

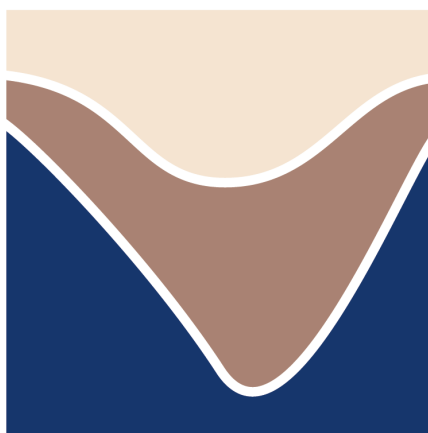


[rda.gov.au](http://rda.gov.au)

## RDA Eyre Peninsula News - August 2024

Over the past 10 years, the population of Osprey in South Australia has dropped by 26% to just 50 pairs of birds. Eyre Peninsula now has 9 artificial nesting platforms helping to increase the numbers of these endangered species. Find out more at [ABC Eyre Peninsula](#) and follow their progress on Facebook at [Port Lincoln Osprey](#) or [Friends of Osprey Sth Aus](#)  
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### Regional Drought Resilience Plan



# DROUGHT RESILIENT EYRE PENINSULA

The Eyre Peninsula Drought Resilience Advisory Group would like to thank those who participated in the regional workshops held during early July.

The discussions at these workshops have provided valuable insight into the impacts of drought on Eyre Peninsula, and what we can do together to build resilience to drought. Information you shared is being used to inform the preparation of the Regional Drought Resilience Plan.

The draft Plan will be emailed to you and be available online from the project website [droughtresilientep.com.au](http://droughtresilientep.com.au) from Monday 12 August 2024.

There will be 4 online forums to present the draft Plan and advise how you can provide further feedback. Each forum will share the same information and be held on:

- Monday 12 August 2pm to 3pm
- Monday 12 August 7pm to 8pm
- Wednesday 14 August 6pm to 7pm
- Friday 16 August 10am to 11am

Please book to participate in an online forum at: <https://www.trybooking.com/eve...>

You can also view the draft Plan and provide feedback at the [Eyre Peninsula Field Days](#) at our RDA Eyre Peninsula stand within the PIRSA (Primary Industries and Regions) marquee.

## BUSINESS EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Small Business Fundamentals Program

Under our Small Business Fundamentals Program, local Eyre Peninsula businesses can access subsidies for business mentoring!

Visit our website to learn more: <https://www.rdaep.org.au/econo...>



RDAEP's **Small Business Fundamentals Program** for businesses on the Eyre Peninsula

→ **Business Mentoring**

**FIND MENTORS  
GET SUPPORT**

Get **50% off** sessions

For 3 sessions **up to \$300**

E: [reception@rdaep.org.au](mailto:reception@rdaep.org.au)

## TACTIC 2024 Conference



It was terrific to attend the TACTIC 2024 Conference in Port Augusta at the end of July.

'Realising Our Future' was the theme for the conference and with so many opportunities presenting themselves in coming years, we must continue to collaborate and connect to ensure we maximise the benefit for local industry and people.

*Pictured above: RDAEP CEO Ryan Viney with Northern Water project staff Dan Mollison and Josephine Telfer; and UniSA Whyalla Regional Manager Paul Havelberg and Iron Road CEO Larry Ingle.*

## RDSA Annual Summit

**Regional Development South Australia**

# Annual Summit

**The Future of Regional South Australia-  
Transition to Net Zero,  
A Circular Economy and AI**

**Wednesday 2 October 2024**

**Port Augusta**

This year the Regional Development SA Annual Summit is to be held in the Upper Spencer Gulf, focussing on tooling ourselves on how we seize the moment, and how we capitalise on rapidly increasing opportunities.

Join us to discuss the future of regional South Australia - Transition to Net Zero, A Circular Economy and AI.

Wednesday 2 October 2024  
8:00am to 3:30pm  
Central Oval, Port Augusta

A pre-conference dinner will be held on Tuesday 1 October.

For more information: [regionaldevelopmentsa.com.au](https://regionaldevelopmentsa.com.au)

To book: <https://events.humanitix.com/2024-rdsa-summit>

## Cyber Wardens

A promotional graphic for Cyber Wardens. It features a purple background with a circular inset image of a person in an orange high-visibility work jacket and a white hard hat, standing with hands on hips and looking out over a landscape. The text 'CyberWardens.' is at the top left. Below it, the main headline reads 'Protect your small business with free and simple cyber security training'. At the bottom left, it says 'Proudly supported by' followed by logos for the Australian Government, COSBOA, Telstra, and CommBank.

