



# Regional Development Australia

YORKE AND MID NORTH

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E-NEWSLETTER

*Growing Our Region - Shaping a Positive Future*

## FEATURED STORIES

### "Our Mega Future" 2017 Forum

Regional mayors, elected officials, multiple council members, and stakeholders in regional development projects gathered at the Clare Country Club on Friday, March 31, for the Yorke and Mid North Regional Forum.

The event was titled "Our Mega Future" and focused on exploring issues affecting regional South Australia while discussing proactive plans in developing a stronger system for the future.

The forum opened with keynote speaker Dr John Hewson, former federal opposition leader and current professor and chair in the Tax Transfer Policy Institute in the Crawford School of Public Policy at the Australian National University.

Dr Hewson discussed economic and financial issues and the direction he believed SA should be heading in.

The event also included smaller talks from many regional development experts from private and public sectors.

These included talks from Chief Botanist State Herbarium of South Australia Professor Michelle Waycott, Senior Conservation Planner from Greening Australia Dr Paul Koch, and Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia's Mary-Anne Young – as well as many more.

Issues regarding the environment and ecosystem services, infrastructure, population and workforce, health and wellbeing and agricultural enterprises were focused on and discussed in depth during divided themed sections of the forum.

The "Our Mega Future" forum was a partnership of: RDAYMN, NRM and Legatus



Photo: Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council mayor Allan Aughey OAM, Local Government Association Chief Executive Officer Matt Pinnegar, Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North CEO Kelly-Anne Saffin, and Legatus CEO David Stevenson.

<http://www.northernargus.com.au/story/4569004/regional-forum-gathers-in-clare/?cs=1491>

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## Have your say to improve road transport for primary production

Have your say on how we can improve key road transport issues constraining productivity and route access for primary production, by participating in a survey as part of the second stage of the Improving Road Transport for Primary Production Project.

Project 2 builds on the success and momentum from the first [90 Day Improving Road Transport for the Agriculture Industry](#), now known as Project 1.

This second phase aims to further identify key issues and gives the opportunity for those that missed out in first project to be included, including the forestry, dairy, fresh produce, fisheries and aquaculture sectors.

New ideas on how to improve road transport for primary industries could include further infrastructure deficiencies such as the need to upgrade junctions, bridges and roads.

The survey seeks to address last mile and freight access issues, as well as further identify key issues relating to the movement of oversized and overmass agricultural machinery on public roads.

As a result of Project 1, industry has estimated the benefits of reforms for primary producers and transport operators to be at least \$56 million.

The project is a collaboration between Primary Industries and Regions SA, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and Primary Producers SA.

Access the survey [here](#) and for more information visit [www.pir.sa.gov.au/agtransport](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/agtransport)

The survey **closes 15 May 2017**.

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## Red Tape Repeal Day 2017

The State Government will hold its annual red tape repeal day in 2017 focused on cutting unnecessary red tape and removing outdated and redundant legislation.

The first Simplify Day was held last year with the Premier leading work that successfully identified a broad range of reforms across our economy. This included reforms to fees, licences, permit, notification requirements and compliance that will make a real and lasting difference to the people and businesses affected.

The second 'Simplify Day' will be held in **August 2017**, with ideas for change being put forward by business and the community.

Tell us about specific rules and processes that are outdated, don't add value and make it more difficult to simply get on and grow the economy and create jobs.

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/simplify-day-2017/about>

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## Fund My Idea - Port Pirie and Mid North

Anyone living within the Port Pirie, Wakefield, Clare and Gilbert Valleys, Mount Remarkable, Barunga West, The Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula Council communities can submit an idea.

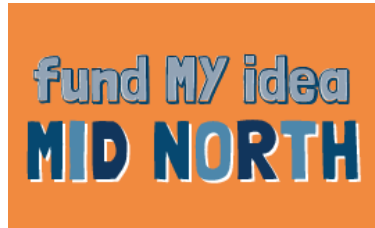
We're after projects of great benefit to the whole community. Projects that have strong economic or social outcomes are encouraged.

The key dates for Fund My Idea – Port Pirie Yorke and Mid North are:

Monday 20 March – Submissions open  
Monday 24 April – Submissions close 5pm  
Monday 1 May – Voting opens 9am  
Monday 29 May – Voting closes 5pm

A total pool of up to \$50,000 is available to fund projects as part of Fund My Idea – Port Pirie Yorke and Mid North. Between one and three projects may be funded.

