



Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan Newsletter December 12 2018

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

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Free Christmas Trees

'tis the season

It's that time of the year again, and we're giving away Christmas Trees! We'll be set up at the Hender Street lawn area, behind Keith Institute on Friday 14 December from 2pm - 5pm.

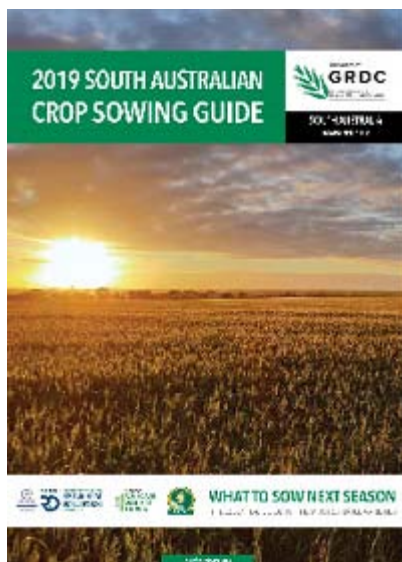
The trees are Aleppo pines which invade native vegetation, and have been removed as part of an effort by our NRM Officers to control this declared weed.

Supplies are limited so get in early!



2019 SA Crop Sowing Guide

The 2019 South Australian Crop Sowing Guide is now available to support growers with their variety choices ahead of next year's sowing programs. For information and to download a PDF version [click here](#)



Mentors provide crucial support

Family and Business Support Program is helping producers affected by or concerned about the continuing dry.

The experienced team of FaB Support mentors are available to meet, listen and connect individuals, farming families and regional businesses affected by drought to appropriate services and programs. Experienced mentors and business counselors are based in our near the most affected regions.

Contact information is available at www.pir.sa.gov.au/drought

Or by calling the 24hour -hotline 1800 255 556 or emailing PIRSA.Recovery@sa.gov.au

'Buy a Bale' Can we help you?

We know farmers are a proud bunch. Many won't ask for help. We know that many suffer in silence but we want to change that.

To allow us to help you we need to know who you are. If you're a farming family in need of help, please let us know. If you know a farming family that needs help, tell them about this campaign or even register them here and we'll respectfully contact them and offer our services.

We can't help if we don't know about you.

Would you like to Donate and help a farmer!

For more information please [click here](#)



Electric Fences

With the start of the fire danger season, Livestock SA is reminding those with electric fences to ensure these are well maintained, constructed as per the supplier's instructions and in accordance with the industry standards, and clear of undergrowth and overhanging bushes and trees. As electric fences have been attributed as a potential ignition point, producers with electric fences should consider turning them off on catastrophic fire days.

For more information contact : Joe Keynes 0428 648 235



Rabbit control

Primary Producers SA is reminding landowners to maintain rabbit control programs. With the release of the K5 strain of the rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus and the ongoing appearance of the RHDV2 strain, integrated control programs that complement biocontrol are the best. This can include baiting with 1080 poison, followed up by a warren destruction program by mechanical ripping and fumigation and reopened holes.

For more details contact : naturalresources.sa.gov.au



Mallee emu-wrens return to SA

The first phase of a translocation program has seen Ngarkat Conservation Park become home to 78 endangered Mallee emu-wrens (*Stipiturus mallee*), only 4 years after they became extinct in South Australia due to the impact of large wildfires and drought.

The project saw 40 Mallee emu-wrens successfully released into the park in April, followed by an additional 38 birds in August. The birds travelled all the way from Murray Sunset and Hattah-Kulkyne National Parks in Victoria.

[Read more...](#)

Image credit: Tom Hunt



Registrations are now open for the Southern GRDC Grains Research Updates in February

GRDC Grains Research Updates will once again take centre stage in February and March 2019. Programs will focus on boosting productivity through resilient solutions. As usual ‘Farm ready’ research outcomes from a myriad of investments will be featured along with some key plenary topics such as: learning from the extensive national yield gap analysis; the road ahead for pesticide regulation and the consequences; Understanding social licence and how we build trust and confidence in consumers about our farming practices; The decline in soil Nitrogen and how it can be halted, plus much more.

GRDC Grains Research Updates are being held in:
Adelaide - Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th February 2019
Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide
Register at www.grdc.com.au/UpdateDates



On the Level

Local Water quality & level observations - Current at 29/11/2018

• Salt Creek outlet -	17747 EC	Level 1.049
• Lake Albert at Meningie Sailing club -	1564EC	Level .698
• Lake Alexandrina at Poltalloch Plains	8792 EC	Level .691
• River Murray downstream Wellington ferry	407 EC	Level .68
• River Murray at Woods Point -	419 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, 800-1500 EC

persian clover,

strawberry clover

& lucerne

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