Understanding your landscape levy

WHAT IS THE REGIONAL LANDSCAPE LEVY?

The landscape levy is paid by all ratepayers across South Australia to enable landscape boards to work with landholders, industry and the community to manage our regional landscapes.

HOW MUCH DOES THE LEVY COST?

The landscape levy is placed on all rateable land on Kangaroo Island (KI). The total amount of income collected from the landscape levy varies each year in line with CPI. Under the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* the landscape levy is collected on KI by the Kangaroo Island Council on behalf of the Kangaroo Island Landscape Board (the Board).

WHAT IS THE LEVY USED FOR?

Over the years the landscape levy has enabled the Board to leverage other funding for significant projects on Kangaroo Island, for example the KI Native Plant Nursery, feral pest and plant management, biodiversity and conservation work, as well as property management plans and demonstration sites to protect natural assets and increase profitability for primary producers.

In 2025-26 every dollar raised by the landscape levy brought in an additional $14 for the Board to work in partnership with the community to deliver a range of activities focused on the five priorities from our Kangaroo Island Landscape Plan:



EMPOWER COMMUNITY

Islanders connect, share knowledge and work together



SUSTAIN BIODIVERSITY

Our biodiversity is flourishing, in the bush, farms, waters and oceans



FOSTER HEALTHY LAND & WATER

Fertile soil and fresh water for life and productivity



MANAGE PESTS

An island haven for biodiversity and productive agriculture



MANAGE CLIMATE RISKS

Resilient communities, farms and nature

These priorities are all connected with many of our projects addressing several of them at once. For example, the feral cat eradication project on the Dudley Peninsula involves community participation to remove the apex predator from the landscape, bolstering endangered native species populations and bringing benefits to primary producers.

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How we can help you

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE: We connect farmers with information from agriculture specialists across the country to implement sustainable practices that improve profitability. We support farmers to implement property management plans and establish demonstration sites that improve soil, plant, and animal health by providing technical advice, information, and funding.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: We work in partnership with Kangaroo Island Community Education to deliver this program, engaging with the children and youth of KI through environmental education to benefit their health, well-being and understanding of their local natural resources, while giving them foundational learning for their future.

WATER MANAGEMENT: We help process Water Affecting Activity permits quickly and provide advice on dam construction, erosion control, salinity improvement, crossing construction, water security plans, as well as manage water resources and monitoring programs.

PEST ANIMAL AND PLANT CONTROL: We provide pest plant and pest animal management through proactive and preventative control activities. We administer permits for domestic goats and pigs and follow up on reports of feral goats, deer, pigs and other feral species. We provide advice on weed identification and practical support and funding to assist with control.

KANGAROO ISLAND NATIVE PLANT NURSERY: Native plants grown from local seed are available for public purchase at low cost to benefit conservation efforts and improve agricultural systems. We provide advice on plant identification, growing, planting, and revegetation tailored to KI soils and climate.

GRANT FUNDING: We provide targeted landholder support through knowledge sharing and on-ground works funding. On-ground funding creates demonstration sites that focus on improving the economic bottom line and environmental assets. In addition, KI Grassroots Grants provide annual support for individuals, volunteers and not-for-profit organisations to undertake local landscape management and conservation projects.

FERAL CAT ERADICATION AND CONTROL: Feral cats are the apex predator on Kangaroo Island and are the definitive host of diseases that affect the sheep industry. We provide advice on feral cat control across the island and feral cat trap hire. We are eradicating feral cats from the Dudley Peninsula.

BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION: We work with public and private landholders to maintain populations of critically endangered and conservation-dependent species native to Kangaroo Island, such as the glossy black-cockatoo, beautiful firetail finch, KI dunnart and southern brown bandicoot. We monitor native oyster reefs we've built and the effects of the harmful algal bloom, protect and improve little penguin and hooded plover habitat, and work with landholders to protect Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaved Mallee Woodlands. Conservation efforts benefit the island's tourism industry and bolster biodiversity for the agriculture sector.

For more information on how we can help you, scan the QR code, or contact the Board on 8553 2476 during business hours.

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