

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board

Port Augusta-Quorn Newsletter

March 2022

Update from the Landscape Group meeting

The Port Augusta-Quorn Landscape Group met on 9 February in Quorn to start discussion on district actions. At the next meeting on 13 April, members will continue working on the action list and on the district weed strategy. Please contact Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495 for more information.



Cochineal working hard on controlling cactus at Warren Gorge

Cactus control

With the milder summer, the sap sucking cochineal insects have been hard at work on cactus control. Your local Community Landscape Officer is able to provide cochineal to help landholders control cactus on their property.



Pepper Tree injector

SA Arid Lands Landscape Board is able to lend out a device to landholders wanting to control Pepper Trees on their property. The injector requires the use of a drill, which will open a passage in the tree that a herbicide capsule can be injected into. This is a safe and efficient method, as opposed to a cut stump. Please contact Brett Devitt if you like to know more.

<https://au.campaigns.adama.com/injectadibak>

Rural Aid SA – Rural Support Charity

Rural Aid has a new community representative and registered counsellor for our region, who is based in Port Pirie. Jeffery Grace-Jones is part of the new on-ground presence for Rural Aid in SA, which is one of Australia's biggest rural support charities. Jeffery is looking to form connections throughout the region and is available for remote chats over the phone or internet. Please feel free to get in contact for those in the district who may need assistance or may be interested to know more about Rural Aid's services.

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/> Phone: 1300 327 624

Foxes

Now is an ideal time to target foxes across our region. Foxes are skilled hunters that prey on native wildlife and livestock. Between summer and autumn, young foxes are on the move, finding new territories, so it's one of the best times of the year for neighbours to band together and reduce their impact on our environment and farms.

Grants

Grassroots Grants opening soon – start thinking of ideas

The annual Grassroots Grants round will open on 16 March for projects for the 2022-23 year. The grants aim to support local individuals, volunteers, schools, community organisations, First Nations and not-for-profit groups working for environmental benefits in the region's landscape and natural assets. Grants are offered up to \$10,000. Now is the time to get thinking about what local projects could be delivered. Applications for the grant round will close on 9 May, 2022.

Building Pastoral Sustainability

The Building Pastoral Sustainability (BPS) project is designed to build on the capacity and resilience of pastoral businesses in the SA Arid Lands to develop and promote a regionally strong and competitive industry. Grants are available for pastoral businesses to trial new management practices and technologies that will help them better adapt to varying climates and markets and improve the sustainability of businesses in the SAAL region. The next round will open on 2 May and close 20 June.

On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme

Primary Industry and Regions SA have opened a new funding round of the On-farm Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme. South Australian primary producers in drought-affected areas can apply for a rebate of 25 per cent (maximum \$25,000 ex GST) for the cost of purchasing and installing new on-farm water infrastructure for livestock and permanent horticulture that:

- addresses animal welfare needs during periods of drought
- assists primary producers to be more resilient for future droughts by protecting permanent horticulture assets.

This round will close on 30 April. For more information visit

https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/grants_and_assistance/drought_support/financial_assistance/on-farm_emergency_water_infrastructure_rebate_scheme

Junior Landcare

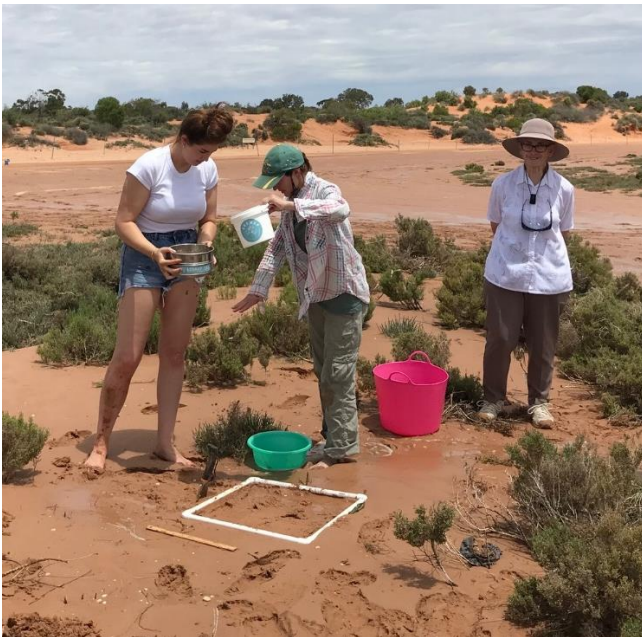
There is a chance for early learning centres and primary schools to apply for small grants up to \$1,000 in the Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants. Applications close 18 March.