CyberWardens.

**Protect your small business with free and simple cyber security training**

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The Cyber Wardens program is a simple, fast and effective cyber security course designed by Council of Small Business Organisations Australia (COSBOA) with the help of cyber security experts from Telstra, CommBank and the Australian Government through the Australian Cyber Security Centre.

The short course is free, online and will empower small business owners and their staff to be equipped with essential digital security skills.

What you'll learn

- Effective steps to defend against digital break-ins
- How to spot common tricks and scams hackers use
- The best ways to identify and protect your important business information.

Enrolling in Cyber Wardens is easy:

Go to: [cyberwardens.com.au/](https://cyberwardens.com.au/)

## EP Field Days

Truly something for everyone!

13th, 14th and 15th August

The biennial Eyre Peninsula Field Days provides a platform to showcase new farming technologies, innovation and inspiration for our rural community.

+ Plus + don't miss amazing guest speakers, great food, entertainers, activities and presentations - plenty of fun for all the

family.

[epfielddays.com.au](http://epfielddays.com.au)



## Seeking Operator - Foreshore Cafe and Airport Cafe Whyalla



An exciting business opportunity will soon be available for a food and beverage operator at the Whyalla Foreshore. Whyalla City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals or businesses looking for an outstanding opportunity to contribute to, and benefit from, the activation of the foreshore by delivering a quality, reliable food and beverage experience.

Whyalla Council is also seeking an operator for the cafe at the Whyalla Airport.

It is an exciting time in Whyalla, with the future being solidified with the government and private companies investing \$billions in major projects over coming years, and both of these opportunities have the potential to make a great contribution to the future of Whyalla/

Please refer to the Expression of Interest documents at:

[Foreshore Cafe](#) - Registrations close Thursday 29 August 2024 at 5pm

[Airport Cafe](#) - Registrations close Friday 9 August 2024 at 5pm.

Registrations should be submitted to [council@whyalla.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@whyalla.sa.gov.au)

If you have any questions or would like to inspect the spaces, please contact

[grant.jennings@whyalla.sa.gov.au](mailto:grant.jennings@whyalla.sa.gov.au)

## WORKFORCE

## Upper Spencer Gulf Workforce Summit

# 2024 UPPER SPENCER GULF WORKFORCE SUMMIT



RDAEP staff attended the Upper Spencer Gulf Workforce Summit held in Port Augusta on Tuesday 30th July.

The sessions focussed on the incredible opportunities emerging in the region and speakers included: SA Productivity Commissioner, Steve Whetton; Australian Government Employment and Workplace Relations State Manager, Tricia Hennessy; Minister for SA Housing, Nick Champion; SA Skills Commissioner, Cameron Baker along with many other local and State Government leaders.

Key conversations and presentations regarding the following themes were presented during the day:

1. Regional context and progress since 2023 Summit
2. National and State Initiatives
3. Enabling a Regional Workforce: Housing
4. Enabling a Regional Workforce: Skills and Training
5. Challenges and Progress moving forward.

## Working in Early Childhood Financial Support

SA residents can apply for financial assistance to offset costs related to approved early childhood study. There are 3 streams to the QualifySA in Early Childhood support program:

- Teacher support (up to \$25,000)
- Educator support (up to \$7,000)
- Aboriginal pathways (up to \$34,000)

Plus an additional allowance of up to \$10,000 is available to support students in regional and remote areas.

[Program Guidelines and Application Details](#)



## Ag Career Start - Cultivating the Next Generation



2025 Participant Applications close 29 September  
Host employers can apply at any time.

The [Ag Career Start](#) program helps farmers hire young Australians for 10-12 months, giving them a start in agriculture.

Host farmers receive recruitment, training, and industry network support. The program also includes a matching process to align skills and goals, helping farmers to develop their skills as employers and mentors.

[APPLY NOW](#)

## UniSA Open Day



Sunday 25 August, 10am - 3pm

UniSA's Whyalla campus is the largest regional university campus in SA and offers modern facilities for education, nursing, social work, physiotherapy and occupational therapy students.

Explore UniSA's Whyalla Campus collaborative learning spaces, meet your future teachers and check out on-site accommodation.

