Each year the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board enters into a Service Level Agreement with the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) for the delivery of the Board’s programs plus services provided by business support and the regional management team.

Details of the Board’s programs can be found in the [Board’s Business Plan (2017-2020)](https://example.com).

This report provides a quarterly update of regional projects across Eyre Peninsula, including:

- Program highlights this period
- Local government engagement for this period
- Upcoming priorities for the next period

Each milestone is assigned a status, based on its current progress.

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Further details of each of these programs can be found on the [Natural Resources Eyre Peninsula website](https://example.com).
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**Implementation of Water Allocation Plan (WAP)**

*The Water Allocation Plan (WAP) for the Southern Basins and the Musgrave Prescribed Wells Areas, Eyre Peninsula was endorsed by the State Government on 28 June, 2016. The WAP manages the extraction of groundwater from wells within two Prescribed Wells Areas (PWAs). Southern Basins PWA is located between Coffin Bay and Port Lincoln on southern Eyre Peninsula, and the Musgrave PWA is located between Lock and Elliston on western Eyre Peninsula.*

*If you would like more information on the WAP, you can download a copy of the Water Allocation Plan for the Southern Basins and the Musgrave Prescribed Wells Areas by clicking here.*

**Program highlights this period**

- Work continued on the Groundwater Dependant Ecosystem (GDE) monitoring sites including water level and salinity monitoring, vegetation monitoring, and installation of loggers on groundwater level monitoring wells and analysis of monitoring data. The draft report of this analysis of monitoring data was supplied to the Board in June.
- Research and planning work continued in preparation for a project to monitor freshwater/saltwater interfaces in the Southern Basins PWA.
- Monitoring of wells as part of the freshwater/saltwater interface project occurred.

**Local government engagement for this period**

- NA

**Upcoming priorities for the next period**

- Continued work on Groundwater Dependant Ecosystem (GDE) monitoring sites including water level and salinity monitoring as well as vegetation monitoring.
- Production of 2018 EP Groundwater Dependent Ecosystem Report Cards will be completed for five sites.

**Water Affecting Activities (WAA) processed and managed**

*Water Affecting Activities are activities and works that can impact on the health and condition of water resources, water dependent ecosystems and other water users. Under the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, an approved permit is required to undertake a Water Affecting Activity.*

*If you are planning to undertake a Water Affecting Activity, please read the factsheet Permits - Water Affecting Activities and don’t hesitate to contact the region’s Water Resources Assessment Officer.*

**Program highlights this period**

- 3 WAA permit applications received and 3 approved.
- 6 Active Compliance issues.
  - 4 investigations into non-complying and unsafe saline groundwater drainage trench construction. Voluntary compliance and additional works is expected to be completed in 2019.
  - 1 pending investigation into a Groundwater Access Trench/Soak enlargements.
  - 1 compliance case closed.
- 67 Water salinity/pH tests completed at the Port Lincoln NREP office.
- State Water Affecting Activity Working group meeting attended for Water Management Solutions project.
• 38 Water Affecting Activity enquiries received and completed.
  ○ Common enquiries relating to;
    ▪ Dryland salinity and new drainage works.
    ▪ New dams and farm water supply options.
    ▪ Cleaning dams (many dry dams throughout the region)
    ▪ Work on soaks and springs

• 5 inspection on completed Water Affecting Activity works.

Local government engagement for this period
• District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula.
  ○ Advice on peak flow for proposed watercourse crossing upgrade.
  ○ Compliance on illegal dumping on private land within drainage zone.

Upcoming priorities for the next period
• WAA permit application processing.
• WAA enquiries fielded and responses provided.
• Licenced well Meter Reading.
• WAA compliance cases investigated.
• Completion of WAA works inspections.
• Regional water testing undertaken and support provided.
• Work with local government on any WAA / field based water resources issues.
• WAP GDE Monitoring program – Assisting staff with the development of this monitoring program and provide advice and assistance when required.
## Landscapes

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### Delivering the region’s Protect and Regenerative Endemic Vegetation project

The Protect and Regenerate Endemic Vegetation project (PREV) commenced this period with the signing of the project work order with the Australian Government. The PREV project will engage community and landholders to directly address and remedy threatening processes affecting the Eyre Peninsula Blue Gum Woodland (EPBGW) Community. Secondary species that will also be addressed include Whibley Wattle (*Acacia whibleyana*), which is endemic to Eyre Peninsula, and Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) Peppermint Box Grassy Woodland (PBGW).

