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## Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan Newsletter 8 January 2020

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>

Hard copies available at the three Coorong District Council Offices.

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*



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## 21m Support package for drought-affected SA farmers



**Hon Steven Marshall MP**  
Premier

**Hon Tim Whetstone MP**  
Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development

Tuesday 10 December 2019

**\$21m support package for drought-affected SA farmers**

**The Premier and Minister Whetstone have announced an expanded Drought Support**

## **Program to help South Australia's drought affected primary producers and communities. Attached is the media release.**

The \$21 million program is designed to provide some immediate financial relief for those who are doing it tough and assist our farmers get through this drought and others with additional measures aimed at preparedness and long-term resilience.

The South Australian Drought Support Program includes the following initiatives:

- Immediate financial relief by offering a 50 per cent rebate for council rates or pastoral lease rent in 2019-20 and 2020-21 for primary producers receiving the Farm Household Allowance.
- Increased funding to Rural Business Support for a number of support activities which includes assisting small rural and regional businesses and increasing the Rural Financial Counselling Services to meet growing demand.
- Increasing the Commonwealth Government's On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme, from 25% to 50% (or up to \$50,000) which will provide a greater incentive for eligible primary producers to purchase and install new water infrastructure and improve drought resilience.
- Funding for the Family and Business support (FaB) mentor program, increasing wellbeing and business advice to farmers, families and small businesses in drought-affected regions.

The new and expanded program builds on the support measures already in place and we will continue to work constructively with industry, Federal and local governments to ensure assistance is targeted and effective. The measures announced have also been developed based on advice and feedback from the Dry Conditions Working Group, which includes key industry sector representatives.

All of the relevant assistance information including Guidelines and Application Forms are now available on the **Drought Hub**: [pir.sa.gov.au/drought](http://pir.sa.gov.au/drought). Applicants can also submit their forms or seek advice from their local PIRSA Regional Office or via the new **Drought Hotline: 1800 93 13 14**. We will be developing some support materials in the coming days and will disseminate when they are available.

Click on links below for more information ;

[South Australian Drought Assistance Guide](#)

[On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme](#)

[SA Drought Support Package - Council Rate Rebate 2019 Guidelines](#)



## On-Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

**Please be aware that the Coorong and Tariara Districts are eligible for this funding.**

The On- Farm Emergency Water Infrastructure rebate scheme will receive \$5m, with rebates increased from 25 percent to 50 percent, available by application to those living in regions that form part of the federal government's Drought Communities Program.

All of the relevant assistance information including Guidelines and Application Forms are now available on the **Drought Hub**: [pir.sa.gov.au/drought](http://pir.sa.gov.au/drought).

**Hotline: 1800 93 13 14**

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Yorke Peninsula grower Ben Wundersitz says planning for catastrophic fire danger days is crucial. Photo: GRDC

## Preparing for catastrophic fire danger - a growers experience

There are a number of measures growers can take to help protect family, staff and assets ahead of days of catastrophic fire danger. South Australian grower Ben Wundersitz, who runs Anna Binna based at Maitland on the Yorke Peninsula, has made a significant investment in equipment and staff training to help them manage in the event of a catastrophic fire danger day.

Protecting the lives of family and staff is front of mind for Ben in the event of a catastrophic fire danger day. To read more about the changes Ben has made click [here](#)

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## TAFE SA Certificate III in Agriculture

Do you know someone who wants to improve their farming skills? They can study a traineeship with TAFE SA and complete a Certificate III in Agriculture. This course has been developed through consultation with the industry and will address the below topics and skills: livestock breeding, animal health and nutrition (sheep and beef), establishing pastures, crop harvesting, maintain machinery, building stock fences and more. For more information click [here](#) or contact Melanie Stutley, Program



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**Save the date - 21 February 2020**

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## *Unlocking Agricultural Potential 2020 Forum*

Come along and learn how to *Unlock the Agricultural Potential* of your land.

Learn about the production potential of sandy soils from **Soils Consultant Mel Fraser**, using technology to identify soil production constraints with **Daniel Bell Precision Ag Specialist**, update on virtual fencing **CSIRO Rick Llewellyn** and hear **Peter Hayman, SARDI**, discuss long term climate trends and drivers.

Just some of the topics that will be presented in an afternoon full of interesting talks and discussions.

The draft program and registration details will be available soon, we will email again with the details.

But for now save the date in your diary!

**Venue: Coomandook Hall**



### **GRDC Grains Research Update**

February 11 and 12, Adelaide

The GRDC Grains Research Update events are for agronomists, consultants, researchers and growers to see and discuss the latest in research and to network with their peers about how to apply new and relevant information to the latest farming systems. For more information and to register click here: <https://grdc.com.au/events/list/2020/2/grdc-grains-research-update-adelaide>

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### **Market requirements for IMI tolerant barley**

Growers are reminded that the current barley MRLs for IMI chemicals for Japan and South Korea will apply for the upcoming 2019/20 harvest. For both these markets the MRLs for imazapyr, imazapic and imazamox are currently 0.01 ppm. For more information and to keep up to date with the Viterra receival standards click [here](#)

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## Grain Storage

On-farm grain storage has become a significant component of many Australian cropping operations and growers who manage their storage facilities and operations well are being rewarded through preferred-supplier partnerships with key grain traders. For more information on grain storage click [here](#)

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## Thriving Women 2020 Conference February 24 & 25, Hahndorf

The Thriving Women 2020 Conference is the premier conference to secure a sustainable future for women living and working in agriculture and associated industries. An initiative of WoTL Ltd, the conference offers a stimulating and supportive environment that encourages the development of networks, knowledge, and skills through participation and contact with other women. It will link women from rural and urban backgrounds to formal and informal networks and provide opportunities for professional development and self-expression during and post conference. For more information click [here](#)

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## Local Water quality & level observations - Current at 8/01/2020

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|--|----------|------------|
| • Salt Creek outlet                        | 22373 EC | Level 1.16 |
| • Lake Albert at Meningie Sailing club     | 1732 EC  | Level .555 |
| • Lake Alexandrina at Poltallach Plains    | 845 EC   | Level .606 |
| • River Murray downstream Wellington ferry | 268 EC   | Level .586 |
| • River Murray at Woods Point              | 254 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, Persian clover, strawberry clover & lucerne	800 - 1500 EC

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