



Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan Newsletter 15th April 2019

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

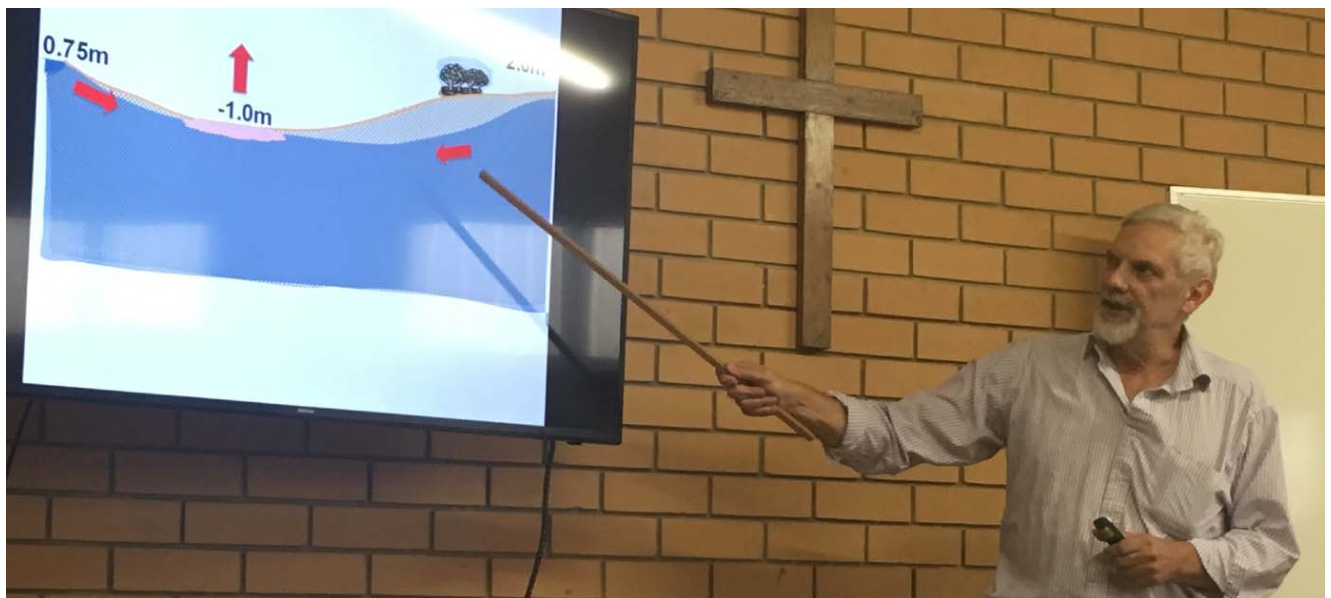
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Please find below a link to the presentations & notes from the **Dryland Salinity Hydrogeology Update held Thursday the 28th of March 2019**

<http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/saltlandredemption>

Thanks to those of you who were able to attend this update, and thanks again to our presenters.



Landscape Bill

The Landscape South Australia Bill 2019 has been introduced to Parliament to reform natural resources management in South Australia. The new legislation will replace regional NRM boards with nine new regional Landscape boards, cap increases to land and water levies to CPI, and encourages more on ground action. NRM reform is one of the State Government's key election commitments, and community consultation has driven the reform process. Find out more visit

<https://southeastnaturalresourcesmanagementboard.cmail20.com/t/r-l-jillieit-irhyjjjklk-yk/>

Capture the Coorong

It's been a big month for the Coorong as National Parks SA's Park of the Month, and to celebrate we've extended the Capture the Coorong photo competition until the end of April, so you have an extra month to enter!

Entries close 31 April 2019, and there are 12 prizes in four categories - Landscape, Wildlife, Flora and Visitor Experiences. Find out more information and check out our terms and conditions on our website, and send your entries to kellie.jordan@sa.gov.au

Photo by Celia Cowan.



Coorong Project Launch

After a light drizzle during the Welcome to Country, the sun beamed down again on this special part of the world as Tony Pasin MP Member for Barker, and Minister for Environment and Water The Hon David Speirs MP launched the five year Our Coorong | Our Coast project.

Over \$3.25 million will be invested into the project to improve fragile ecosystems in the Coorong and Limestone Coast. This funding will help reduce pests, and enhance habitat for threatened species such as migratory shorebirds.

Our Coorong | Our Coast is supported by the South East Natural Resources Management Board through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program, in partnership with Friends of Shorebirds South East and BirdLife Australia.

To find out more about the project see our website.

https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/projects/our-current-projects/Our_Coorong_Our_Coast



Additional information from Desalination Information Night

Held last Wednesday 3rd of April - 7.30pm

Thankyou to the Coomandook Ag Bureau for hosting this very informative night where 24 people enjoyed high quality presentations from Gerard Van Den Brink, and Gary Crisp.

Gerard Van Den Brink of Van Den Brink Partners discussed his experience in installing and using an on farm desalination unit. Van Den Brink Partners are about to install their second unit. The new unit will be solar rather than mains powered.

Our second speaker was Gary Crisp, Engineering Manager with John Holland Group. Gary has impressive experience in desalination from an engineering perspective over the years with involvement in the development and construction of the Western Australian, Gold Coast, and several North American large scale desalination plants. Gary is a past director of the International Desalination Association.