Workshops and media activities will raise awareness of the importance of these communities and will promote improved management practices. Initial surveying of EPBGW and monitoring programs of both TECs and Whibley Wattle will be commenced to improve understanding of the extent and condition. Concurrently, a targeted landholder engagement approach (consisting of both targeted engagement and a TEC-wide expressions of interest process) will be used to enable on-ground works. This will provide a minimum of 20% of total funding direct to the community to undertake activities to improve condition and extent of EPBGW, PBGW and Whibley Wattle. The project is 12 months in duration, ending June 2019.

### Program highlights this period

- Workshops and media activities were delivered and raised awareness of the importance of these communities.
- In a joint planting spree spanning from Wangary, through the Tumby hills in the south, to the northern extent of the woodlands range near Mangalo, key Natural Resources Staff worked with land managers and local school students to undertake 10 propagating days and plant well over 2000 EP blue gum tube stock and associated tree and understory plant species this winter.
- 28 hectares of direct seeding has been planted around remnant patches of EP Blue Gum Woodlands on farming land on over 20 different properties throughout the Peninsula in the largest effort to date to the bolster the endemic population.
- The first comprehensive management plan for the EPBG woodland, which is a national threatened ecological community was completed.

### Local government engagement for this period

- The District Council of Cleve teamed up with NREP along the walking trail near Yeldulknie Conservation Park. The team effort saw preparation for planting, weed control and the supply of the council water truck.

### Upcoming priorities for the next period

- Completion of the final outcomes report for the project.
NRM Compliance activities undertaken

Program highlights this period

- **NREP dry times taskforce** attended at significant drought affected properties across the Eastern Eyre region at properties identified as most at risk of land degradation. Compliance staff assisted with advice and support to those task force teams.
- Have liaised with many landholders with regard to requirements to negate land degradation and the issues they are facing.
- Joint agency response to a Land Degradation issue with SAPOL, RSPCA, PIRSA and DEW met to discuss ongoing issues.
- Work continues with landholders and NREP staff along with Country Health SA representatives are working together to achieve compliance of the Act.
- Working with Investigations and Compliance Unit, and Crown Solicitors Office in terms of moving forward in compliance.
- 3 new Native Veg clearance reports for the region. Initial assessments have been made and passed up to Native Vegetation unit.
- Worked with NREP authorised officers to deal with an ongoing pest plant issue. A landholder was issued with a notice to prepare an action plan. Further correspondence and communication has been made with this landholder. Compliance is likely to be achieved.
- Ongoing issue of stock wandering at large in Coorabie area. Staff working with landholder with a goal to reduce the numbers of stock on that property.
- Worked with NREP staff with regard to deer fencing on an newly established deer farm at White Flat.
- Wild deer reported in the Koppio, Yallunda Flat area including Marble Range, South Block areas. Numbers reported to have been shot but some landholders seem not to be concerned by their presence.

Local government engagement for this period

- Liaised with DCLEP with regard to Native Veg and roadside wood cutting issues.
- Liaised with Cleve Council regarding roadside veg management on McCullam road off Arno Bay Road.

Upcoming priorities for the next period

- Attempt to move forward and assist landholders with land degradation issues in the Eastern Eyre region. Waiting for further rain to help pastures and crops establish.
Implementation of the Biodiversity Monitoring Program

In 2015-16, the Board established the Biodiversity Monitoring Program, which will result in 355 sites across the region being monitored (using the Bushland Condition Monitoring methodology) on a ten year rotational basis. To supplement this important monitoring a Citizen Scientist network has been established to undertake annual bird surveys at some of these sites.

Program highlights this period

- Nature Conservation Society of SA (NCSSA) have completed entering Bushland Condition Monitoring data for 125 sites collected by staff from 2015 -2018 into a state-wide database which will also generate electronic site visit reports for each site.
- A number of bushland bird monitoring sites were surveyed by volunteers and NREP staff. NREP have been continuing to support volunteers with face to face discussions, technical support as well as knowledge sharing via social media and email.
- The bird data collected over the last few years has been verified by a bird expert and will now be entered into the Biological Database of South Australia.

