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Program overview

Pastoralists are being supported to improve soil health and increase ground cover through the continuation of the SA Arid Lands Landscape Board's Building Pastoral Sustainability (BPS) program. **The flagship project started in 2020 and engaged over 400 pastoralists and delivered 13 on-ground projects.** The BPS project is starting its second phase, based on successes and learnings from the first three-year project and the Board's From the Ground Up project. It has also been shaped based on feedback from the pastoral community.

Who is the BPS for?

BPS is designed to support pastoral businesses to further enhance sustainable land management practices that improve ground cover, soils, landscapes, and increase economic resilience. This will be through training, workshops, designing action plans for soil and landscape management issues, and accessing funding to support on-ground works.



What will I learn?

- ✓ Grow knowledge of natural resource management practices to support agricultural improvements and conserve the natural environment.
- ✓ Understand what technologies/practices are available to assist with adapting to a changing climate and reducing on-property emissions
- ✓ Increase awareness on impacts of climate variability
- ✓ Conserve/improve soil and vegetation by supporting adoption of practices and techniques
- ✓ Increase understanding of the benefits sustainable agriculture practices have on soil health
- ✓ Strengthen peer to peer networks to encourage shared learnings between pastoralists

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How can I get involved?

The BPS project has been designed to maximise opportunities for participation by the pastoral community and will offer a number of training events over the four-year project. These will include workshops, stickybeak days, a bus tour, field days and bootcamps with guest speakers, group training, and hands-on learning opportunities.



Workshops & Bootcamps:

In-person events where pastoralists and land managers hear from specialist presenters and subject matter experts. It provides an opportunity to catch up with people from across the pastoral industry and learn with professionals from the industry.



Field Days:

These major events are hosted specifically for the pastoral industry and bring together a range of presenters, exhibitors and demonstrations in a central location to the pastoral region. They are designed for families and are a full day of activities.



Stickybeak Days:

Head out to properties and hear from pastoralists who have trialled new techniques and share in their successes and learnings.



Identifying and prioritising sites:

Landholders will have the opportunity to work alongside technical experts to identify and prioritise areas to implement on-ground works or new management programs that conserve soil and promote agricultural growth. Properties will be selected following an expression of interest process.



Bus Tour:

Join your peers on a weeklong interstate tour to visit properties showcasing innovative sustainable agriculture projects, relevant to the SA Arid Lands region.



On-Ground Works:

There are opportunities for pastoralists to get involved with on-ground works including soil testing, revegetation projects & erosion management projects.

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How to participate in on-ground works?

On-ground works are a key element of the BPS project, and to help guide investment in on-ground works, landholders will be required to participate in the identifying and prioritizing sites component of this program. Completing this step will open up an opportunity to apply for funding to implement on-ground works, which includes erosion management, implementing sustainable grazing regimes & revegetation trials.

Step 1:

Begin by Identifying and prioritising potential sites on your property

Step 2:

Apply for an on-ground trial on your property.

Step 3:

Access regenerative practice change, regenerative trials, and erosion management.

Digging deeper

Soil testing will be carried out at historical and new sites where on ground works or changes in land management practices have been implemented. Data will be used to learn about the changes to soil health.



Have a good idea?

Have an idea for a workshop, training or would like to host a Stickybeak Day? Contact the SAAL Sustainable Agriculture Team at 8429 9666 or email saallandscapeboard@sa.gov.au



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