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Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan Newsletter 4th September 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!



To access the Application Form, Project Details and Funding Conditions visit <http://www.coorong.sa.gov.au/pests&weeds>

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Works must be completed and inspected by 1st 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 th	10am - 12 noon
Meningie	RSL Hall	Thurs August 29 th	1pm – 3pm
Coonalpyn	ABL Agriculture Depot	Thurs September 5 th	10am - 12 noon
RABBIT CONTROL WORKSHOPS - 2019			
TOWN	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Meningie	McIntosh Way –opposite 'saleyards'	Tues December 17 th	10am - 12 noon
Coomandook	Uniting Church Meeting Room	Wed December 18 th	1pm – 3pm

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION:

To register for a workshop please email: 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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Have your say – GM Food Crops in SA

Feedback is being sought on a proposed recommendation to lift the moratorium on growing GM Food Crops in all parts of the state, except Kangaroo Island.

Under this proposal, South Australian producers on the mainland will have the opportunity to choose to grow GM food crops as part of their farming practice. Kangaroo Island is proposed to be excluded from this change and retain the moratorium to maintain its non-GM status.

As part of the public consultation process, public meetings will be held and South Australians will have the opportunity to provide written feedback on the proposed changes.

For information on where to attend these meetings and how to provide feedback click [here](#).

New water infrastructure program now available

The new Water Efficiency Program (WEP) is now available in the SA Murray-Darling Basin region to improve water use efficiency and save water.

The South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board has been selected to act as a delivery partner for the WEP and is now seeking proposals from eligible water entitlement holders.

More information [click here](#).



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](#).

Setting your farm business up for success

Two day business planning programme being run in the Upper South East for broadacre, and new farmers. It will team farmers up with leading scientists and advisors, and give them an opportunity to

design their business to suit their family and lifestyle.

Click [here](#) for more information or phone Danielle England on 0429 676 077



Regenerative managed grazing systems

Regenerative grazing management was developed to mimic grazing patterns of large herds that roamed (and grazed) major grasslands of the world. This theory is based on grass plants and soil needing adequate rest after being grazed.

It is believed that grazing, digestion and trampling play an important role in soil health and this can be achieved by time-controlled or cell grazing management. This type of grazing management also increases soil carbon sequestration when compared with set stocked continuous systems.

More information can be found on the [Healthy Soils Australia website](#). [Landline](#) also have an interesting video with examples of regenerative grazing



Coorong Action Plan - Consultation Open

The State Government is seeking community feedback on the *Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Action Plan* which outlines proposed activities to restore and revitalise the Coorong.

The [YourSAY Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Action Plan](#) public consultation will close on 31 October 2019. Further consultation will continue throughout the Action Plan's implementation.

To nominate for the Coorong Partnership please visit the [Project Coorong website](#).



Subregional Forums are coming

Join us at our latest 2019 Subregional Forums, where we will discuss the achievements of our 2018-19 subregional projects and look at what's in store for 2019-20. Events will be held at Tintinara, Naracoorte, Kingston and Mount Gambier.

Each community session will run from 5.30pm - 8.30pm, with a break for a light meal.

- Mallee Woodlands - Tintinara - Tuesday 3 September
- Ranges and Coss border Creeks - Naracoorte - Thursday 5 September
- Dunes and Flats - Kingston - Tuesday 10 September
- Volcanic Plains and Southern Dunes - Mount Gambier - Thursday 12 September

See our [website](#) for agendas and registration



Can too much nitrogen fertiliser make soils acid?

Even though nitrogen is a key element in plant growth, too much nitrogen can actually slow plant growth. This is done by the nitrogen that isn't used by the plant being leached into the soil, which makes soil acid.

To prevent this from happening, the Department of Primary Industries (NSW Government) recommends the following:

- Use the recommended rate of nitrogen for your crop or pasture
- Apply a little nitrogen often so that it is all taken up by plants
- Use the least acidifying nitrogen fertiliser you can afford
- Apply lime

More information can be found [here](#)



Friends of Parks 'On-Park'volunteer support grants now open

Volunteer Support Grants for 2019-20 are now available to any community group for on-ground works/activities on Department for Environment and Water managed parks, reserves and sites gazetted under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*.

Applications close midnight (ACDT) Friday 12 October 2019.

For more information or an application form please contact the Volunteer Support Programs Unit on phone: 08 8124 4784.



International Study Tour Opportunity Coming to the Region

This October the 3rd Annual Australia New Zealand Biochar Conference will be held in Melbourne followed by their first ever Study Tour. Hosted in the Limestone Coast and South West Victoria, the 3 day study tour will look at these key questions:

- How and where is Biochar used?
- What is driving use of Biochar in these regions?
- What are the benefits that have been seen?
- What is limiting Biochar use in other regions?

The Study Tour will be of interest to farmers, horticulturists, viticulturists, foresters, councils, road and building products providers and those seeking to assist the broader adoption of this decisive tool for climate change mitigation and sustainable development.

Register to secure your place now, this opportunity probably won't be back in the region again.

For more information [click here](#).



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:

Coomandook 18-19 Sep,

Bordertown 16-17 Oct, Robe

For more information [click here](#):

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



Grow Your Knowledge and Branch out at the ABARES Regional Outlook Conference in Mount Gambier

Hear and discuss the latest commodity data, economic trends, climate forecasts and key issues for agriculture at the ABARES Mount Gambier Regional Outlook conference on Wednesday 25 September. Local producers and industry speakers will share their views and experience in three sessions focused on:

- Investing in primary industries and growing our future
- Overcoming challenges and exploiting opportunities in livestock industries

Growing and diversifying cropping and forestry.

For more information [click here](#).

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

Grants to Realise Big Ideas for Agriculture from Young Innovators

Applications are open for the Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. This is a competitive annual grants program recognising and assisting young Australians aged 18-35 by funding projects that will benefit Australia's primary industries.

Applicants are encouraged to apply now for a grant of up to \$22,000 to fund their projects. Applications close 4 October 2019.

Find out more at: www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/conferences-events/scienceawards

- Lake Alexandrina at Poltallach Plains 790 EC Level .78
- River Murray downstream Wellington ferry 416 EC Level .749
- River Murray at Woods Point 401 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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