Local government engagement for this period

- NA

Upcoming priorities for the next period

- Undertake planning for and start undertaking Bushland Condition Monitoring at another 40 sites across Eyre Peninsula
- Organise for verified bird data to be downloaded into the Biological Database of South Australia.
- Organise a training day for volunteers in relation to the bushland bird monitoring project and continue to support the volunteers to successfully undertake this monitoring.

Delivery of koala retained earning project

Program highlights this period

- Board briefing prepared and submitted to Board for June 2019 meeting.
- Continued to promote the EP Koalas citizen science program by encouraging the community to report their koala sightings to www.epkoalas.com.au.

Local government engagement for this period

- NA

Upcoming priorities for the next period

- Project will cease, with monitoring activities continuing.
Coast & marine

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**Program highlights this period**

- The Eyes on Eyre project has continued to work with local councils to progress planning for coastal campground nodes. Coastal sites to have concept plans undertaken include Fitzgerald Bay, Point Gibbon, Redbanks, Lipson Cove, Fishery Bay, Farm Beach, Sheringa Beach, Walker’s Rock and Tractor Beach. Councils have now adopted the concept plans and planning has begun to obtain native vegetation clearance approvals where required.
- The LiDAR project has seen an external provider complete the conversion of the LiDAR data into projected sea level rise flood mapping. This sea level rise flood mapping has been provided to all the coastal councils.
- The Whyalla Northern coastline project has seen works for the 18/19 financial year completed, including erection of wind protection infrastructure at the cuttlefish snorkelling site and concept planning for Fitzgerald Bay campground.

**Local government engagement for this period**

- In conjunction with EPLGA and RDAWEP the Eyes on Eyre project has worked very closely with all coastal councils on Eyre Peninsula in this period.
- The LiDAR project has worked very closely with all coastal councils on Eyre Peninsula in this period to make sure this project ends up with products that are useful for coastal local councils.
- Ongoing work with Whyalla City Council regarding the Whyalla Northern coastline project has occurred.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period**

- The Eyes on Eyre project will see NREP staff, RDAWEP staff and local council staff work to finalise the appropriate approval processes for each site and apply for funds to build the infrastructure.
- The LiDAR project will start working to get a web application that will help visualise the coastal inundation layers.
- The Whyalla Northern coastline project finished at June 30. NREP staff will continue to work with Whyalla Council where appropriate to value add to the achievements of this project.
Sustainable farming

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Delivering the Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator services

The Australian Government, through the Regional Land Partnerships of the National Landcare Program, have funded the Regional Landcare Facilitator (RALF) in core funding for five years. The role has been split, between NREP and two of our partners; Lower Eyre Agricultural Development Association (LEADA) and Eyre Peninsula Agricultural Research Foundation (EPARF). This arrangement will be formalised through contractual arrangements and will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Program highlights this period

- The Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator role on Eyre Peninsula is shared between two farming systems groups (EPARF and LEADA) and the EP NRM Board
- EPARF said farewell to Linden Masters who retired in June. He was the EPARF RALF role for the past few years in upper Eyre Peninsula.
- The Regional Agriculture Landcare Facilitator program completed a successful year meeting all the milestones. They engaged and informed farmers, community groups and agricultural industries within their management units about emerging ideas, innovative practices and relevant new government policy and programs to help improve the sustainability, productivity and profitability of agriculture. They achieved this by attending workshops and field days, emails and e-newsletters and keeping abreast of activities occurring on Eyre Peninsula and beyond.
  
Examples of activities included attending and assisting with organisation of GRDC Farm Business Update, participation, Ag Excellence Alliance Forum, Facilitate with private and public organisations to engage 7 presenters to deliver LEADA Ag Expo, developing networks of help and assistance and facilitating workshops for farmers facing the 2018 drought. During 2018-19 Eyre Peninsula experienced below average rainfall in the upper and eastern regions with six local government areas drought declared. The RALF’s monitored the community resilience and facilitated partnerships with a range of groups and organisations such as Mentally Fit EP, PIRSA Biosecurity, RSSA, Rural Financial advisors and private agricultural consultants to deliver, support and provide advice to growers and community groups.

