




STATE LANDCARE CONFERENCE 2026
Growing Strong Together: Grassroots Landcare in Action

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





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

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Friday 16th October 2026

8.00am	Registration opens	
8:45am	Introduction & Housekeeping	
9.00am	Welcome to Country - Major Moogy Sumner	
9:10am	Conference open – Hon. Emily Bourke MLC	
9:20am	Landcare Association of South Australia Inc. – Paula Jones	
9:30am	National Landcare Network – Andrew Richards	
9:40am	Keynote Presentation <i>Courage and hope, with a connection to Landcare</i> – Dr Anika Molesworth	
10:15am	Morning tea	
10:45am	Phoenix from the ashes: a post bushfire Landcare journey New Springs Landcare Group – Chair Kym Gladigau	
11:05am	Growing Landcare Together - Pygmy possums and the Meldanda story Mid Murray Landcare – Aimee Linke And Cambrai Primary School – Presentation by the children	
11:25am	Engaging the next generation – A panel discussion looking to the future Shannon Evenden – Adelaide University Emma Vallelonga – Volunteering SA&NT	Bonnie Armour - Breathe Easy Kate Washington – Green Adelaide
12:30pm	Lunch and Networking	
1:30pm	Concurrent session Where to start with recruitment Volunteering SA&NT Emma Vallelonga	Concurrent session The State Herbarium Weeds Project: Naturalised Weeds or Casual Colonists. What is it and what should we do? Chris Brodie
2:15pm	Concurrent session The world of Citizen Science Sylvia Clarke	Concurrent session Nature journalling workshop** Dr Anika Molesworth
3:10pm	Afternoon tea	
3:40pm	Keynote Presentation Vitamin N - 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: The Hon. Peter Garrett AM
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Saturday 17th October 2026

7.15am	Optional activity: Riverglades Community Wetlands** nature walk (1km) Meet at Riverglades Wetlands – Jim Cundy
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8:30am	Registration and trade exhibition opens
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9:00am	Welcome back
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9:15am	<i>Buying and protecting Riverglades, a River treasure</i> Riverglades Community Wetlands Inc. Jim Cundy
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9:35am	<i>Climate, risk and Landcare – where does Landcare fit into the reporting puzzle</i> Sarah Barrett
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10:15am	Morning tea (and Landcare SA AGM)
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11:00am	<i>Greening the Bremer</i> Kanmantoo Callington Landcare Group - Rob Schoenfisch
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11:20am	<i>Partnerships and strategy in the Coorong</i> Coorong Tatiara Local Action Plan – Samantha Blight Presentation/Workshop
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11:40am	<i>The Elephant Bird in the room</i> Jason Size, Deputy Incident Controller, PIRSA and Jane Macnaught
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12:30pm	Lunch and Networking
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1:25pm	Concurrent session <i>Networks and influence – How groups can help each other</i> Yundi Nature Conservatory - John Fargher	Concurrent session <i>Ecosystem Rebuilding: from seeds to habitats</i> Kumarangk Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group - Richard Owen and Barossa Bushgardens – Kim Thompson, Doreen von Linde and Penny Devlin
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2:15pm	Concurrent session <i>From Cameras to Conservation Action: Engaging Landholders in Pest Management</i> KI Land for Wildlife – Heidi Groffen	Concurrent session Far West Coast Rangers team
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2:55pm	Afternoon tea
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3:25pm	Keynote Presentation <i>Helping productivity – starting with soils</i> – Dr Mary Cole
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4:20pm	End of conference wrap up & closing address
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*Conference program subject to change at the discretion of the Organising Committee

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