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**Applications are now open for our 2021-22 Grassroots Grants**

We welcome applications from individuals, volunteers, schools, community organisations, First Nations and not-for-profit groups working locally for environmental benefits.

Two tiers of grants are available - small grants up to \$1,000, and larger grants from \$1,001 up to \$20,000. A total pool of \$220,000 is available.

Funding will be awarded on merit to projects that demonstrate the best value for money and delivery of outcomes that address the priorities in the [draft Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Plan 2021-2026](#).

Projects must be within the region covered by the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, which runs from Kersbrook to Cape Jervis, and from

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the Lower Gulf St Vincent across to the Murray Mouth and Langhorne Creek.

**Applications**

Applications are now open, and close at midday on May 24. Click on these links to access documents:

[Application form - Tier 1 \(up to \\$1,000\)](#)

[Application form - Tier 2 \(up to \\$20,000\)](#)

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

[General enquiries email](#)

Some great projects have been developed by last year's grant recipients! Check out our [website](#) to read about the 2020 recipients and how they are using their grants to improve or protect the local environment.

It is strongly recommended that applicants discuss their project ideas with a Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board staff member before completing an application. These staff are listed on page 7 of the Application Guidelines.

We look forward to supporting the Hills and Fleurieu community to play an active role in protecting and restoring our landscapes.



*Photo: Remko Leijs*

**Learn how to pollinate for profit!**



This fantastic project - Secure Pollination Through Revegetation - provides the tools and knowledge to help fruit growers attract more pollinating insects to their orchards. By planting certain native species, more insects are attracted to pollinate crops and increase productivity and fruit quality. Find out which species to plant, why insects love them, and how they'll help improve crop quality and productivity, by watching [part 1](#) and [part 2](#) of the video on our [Facebook page](#), and then check out this online tool which helps you work out what to plant <https://pollin8.org.au/>.

This project is supported by AgriFutures, though funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment as part of its Rural R&D for Profit program, as well as the Apple and Pear Growers Association of South Australia and the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board.

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The banner features a blue square with a white sheep silhouette on the left, set against a background of sheep wool. Below this, the title "The South Australian Sheep Industry Blueprint 2030" is written in blue. A dark blue bar contains the text "Help the SA Sheep Industry grow into the future!" in white. At the bottom is a photograph of a flock of sheep in a green field.

## Sheep Industry Blueprint

After extensive consultation with sheep producers, organisations and industry representatives, the SA Sheep Industry Blueprint 2030 has been launched. The Blueprint outlines a series of priority investment areas which aim to boost whole of #SA #sheep supply chain revenue to \$3 billion annually by 2030.

To learn more, [read the Blueprint](#).

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## Producer demonstration site funding applications open

Funding applications are now open for cattle, sheep and goat producer groups throughout Australia who are interested in running local projects to validate the on-farm benefits of research and development findings.

Meat & Livestock Australia is calling for applications for its 2021-22 Producer Demonstration Sites (PDS) program. This includes Levy and Co-Contributor funding options for projects ranging from two to six years.

[Read more.](#)

Applications close 12 May.

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## New agricultural podcasts available

**The Feedback podcast**-Listen to the Feedback podcast to hear tips to boost carrying capacity and learn how goats could produce more profit in drought than sheep and cattle.

[Listen now.](#)

**On the Ground podcast**-Hear about a sustainable beef brand taking on climate change, and learn how two Tasmanian producers are leveraging sustainability for new market opportunities.

[Listen now.](#)

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## Smart Farms Small Grants - winners announced!

**Smart Farms Small Grants** (up to \$43.5 million over 6 years) range from a minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$200,000 (GST exclusive). Smart Farms Small Grants (SFSG) funds organisations and individuals to undertake sustainable agriculture projects and build the capacity and capability of Australia's farmers, fishers and foresters to adopt best practice natural resource management methods.

SFSG funding will:

- deliver more sustainable, productive and profitable agriculture, fishing, aquaculture and forestry industries
- protect and improve the condition of natural resources
- assist in protecting Australia's biodiversity.

Applications for the fourth round of Smart Farms Small Grants closed on 9 October 2020. Round 4 funded 84 projects to a value of \$6.484 million (GST Exclusive).

**[Read about the successful projects.](#)**

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## Events

Learn how to sample your soil!

April 20 and 21 - Webinar

Would you like to be able to assess your soil, know how to sample it, and understand its potential? Two free interactive webinars presented by our experienced Soils Officer Dr Rebecca Tonkin will show how regular assessment helps understand the health of your soil, and demonstrate best practice testing methods. You'll also be able to ask your own questions at the webinar.

Register now-two dates are available

**[Tuesday 20 April](#)**

**[Wednesday 21 April](#)**

This Healthy Soils Healthy Landscapes webinar is presented by the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, supported by the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

### [Climate Smart Farming Forum](#)

#### **May 6 - Encounter Bay**

With a focus on graziers, this forum will feature local farmers plus experts discussing how you can farm smarter in the future. You'll learn about sustainable livestock production in a changing climate, soil health, regenerative agriculture in action, water and weather, as well as biodiversity and ecosystem services on-farm. A free bus and ferry are available for farmers from Kangaroo Island who'd like to attend to forum.

This project is supported by the Hills and Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island Landscape Boards through the landscape levies, and through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program. The forum is also supported by Fleurieu Farming Systems Incorporated.

### [Landcare Webinar Series](#)

Covid-19 has radically changed possibilities for sharing and engaging within communities and organisations. The pandemic demands new ways of communicating and bringing people together. To ensure you still have access to the wealth of knowledge that exists in the landcare community, Landcare Australia is continuing their successful webinar series in 2021. Hosted on the online community platform Landcarer, here is a sample of the exciting talks that are scheduled with more to be added to the program:

#### **Landcare outside Australia – what's been achieved, and what can we learn? | May 6, 2pm AEST**

- Facilitator: Andrea Mason, Chair Global Landcare
- Speaker(s): Rob Youl, Vice Chair Global Landcare | Tony Bartlett, former Forestry Research Program Manager
- Description: Rob and Tony will share the incredible work occurring in landcare outside of Australian borders, what we can learn from it, and where it is all headed.

#### **Natural resource management – from traditional methods to modern innovation | June 24, at 2pm AEST**

- Facilitator: James Walsh, Head of Landcare Services for Landcare Australia
- Speaker(s): Tein McDonald, Bureau of Meteorology | Amy Lepinay, Sunbirds Aero
- Description: Coming up in this webinar is a fascinating discussion with Tein who will provide a history of the bush regeneration movement in Sydney. Amy will introduce how technology has impacted our resource management methodology by using drones for weed spotting.

To register for the Landcare Webinar Series, or watch the recordings of previous webinars please [visit this page](#).

### [2021 National Landcare Conference](#)

#### **August 4-6 - International Convention Centre, Sydney**

Major themes include sustainable agriculture, environment and climate change, community partnerships in action and landcare impact

Early Bird delegate registrations will close on May 1.

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If you have a story or event to promote, please email the Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator for the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, Sophie Bass, at [sophie.bass@sa.gov.au](mailto:sophie.bass@sa.gov.au).

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