- Work plans for the next 12 months has been completed and submitted to the National Landcare Program coordinators.

Local government engagement for this period

- NA

Upcoming priorities for the next period

- Facilitating workshops with a range of groups and organisations will be a high priority in the next month.
- Assisting with organising the upper Eyre Peninsula Sticky Beak days with the Agriculture Bureaus and farming groups will also be a high priority.
Delivering the region’s Regenerative Agriculture Project

The Regenerative Agriculture Project on Eyre Peninsula, will, over the next five years, increase awareness, knowledge and the adoption of land management practices to restore soil pH levels, increase soil organic carbon levels and reduce the risk of nutrient loss from wind and water erosion. The project will support farming systems groups and individual farmers to implement best practice management and showcase the results to the broader farming community, through extension activities, pH mapping, pH testing, demonstration sites, forums and monitoring sites.

Program highlights this period

- The 2018-19 ended on a successful note with the majority of outcomes achieved.
- Due to the limited time for expressions of interest and the seasonal conditions only one mixed species demonstration and two increasing soil carbon through strategic tillage demonstrations were established. One demonstration was delayed due to the availability of seed and seasonal conditions.
- A successful ‘Exploring Soil Health’ workshop was held at Ungarra on June 21st.

- Restoring Soil pH Balance in Areas with Existing Soil Acidity
  - Soil acidity is a significant issue on Eastern and Lower Eyre Peninsula estimated to cost the region between $16 and $19 million per year due to lost production.
  - The key objective of the ‘Restoring pH balance in areas with existing acidity supported by the NREP Regenerative Agriculture Program and funded by the Australian Government’s National Landcare Program, is to increase landholder awareness and knowledge of techniques and benefits of monitoring, maintaining and ameliorating soil acidity. These aims were achieved through a combination of soil sampling to monitor pH change, paddock scale pH mapping and extension activities in the priority ‘existing’ soil acidity districts.
  - Soil sampling on 20 existing surveillance sites showed a reduction in the proportion of sites with surface soils below the target pH of 5.5 CaCl2 and subsurface layers below 5.0 CaCl2 since they last sampled in 2013-2015. This reflects the application of lime by landholders to over 50% of these sites in this time, and is indicative of the upward trend of lime applications in the region in recent years.
Two new farmer groups were engaged in ‘Farming Acid Soils Champions’ program to (one each on Lower Eyre Peninsula and Eastern Eyre Peninsula).

Participants are provided with the knowledge and equipment to undertake pH mapping on their properties using aerial photos and pH field kits, and offer the opportunity for them to have a paddock mapped using a VERIS pH mapping machine.

The results highlighted the variation in soil pH within each site

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Table 1: Variation in soil pH within each site

- Increase Awareness of Potential Acidification on At-Risk Agricultural Land on Lower Eyre Peninsula
  - The development of acidity in agricultural areas previously unaffected has been recognised for some time on susceptible areas of Eyre Peninsula. High-production farm practices will continue to acidify these areas, with the extent of acidic land increasing unless adequate ongoing treatment is implemented.
  - Ten new monitoring sites in districts where soil acidity is considered to be an ‘emerging’ or potential issue were established with the results outlined in Table 2.

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Table 2: Analysis of pH data at different sampling depths.

- EPNRM Board Sustainable Agriculture Activities
  - The Eyre Peninsula Natural Resources Management Board funded 4 temporary electric fencing units to assist landholders manage soil cover and fragile sites in their properties.

Photo 5 and 6 - Clay was spread on the sand dune and the cereal rye was slow in establishing. The pasture needed to be grazed and the fence was used to protect the dune while the cover established.
• A field day was held at the Wudinna Area School for farmers, NRM Staff and students demonstrating how to erect the electric fences.
• The units have been used at Warramboo, Wudinna, Murdinga and Cleve. Feedback has been very positive with this twitter response from one landholder:-
  
  Thanks Mary and Sarah @ NRM for the lending me the RAPPA unit done the job on a after seeding delving/spading job let the rye get away from the mad hoggetspic.twitter.com/uVB0ZZM6Qy

Local government engagement for this period

• NA

Upcoming priorities for the next period

• Commencement of program activities for the 2019-20 period.
• Expressions of interest open for the Mixed Species Summer Cropping projects.
• Assisting with the Sticky Beak Field Days across upper Eyre Peninsula
• Mixed Farming Masterclass workshop on September 12 in partnership with GRDC and Minnipa Agriculture Centre.

