organic matter, water repellence and chemical imbalances.

The projects are being conducted by multi-disciplinary teams involving research partners like CSIRO, PIRSA, Vic and WA agriculture departments, and key agronomy research consultants.

To read the full article in the Stock Journal [click here](#):

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## Grant Open for 2020 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

Grant applications are now open for the 2020 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. If you're 18-35, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to \$22,000 to fund your project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue that will benefit Australia's primary industries.

The Science Awards encourage young scientists, researchers, innovators and others active in agriculture with original projects that will contribute to the ongoing success and sustainability of Australia's agricultural, fisheries and forestry industries. The Science Awards have already helped 250 young Australians make their ideas a reality and showcase their talent to the world.

For more information please [click here](#).

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## PPSA

Southern meeting : The next Livestock SA Southern Region meeting will be held on August 7th at the Lucindale Country Club starting at pm. The guest speaker is Tim Burvill, who not only runs cattle, abut also operates two beef-focus restaurants. He will explain his paddock to plate approach and discuss the opportunities he sees for the Australian beef industry in the context of increasingly discerning consumer demands and complex community attitudes. There will also be discussion on kangaroo harvesting and feral deer programs, updates on outcomes from the Robe meeting and a Southern Region report from chairman Peter Stock.

Details: RSVP - [admin@livestocksa.org.au](mailto:admin@livestocksa.org.au) or ph. 08 8297 2299

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### Livestock Producers hope for SA Water price drop.

THE final report from the independent inquiry into water pricing in SA has given livestock producers reliant on SA Water's network hope they may see a reduction in their crippling bills.

But any relief is not expected to flow until July next year.

To read the full article in the Stock Journal [click here](#)

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### BusinessEDGE for grazing businesses

BusinessEDGE is a comprehensive two day workshop for owners and managers of grazing enterprises. It's specifically designed to improve financial literacy and business skills.

When: 19-20 Jun, Naracoorte

26-27 Jun, Adelaide 21-22 Aug,

Coomandook 18-19 Sep,

Bordertown 16-17 Oct, Robe

For more information [click here:](#)

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## **Pulse Check Discussion Group Pre-Canopy Closure Meeting – Coonalpyn/Coomandook**

The GRDC Southern Pulse Extension project, delivered by a consortium of organisations involved in the pulse industry across GRDC's Southern region, provides a collaborative opportunity to increase the knowledge of growers and advisors on sustainable pulse production, improving the Southern Region's capacity to maximise future growth and profitability. Attendees do not need to have attended previous meetings or have any prior knowledge of pulse production. This event is free and all are welcome. Please contact Brendan Wallis on 0427 017 858 for more information

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## **2019 Tatiara Art Prize and Landcare Unearthed Emerging Young Artists Awards**

The 2019 State Community Landcare Conference is very excited to partner with the Tatiara District Council in the 2019 Tatiara Art Prize.

LANDCARE UNEARTHED: EMERGING YOUNG ARTIST PRIZE is aimed at under 17 year olds living, studying or working in the Limestone Coast. The geographic location of artists and inspiration, and entry deadline, have been extended to stimulate the artistic talents of all our South East region's youth to be inspired by nature!

The categories and prizes include:

- 5-8 years old Winner (\$50 book voucher) Highly Commended (\$30 book voucher)
- 9-12 years old Winner (\$80 book voucher) Highly Commended (\$50 book voucher)
- 13-17 years old Winner (\$200) Highly Commended (\$100)

Entries close 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

For more information and entry forms, go to the Tatiara Art Prize website <http://www.walkwaygallery.com>

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## **Draft South Australian Commercial Kangaroo Plan 2020-2024**

Your input will help finalise this draft management plan, which government will then use to regulate how it manages and monitors abundant kangaroo species and the commercial kangaroo industry for the next five years. The plan can be accessed via the South Australian Governments [YourSAy website](#).

Closing date: Friday 6 September

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## Corn Growing Workshop

Pioneer Seeds will be holding a corn growing workshop in the Murraylands .

Come along for a half -day session on how to grow a successful corn crop with a wide range of topics covered.

Murray Bridge - August 15

To register your interest please contact Pioneer Area Manger Paul Jenke on 0408 807 809 Or Platinum's Matt Howell on 0458 277 546



## Herbicide Behavior Workshop Naracoorte

Date 24th & 25th Sep 2019 Naracoorte, South Australia

Sponsored By GRDC:[Herbicide Behaviour Workshop \(Naracoorte\)](#)

This workshop for grains advisers goes into the science underpinning how herbicides work.

Participants will leave with a better understanding of the key factors dictating herbicide performance.

For more information [click here](#):

## The Agricultural Bureau of South Australia 2019 Spirit of Excellence Awards.

The Agricultural Bureau of South Australia has opened its 2019 Spirit of Excellence in Agriculture Awards, which offer young farmers and rural youth the opportunity to pursue personal and professional development to ultimately benefit their local communities.

Applications are now being accepted for the following awards:

- The Sustainable Agriculture Scholarship sponsored by the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) - \$8000 grant to provide farmers (aged 18-40) in South Australia with the opportunity to improve personal and professional skills.
- The Rural Youth Bursary sponsored by Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) - \$5000 grant for rural young people (aged 18-30) working in a rural community in South Australia, to undertake further study or develop a special project.
- The Services to Primary Production Award is awarded to an Agricultural Bureau of SA member; involved in primary production in South Australia, and nominated by their Bureau Branch -



president, secretary or treasurer.

The Agricultural Bureau of SA is proud to continue to encourage and support rural young people who are working not only in primary production but in careers that sustain rural communities, as well as honoring those who have contributed and continue to work in the primary production industry.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Agricultural Bureau of SA website at [www.agbureau.com.au/awards](http://www.agbureau.com.au/awards) Entries close 5pm Monday, 16 September 2019.

Award winners will be presented at the Agricultural Bureau's Spirit of Excellence Awards Dinner on Friday, 18 October, 2019.



### **Growing SA is the Annual Conference of South Australia's grains and livestock Industries**

Growing SA 2019 will be held on Monday 26 - Tuesday 27 August 2019 at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, 145A Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf.

The conference aims to keep producers updated on policy and farm business advice and enable producers, industry service providers, stakeholders, politicians and policy-makers from across SA to engage in two-way dialogue regarding policy issues and to network. For more info [click here](#)



### **The MEGA microbat, mozzie and movie event**

Join us at Murray Bridge on 18 August for a FREE afternoon of lively citizen science project updates! The afternoon will include activities for the kids and a community screening of the *cinema Science Film Festival* for 2019.

To register your attendance [click here](#).

### **Local Water quality & level observations - Current at 13/8/2019**

- Salt Creek outlet 7107 EC Level 1.27

- Lake Albert at Meningie Sailing club 1693 EC Level .843
- Lake Alexandrina at Poltallach Plains 871 EC Level .83
- River Murray downstream Wellington ferry 357 EC Level .809
- River Murray at Woods Point 371 EC

For the latest River Murray Flow Report and Water Resources update visit

[www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au](http://www.waterconnect.sa.gov.au)

### By Comparison

Stock	Production Can begin to decline
Beef Cattle	6,250 EC
Sheep dry feed	9,300 EC
Irrigated Pasture	Production can begin to decline
Balansa clover,	800 - 1500 EC
Persian clover,	
strawberry clover	
& lucerne	

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