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/dec.../fund-my-idea-port-pirie/about>



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## Port Pirie Come See Change

RDAYMN are proud to be a collaborative partner with NYRSTAR, TLAP, Port Pirie Regional Council and Port Pirie Chamber of Commerce in this exciting new project for Port Pirie.

[www.comeseechange.com](http://www.comeseechange.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/Port-Pirie-Come-See-Change-185577.../>

<https://twitter.com/ComeSeeChange?lang=en>



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## 2016 Annual Small Business Statement Launched

The 2016 Annual Small Business Statement sets out a clear action plan for the South Australian Government to work with small businesses and industry associations to support them in local, national and international market places.

The Statement builds upon policy and reform foundations that are already helping to make South Australia the best place to do business – including tax reform, establishing the role of the Small Business Commissioner and providing financial support for small businesses.

<http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/industry/smallbusiness/small-business-statement?q=small%20business%20statement>

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

### Sporting & Receptions Clubs

**SA Recreation & Sports - Active Club Program**

- Program and equipment (up to \$5,000)
- Facility upgrade requests up to \$25,000

**CLOSING DATE: 10th April 2017**

Further information: <http://ors.sa.gov.au/funding?a=144983>

**SA Recreation & Sports - Community Recreation and Sport Facilities Program**

Organisations can apply under the following categories:

- Minor facility development (requests \$25,000 - \$200,000)
- Major facility development (requests \$200,000 - \$1,000,000)

**CLOSING DATE: 10th April 2017**

Further information: [http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/.../apply\\_for\\_fu.../active\\_club\\_program](http://www.ors.sa.gov.au/.../apply_for_fu.../active_club_program)

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## Neoen Energy Hornsdale Wind Farm - Community Fund 2016/17

Neoen Energy has allocated \$80,000 (ex GST) for not for profit community groups located within the Northern Areas Council to support local community initiatives and/or activities within the Council area.

Fund Guidelines and application forms visit: [Northern Areas Council](#)

**Applications close on Wednesday, 19 April 2017**

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## Community Heritage Grants 2017

Community Heritage Grants have been operating since 1994 and offers grants of up to \$15,000 to assist in preserving cultural heritage collections of national significance. Not-for-profit organisations, such as historical societies, regional museum, public libraries and Indigenous and migrant community groups throughout Australia, are encouraged to apply.

For further information visit <http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg>

**Applications close Monday, 8 May 2017**

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## Safe Work SA - Augusta Zadow Awards

Applications for SafeWork SA's annual Augusta Zadow Awards are now open.

SafeWork SA has \$20,000 available to develop an initiative that makes a significant contribution to the health and safety of women working in South Australia. This can be through research, education or development of a solution to a work health and safety problem.

The awards celebrate the extraordinary achievements of Augusta Zadow, a tenacious advocate for women's rights in the workplace, by providing the opportunity to further improve the lives of women working in South Australia.

We encourage proposals from South Australians who can make a difference to the health and safety of women at work.

Applications close **Friday 23 June 2017**.

For further information about the awards visit [safework.sa.gov.au/aza](http://safework.sa.gov.au/aza)

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## Mid North StarClub

The Mid North STARCLUB Small Support Subsidy Grants are now open. Local sporting clubs are able to apply for funding of up to \$500.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday **21st April 2017**.

For eligibility details, or for an application form, contact the Mid North STARCLUB Field Officer Rhys Millington for more information on 0488 101 783 or Email [starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au](mailto:starclub@pirie.sa.gov.au)

## SA Agribusiness Growth Program

The Agribusiness Growth Program from Food South Australia offers business performance/plan reviews and recommendations for improvement. It also includes one-on-one business coaching to \$10K with 25% co-contribution. Applicants must be ag/food businesses of 2+ years with turnover of \$300K to \$1.5m. Ongoing. For more information please visit the below link.

<http://foodsouthaustralia.com.au/2015/09/agribusiness-growth-program/>



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## Food and Beverage Fund

Applications now open for training from **July 1 2017**.

The Food and Beverage Development Fund provides assistance to individuals who want to realise their aspirations and achieve their full potential. We provide financial support of between \$1,000 and \$10,000 per successful applicant to further skills and knowledge through training and education within South Australia's critically important food & beverage industries.

