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Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan Newsletter 10th July 2019

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

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Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan Sandy Soils Project outcomes 2019

Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan has delivered several Sandy Soil related projects over 2019.

These projects have been supported by the South East and the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Boards through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program and the NRM levies.

Additional project support as also received from Landmark, MacKillop Farm Management Group, GRDC, Ag Excellence Alliance and SAGIT.

Sandy Soil related events

The outcomes of these projects have included series of soil related events held over May - June 2019. The following titles link to technical notes, presentations and flyers presented these events.

[Click here to visit CTLAP website for more information.](#)



Mapping soil constraints farm walk - Yumali 19 June 2019

The focus of the day was:

- Understanding soil constraints including soil acidity
- Use of arising technologies to map soil constraints such as Veris and EM38 Mapping
- Comparative use of different options to overcome soil acidity

The issue of soil acidity is becoming more prevalent across the Coorong District. This is an arising issue in an area which has typically had neutral to alkaline pH soils.

Soil acidity is a natural and induced chemical condition of soils that can:

- Decrease the availability of essential nutrients
- Increase the impact of toxic elements
- Decrease plant production and water use
- Effect essential soil biological functions like nitrogen fixation
- Make soil more vulnerable to soil structure decline and erosion

To access the technical notes from this farm walk please visit: [Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan.](#)

The Red Meat Industry Strategic Plan Regional Workshop

The red meat industry are inviting meat producers to attend a two-hour session to give your views on the potential programs of work in the Red Meat Industry Strategic Plan MISP 2030

Murray Bridge Workshop :

Date : 16th July

Time : 9.30am - 11.30 am

Murray Bridge Town Hall - 13 - 17 Bridge Street, Murry Bridge, SA

RSVP: Siobhan Wakely, executivecoordinator@rmac.com.au



Coles Nurture Fund

Coles launched the \$50 million Nurture Fund in April 2015 to help small businesses innovate and grow. Since then, we have offered more than \$20 million in financial support to 50 different producers to help fund the development of new market -leading products, technologies and processes.

Applications for the seventh round of funding are now open and close at 5pm AEST on Friday August 30, 2019.

[Click here to access the frequently asked questions](#)

[Click here to access the guidelines](#)

[Click here to access the Application Form](#)



Rabbit Control Workshops

Producers and Landholders impacted by rabbits are invited to attend a rabbit control workshop. The workshops, run by PIRSA Biosecurity SA in conjunction with local NRM Boards, will cover all aspects of rabbit control, and advice and management strategies specific to local areas.

Date for workshops: Thursday July 25, Willalooka

To register, contact Josh Rosser. Call PIRSA Biosecurity SA on 8429 3219 or email: joshua.roasser2@sa.gov.au



GRDC Grains Research Update (Keith)

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.

Date : Wednesday 21st August, 2019

Keith Institute, Heritage Street, Keith SA

time : 9.00am to 1.00pm

For more information and to register [click here.](#)



Know your Soil Health: is it time for a check -up?

Broad acre farmers and graziers are in the business of converting rainfall into plant biomass that is either removed as grain or hay or converted into red meat, milk or wool. On many Australian farms, the water-use efficiency of the system (kg of product produced/mm of rainfall) is often constrained due to sub-optimum soil health.

It's easy to think of soil merely as the growing medium that supports root structures and holds plants up; in reality soils are complex ecosystems that contain chemical, biological, hydrological, respiratory and physical processes that interact to supply plants what they need to grow. If one of these processes is hindered, one or more of the others tend to suffer too and the consequences for plant growth are often dire. To read the full article on the [Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan website click here](#).

Have your say on changes to commercial kangaroo harvesting

Your views are sought on the draft South Australian Commercial Kangaroo Management Plan 2020-2024. The plan can be accessed via the South Australian Government's YourSay website [HERE](#). Closing date is Friday September 6.

TAFE SA - Shearing and Wool Handling Learner Course

This five day, hands on practical course is delivered in working shearing sheds and will provide you with the skills needed to work in the Australian wool industry.

Karoonda - 29 July - 2 August

KiKi - 19 - 23 August

For further enquiries or to register :

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Growing SA 2019 Conference

Have you registered yet?

Monday 26 – Tuesday 27 August

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](#)



2019 State Community Landcare Call for Abstracts - Due by the 28th of June

Monday 26 – Tuesday 27 August

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Stepping into Leadership 2019

Are you an emerging leader looking for leadership training and support to step into leadership roles in your industry, community or business? This program will enable women in agriculture and agribusiness across South Australia to participate in professional development building personal leadership skills.

[Go HERE](#) for all info and to register



Ladies Night Out

Free - Ladies Night Out on Friday July 19th 2019

Geranium Bowling Club 7 - 9.30pm

RSVP by 15th July - Margaret Smith 0427877534 , email : msmolive@gmail.com

Local Water quality & level observations - Current at 10/7/2019

- Salt Creek outlet 8237 EC Level 1.143
- Lake Albert at Meningie Sailing club 1671 EC Level .832
- Lake Alexandrina at Poltallach Plains 589 EC Level .746
- River Murray downstream Wellington ferry 304 EC Level .691
- River Murray at Woods Point 307 EC

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

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, Persian clover, strawberry clover & lucerne	800 - 1500 EC

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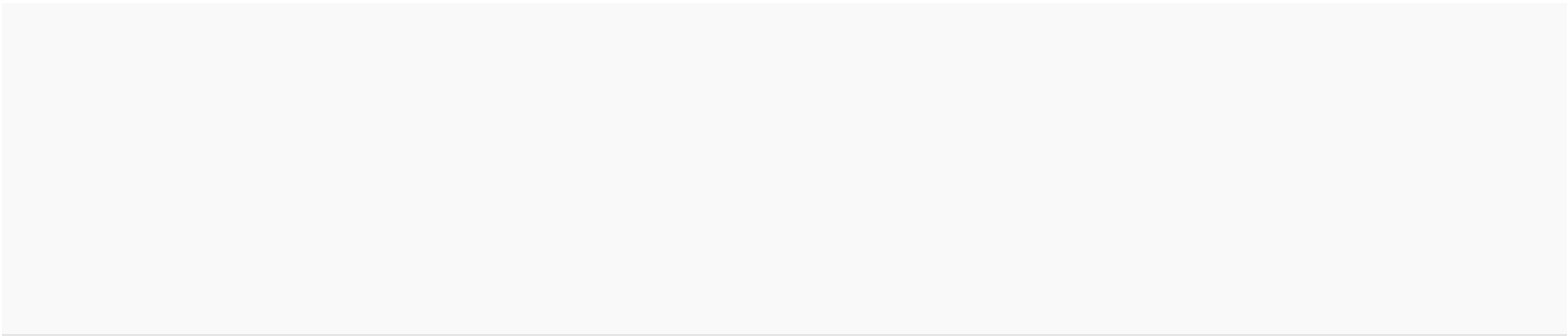
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