[Learn more and register](#)

## TAFE SA Semester 1 2025 Study Applications Open

# STUDY WITH US IN 2025.

**APPLICATIONS OPEN AUGUST 5**

**tafeSA**



Government of South Australia

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If you've been thinking of a new career you would like to pursue, or perhaps would like to upskill, TAFE SA is where it can begin. With a huge range of courses and pathways, TAFE SA will help you go get it.

Start your search now for a course that is right for you.

For more information about applying visit the TAFE SA website or view the full list of TAFE SA courses in your area.

[Ceduna](#) | [Port Lincoln](#) | [Whyalla](#) | [Wudinna](#)

## HAVE YOUR SAY



Consultation closes 31 August 2024

### Public Consultation: State Development Coordination and Facilitation Bill

Have your say on how the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) proposes to strengthen South Australia's competitive advantage in delivering a net-zero economy while tackling the housing crisis.

[Get involved](#)



Consultation closes 4 September 2024

### Clarifying current cat management laws

Sections of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 (Act) are being updated to provide clarity to parties responsible for cat management.

Managing cats is complex with responsibilities shared between individuals, local, state and federal government, as well as non-government parties.

[Have your Say.](#)





## Northern Water

[Drop in for a chat at the Eyre Peninsula Field Days or the Whyalla Show](#)

Northern Water is investigating the option of a seawater desalination plant in the Spencer Gulf at Cape Hardy. The desalination plant would be connected to the Upper Spencer Gulf and northern South Australia via approximately 600km of pipeline.

Your feedback will help identify management measures to reduce risk and enhance local community benefits.

[Get involved](#)

**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Infrastructure and Transport

**Have your say – help shape recreational boating safety in SA**

**Complete survey now**

## SA Recreational Boating Safety Strategy

[Complete the survey by 5pm, Friday 6 September 2024](#)

The first ever South Australian Recreational Boating Safety Strategy will provide a 5-year plan to improve safety for recreational boaters and others who share our State's coastal and inland waters.

You are invited to provide input via a short, 10 minute survey.

[Have your Say.](#)

## GRANTS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



Stage 1 - Expressions of Interest close  
22 August 2024

### Enabling Infrastructure - Round 2

For grants of between \$50,000 and \$1 million, with the maximum amount extended to \$2 million where there are exceptionally broad benefits.

The program provides funding for infrastructure projects that build resilient regional communities and promote a strong regional economy.

[More information here](#)



Opens in August

### Small Business Sustainability Support Program

Small business or not-for-profit organisations may soon be eligible to apply for grants from \$2,500 - \$50,000 to help them invest in more energy efficient equipment or make improvements that optimise their ongoing energy usage.

[About the grants](#)



### National Housing Infrastructure Facility Social and Affordable Housing

The NHIF CI can provide finance to help support support critical housing-enabling infrastructure including new or upgraded electricity and gas; water, sewerage and stormwater; transportation including roads and/or; telecommunications.

[More information here](#)



Closes 16 August!

### Experience Nature Tourism Fund

Grants from \$10,000 to \$50,000 will support new and improved nature-based tourism products and experiences in or near a national park, reserve, wilderness protection area or marine park.

A range of resources is available to help you prepare your application at [tourism.gov.au](http://tourism.gov.au)

## Youth Travel Grant Scheme

Flinders Port Holdings funds a travel grant scheme for students\* in the South Australian electorate of Flinders, to support them in their travel for out-of-school endeavours.

Students are able to re-apply for the grant every year.

If eligible for the grant, you will receive a VISA gift card with an allocated amount.

\*Please note to be eligible for the Flinders Port Holdings Youth Travel Grant Scheme, you must be a current student residing in the Electorate of Flinders.



### Flinder's Ports Travel Grants

Applications must be received at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Flinders Port Holding and Member for Flinders Sam Telfer have launched the 'Youth Travel Grants Scheme' for students in the South Australian electorate of Flinders, to support them in their travel for out-of-school extra-curricular activities.

Grants are distributed via Mr Telfer's office. [Apply HERE](#)

RDAEP Grant Finder

## HANDY RESOURCES

[Training Providers](#) on Eyre Peninsula

[Primary Industries and Regions SA latest news](#)

[business.gov.au](http://business.gov.au) - resources to help you learn about your industry's legal, operational and business requirements

[Eyre Peninsula](#)

[Eyre Peninsula tourism development](#)

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RDAEP acknowledges the support of our key stakeholders: Australian Government, South Australian Government and Eyre Peninsula councils.

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