




STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE 2026

**Growing Strong Together:
Grassroots Landcare in Action**

Connecting people through grassroots action
to help shape community, climate and place



COMMUNITY



CLIMATE



PLACE

**FRIDAY 16 – SATURDAY 17
OCTOBER 2026**
BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE,
MURRAY BRIDGE

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Friday 16th October 2026

8:00am	Registration opens	
8:45am	Conference open and Welcome to Country	
9:10am	Minister's Address – Emily Bourke MLC	
9:20am	Landcare Association of South Australia – Paula Jones	
9:30am	National Landcare Network – Andrew Richards	
9:40am	Courage and hope, with a connection to Landcare – Anika Molesworth	
10:15am	Morning tea	
10:45am	New Springs Landcare Group – Chair Kym Gladigau Phoenix from the ashes: a post bushfire landcare journey	
11:05am	Mid Murray Landcare – Aimee Linke Supporting sustainability success across the mid Murray region	
11:25am	Panel session Youth engagement, facilitated by Annabelle Homer	
12:30pm	Lunch	
1:30pm	Concurrent session A Caring for landcare – a world of opportunities	Concurrent session B Cambrai Primary School – small but mighty
2:15pm	Concurrent session C River Murray Youth Council - the next generation, engaged!	Concurrent session D Anika Molesworth – nature journalling workshop
3:10pm	Afternoon tea	
3:40pm	Keynote Presentation – Sophie Thomson	
4.15pm	End of day wrap up	
6.00pm - 9.00pm	Conference Dinner and South Australian Landcare Awards MC: Sophie Thomson Guest Speaker: Peter Garrett	

Saturday 17th October 2026

7.00am	Optional activity: Riverglades Wetlands nature walk (2km)	
8:00am	Registration and trade exhibition opens	
9:00am	Welcome back	
9:15am	LASA Member Group Presentation	
9:35am	Climate, risk and landcare – where does landcare fit into the reporting puzzle – Sarah Barrett	
10:15am	Morning tea (and Landcare SA AGM)	
11:00am	Kanmantoo Callington Landcare Group	
11:20am	Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan – Samantha Blight	
11:40am	Panel session Elements of a successful Landcare Group, facilitated by Annabelle Homer	
12:15pm	Lunch	
1:15pm	Concurrent session E John Fargher – Yundi Nature Conservatory	Concurrent session F
2:00pm	Concurrent session G Richard Owen Kumarangk Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group	Concurrent session H
2:45pm	Afternoon tea	
3:15pm	Keynote Presentation – Mary Cole	
4:10pm	End of conference wrap up & closing address	

*Conference program subject to change at the discretion of the Organising Committee