Regional partnerships

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Implementation of Local Government Engagement Strategy

In August 2017, the Board developed a Local Government Engagement Strategy, which has the following objectives:

• Shared ownership of sustainable outcomes with our Local Government partners
• Shared benefits through increased community capacity in understanding NRM issues and being able to confidently create solutions that have landscape scale impacts
• Enhanced social cohesion whereby individuals and communities have a greater confidence, influence and involvement in NRM services
• Improved NRM outcomes for our Local Government partners as a result providing opportunities for input into the decision making processes, better communications and improved awareness and understanding.

NREP is working collaboratively with Local Government at multiple levels and the activities undertaken are reported on a quarterly basis in this report. The can be found under the Local government engagement for this period sections.
Aboriginal engagement

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Implementation of Aboriginal engagement strategy and support the development of projects with Aboriginal communities

Program highlights this period

- Development of the Talking Poster Project – Draft has been printed for final consultation before sending off final copy. To date we have engaged with over 150 community members and received input from over 50 Aboriginal People and Elders on this project.

![Photo 7 - draft talking poster](image)

- Back to Basic Grant for Scotdesco Homelands was completed with a total of 67 Boxthorn controlled.
- Held a weed workshop at Scotdesco Homelands to highlight regions priority weeds and methods of control.
- Most of the Aboriginal Small Grants for 18-19 financial year have been finalised (some required extension until 30th of Dec 2019). So far these grants have resulted in a total of 213 children engaged and 46 adults across five grant projects. There was also 11 different stakeholders involved in these grants. The grants are a very effective way of getting community involved and sharing knowledge of Aboriginal Culture and Natural Resource Management. Many of these projects will continue to flow on past the completion of the grants which will mean ongoing engagement. Below are a couple of images from three of the different grant projects.

![Photo 8 and 9: Ceduna Youth Hub Young Aboriginal Women Cultural Sessions](image)
Local government engagement for this period
- Working with Streaky Bay Council to discuss and plan for Streaky Bays’ first NAIDOC week event.

Upcoming priorities for the next period
- Conduct 2x consultation sessions with Yalata and Oak Valley to discuss Wardu Talking Poster and get recordings for audio component.
- Working with Ceduna NAIDOC committee to plan and show support for NAIDOC week events.
- Host and/or participate in NAIDOC week events

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*The Eyre Peninsula Regional NRM plan 2017-2027 was approved in May 2017 and is available for download on the NREP website in separate components. The strategic component of the Plan includes three goals, which are underpinned by six strategic priorities and provides a regional snapshot. The region has been divided into five sub-regional planning areas, and sub-regional descriptions have been developed as separate components to describe the landscapes, as well as the lifestyles and livelihood that influence how the landscape is managed in each of the areas. There is also a policy document that provides the policy framework for how land, pest plant and animals and water affecting activities are to be managed in the region.*

Program highlights this period
- The final component of the regional NRM Plan, is the Business Plan, the latest version was approved on 27 March 2019 and is available on the website.
- A Monitoring, Evaluation, Reporting and Improvement (MERI) plan was approved on 17 April 2019 to enable the board to measure how effective it has been in achieving the goals in the strategic plan.

Local government engagement for this period
- Councils have all sent through their Council cost recovery invoices, claiming the full entitlements for the period.
- Council queries in regard to 2019-20 council quantum’s, land use type rates and access to the gazettal notices have been responded to in a timely manner.

Upcoming priorities for the next period
- The next business plan review is due in September/October 2019.
### Board administration & operational management

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**EPNRM Board and Committees supported, Budget approved, annual report prepared and Board minutes available to public**

**Program highlights this period**
- The budget for 2019-20 was approved at the 25 June 2019 Board Meeting.
- The Board continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis, with meetings held in Elliston on 17 April and Cleve on 25 June 2019.

**Local government engagement for this period**
- Meetings continue to be rolled around the region, with joint sessions held with relevant councils.

**Upcoming priorities for the next period**
- Board meetings next quarter will include one at Cowell on 27 August 2019.