Gary provided the audience with an invaluable insight into; - the history of desalination, - evolution and types of desalination, and - large scale desalination projects. Gary was supported by Chemical Engineer Brad Gauci, also from the John Holland Group, who provided additional information on chemical and process engineering in regard to the desalination process.

To access a presentation and information from the Desalination Information Night please visit <http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/desalination>



REGIONAL HONEY BEE / POLLINATION FORUM - FREE EVENT

The regional forum will link researchers and farmers with producers of crops that rely on pollination services. It will cover improved management practices in the areas of native vegetation, bees and pollination, winter floral resource security and honey bee health.

May 01, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Karoonda Football Clubrooms, Karoonda SA 5307, Australia

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To RSVP click on

https://www.malleefutures.org.au/honey-bee-forum?utm_campaign=095bef1e-bc58-48ed-ad41-d350969a0c8e&utm_source=so

This project is supported by the Murray Mallee Local Action Planning Association, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

Bee Friendly Farms



Nuffield Scholarship

Young farmers with a desire to drive their knowledge and businesses forward are encouraged to apply for a Nuffield Scholarship. Applications have opened for the 2020 program, themed Collaborate, Innovate and Cultivate.

There are more than 25 scholarships on offer, each valued at \$30,000, with the application period running until June 14th, 2019.

For further details : nuffield.com.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. Click here to update information about the next GRDC Research Update to be held in Keith 21st August 2019.

<https://grdc.com.au/events/list/2019/08/grdc-grains-research-update-keith>



Pasture to Pest

Buffel grass has been found growing on a roadside in the Upper South East, and the South East NRM Board's NRM Officers are on hand to help with advice on how to prevent this recently declared weed from establishing in our region.

NRM Officer Kym Haebich said that Buffel grass was introduced for pasture improvement and dust control across northern and inland Australia.

https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/news/buffel_grass_pasture_to_pest



Photo by Troy Bowman.

Chain of Responsibility – Made Easy! Workshop Added in Mount Gambier!

Tuesday April 16, 4pm Penola

Wednesday April 17, 10am Mount Gambier

Wednesday April 17, 6:30pm Keith

Regulations have changed under the Heavy Vehicle National Law so if you're not sure if your primary production business is compliant, head along to these easy-to-understand workshops in the SE. For info and registration click on link below

[https://mackillopgroup.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?
u=7d9634a180a8130d2f42c4af8&id=06db7f9a1e&e=ab0337dc10](https://mackillopgroup.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=7d9634a180a8130d2f42c4af8&id=06db7f9a1e&e=ab0337dc10)

Pasture Principles Dates 2019

Please click here for more information about the Pasture Principles dates, upcoming events are Strathalbyn and Clare.

Registration is essential as places are limited.

[www.ruraldirections.com/media/Documents 2013/Pasture Principles Dates 2019.pdf](http://www.ruraldirections.com/media/Documents%202013/Pasture Principles Dates 2019.pdf).



New requirements for water meters installed after 1 July 2019.

Water licence holders are encouraged to familiarise themselves with upcoming changes to metering licensed water use.

These changes will mean that any meter installed after 1 July 2019 must comply with national metering standards for meter selection, installation and maintenance.

More information, including next steps and frequently asked questions click here or contact the Berri water licensing office on phone 8595 2053.

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/water/water-licences-and-permits/metering-water-use/new->

[metering-requirements](#)

Teachers and students explore Coorong National Park

Teachers and students from across the SA Murray-Darling Basin, South East and Adelaide regions visited the Coorong National Park over three days last month to learn about this unique landscape, with the events being hailed as a huge success.

Thirty eight students from nine schools around Murraylands and Mallee attended a forum and 45 teachers took part in a teacher professional development session.

<https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/samurraydarlingbasin/news/190408-teachers-and-students-explore-coorong-national-park-nws>



Threatened Mallee birds to get a helping hand

Natural Resources SA Murray-Darling Basin together with land managers, partners and the wider community are working on an important new project to help recover the habitats of a number of threatened Mallee birds.

The recovering Mallee birds project will focus on common threats to multiple species such as habitat damage from over grazing, impacts from inappropriate fire and lack of knowledge to manage habitat appropriately.

<https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/samurraydarlingbasin/news/190408-threatened-mallee-birds-to-get-a-helping-hand-nws>



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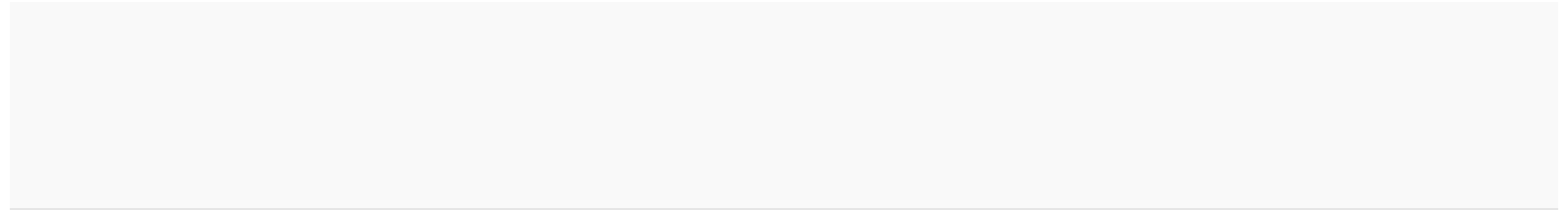
Image is of a red- lored whistler

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