<https://juniorlandcare.org.au/grant/2022-woolworths-junior-landcare-grants>

Port Augusta Coastcare



PORT AUGUSTA COAST CARE



Port Augusta Coastcare received the Environmental Sustainability Award at the 40th annual Port Augusta Australia Day awards.

The Port Augusta Coastcare was established in December 2020 to focus on creating community awareness to protect and maintain coastal biodiversity in Port Augusta.

It has 20 regular members including members from various Port Augusta groups and organisations. The group is interested in promoting recycling and adapting to climate change.

The group is working on mapping stormwater outlets to find solutions for better waste catchment, improving water quality, supporting Blue Carbon projects and collaborating to address marine plastics

Micro plastics monitoring survey by the Coastcare group

The next meeting will be held at 5.30pm on 6 April in the SAAL Landscape Board office on the corner of Jervis Street and Beauchamp Lane. Please come along or get in touch with Brett Devitt if you are interested in find out more.

Resources at Your Fingertips

<https://fishesofaustralia.net.au>

A great resource for information on the diversity and biology of Australia's amazing marine and freshwater fishes Almost a quarter of Australia's fishes are endemic, meaning that they are found nowhere else in the world - and most of these (60 per cent) live in cooler southern waters.

<https://feralscan.org.au/foxscan>

Part of the larger feral scan project, where land managers can record feral animal sightings or evidence. With links to handy resources, such as PestSmart and control methods and options.

Upcoming Events and Grants

Date	Description
Saturday 5 March	Friends of the Australia Arid Lands Botanic Gardens Including guest speaker Ben McCullum
Sunday 6 March	Clean Up Australia Day Various sites around Port Augusta, Quorn and beyond Port Augusta Coastcare 10am Shoreline Beach Quorn Community Landcare 9am Playground, Railway Tce Visit www.cleanup.org.au to find out more and register
Sunday 20 March	Birds SA Port Augusta group Chinaman's Creek, 8:00 am (Wear beach walking footwear)
	1080 Injection Service Glenlyle Friday 1/4/22 am session Holowiliena Friday 1/4/22 pm session Wilkatana Thursday 24/03/22 am session Contact SAAL to book in by 7 March
Mon 4 April	Grant Writing Workshop An online workshop looking at how to apply and write for a grant, as well as tips and tricks. Keep an eye on our website www.landscape.sa.gov.au/SAAL or Facebook.
Wed 6 April 5.30-6.30pm	Port Augusta Coastcare Meeting 10 at SAAL Landscape Office at the Old Courthouse – Corner of Jervis Street and Beauchamp Lane. New members most welcome. Contact Brett Devitt on 0409 753 495
Saturday & Sunday 9/10 April	Birds SA Port Augusta group Refuge Rocks - Whyalla Wetlands carpark 8:30 am (Camp out)
April and May	Bush Food workshops with Neville Bonney. Further from last year's successful workshops held in Port Augusta, this show is going on the road to visit regional communities. April 7 Marree, 8 Copley, 10 Yunta May 4 Oodnadatta, 5 Coober Pedy, 6 Andamooka

Get in touch with your Community Landscape Officer Brett Devitt any time you have information to share or if you have any questions. Brett can be contacted at brett.devitt@sa.gov.au or on **0409 753 495**.

Acknowledgement of Country: We acknowledge and pay respects to both Nukunu and Barngarla Nations, their elders past, present and emerging, and their strong connection to Country on which the Port Augusta – Quorn district is located.