We are proud to be able to support the learning of individuals in our baking, beverage, chocolate, food processing and meat industry sectors. If you, or people within your network, would like to develop skills and knowledge in any of these chosen areas please contact us to see how we may be able to assist you. We firmly believe in the importance of learning and are committed to assisting those individuals who share this belief.

<http://www.foodandbeveragefundsaustralia.com.au/>



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## SA State Government Energy Efficiency Grants OPEN!

This state government grant offers \$31 million program for energy efficiency audits and upgrades. The program is now open for applications.

First, here is what you need to know about the program to see if it is suitable for you:

- The program is open to large energy users (over 160MWh/year)
- Grants will be available for 75% of the cost of audits (up to \$15,000) and 50% (up to \$75,000) for upgrades such as solar, power factor correction and replacement of equipment.
- The deadline for applications is **31 May 2017** but there is a limited amount of funding available for each component so be quick!

Funding for efficiency upgrades is available without having an audit, but you will need a business case justification for the upgrade. The \$31 million will not last long so please contact Rachael if your are interested on **0407 775 868** or email [rachel@dtess.com.au](mailto:rachel@dtess.com.au)  
Web: [www.dtess.com.au](http://www.dtess.com.au) or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/dtesolutions](http://www.facebook.com/dtesolutions)

For the Minister's media release please follow this link: [Here](#)

For full program details follow this link: [Here](#)



## Bite Size Funding Now Available

Grants of up to \$500 are available to help schools and community and volunteer groups to achieve outcomes that benefit the environment.

Application forms are available on the [Natural Resources Northern and Yorke](#) website. For more information or assistance with applications contact the Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Centre in Clare on **08 8841 3400**.

For more information visit <http://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/northernandyorke/news/161208-bite-size-funding-now-available>

Applications are open until **30 June 2017** but it is recommended to get your application in as soon as possible  
[Apply now](#)



## Job Accelerator Grant Scheme



Businesses can now register for a Job Accelerator Grant to assist in employing additional full-time, part-time and casual employees in South Australia, with up to \$10 000 available for every new job created.

The grant aims to create jobs now and build a strong workforce for the future. Find out if your business is eligible today to start shaping the jobs of tomorrow.

### Can I register for the Job Accelerator Grant?

To qualify for the Job Accelerator Grant, businesses need to:

- employ a new position between **1 July 2016** and **30 June 2018** (inclusive)
- maintain the new position for at least **12 months**
- have Australian taxable wages below \$5 million, across the group. If your business is exempt from payroll tax, see *I'm a small business and exempt from payroll tax – am I eligible?* below
- register the new employee **within 90 days** of their commencement

Your grant will be distributed over two years - up to \$5000 per year - and will be paid at the first and second anniversary date of employment.

**If your business is ready to start employing new workers and creating the jobs of tomorrow, check today to see whether you are eligible for the Job Accelerator Grant**

[Read more](#)



## GRANTassist

**GRANTassist** provides businesses with access to up to date information on State and Federal Government assistance and programs relevant to Businesses. GRANTassist can help you locate the assistance and program initiatives most relevant to your business needs.

The GRANTassist tool allows you to search for programs across all industry sectors, including manufacturing, arts, small business, medical and assistive devices, environmental, food, beverages and wine, mining and energy resources, forestry and automotive.

If you are looking for support to help you improve your business, the GRANTassist portal can help you connect to the range of funding and support services that are offered by Government.

The content of GRANTassist is reviewed and amended regularly.

Visit the **GRANTassist** website.

For further assistance and information please contact [info@grantassist.sa.gov.au](mailto:info@grantassist.sa.gov.au)



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### Get Ready for Open State 2017

The Open State Festival will return to Adelaide's North Terrace from 28 September - 8 October 2017 for even more collaboration, innovation, ideas and enterprise. Events will include a range of talks, debates, panels, showcases, demonstrations, workshops and other community activities.

There will be plenty of events on offer, exploring the topics of Future Planet, Future Food, Future Human, Future Democracy, Future Cities and Future Enterprise.

To find out more, and to register for updates on this year's program, visit [openstate.com.au](http://openstate.com.au)



## 2017 Business Essential Workshops - Port Pirie

### Finance Essentials

Wednesday 12th April, 4:00pm - 7:30pm

Cost: \$50

### Presenter

Con Theologou has been a lecturer in TAFE SA's Whyalla Small Business Management program for the past 16 years. He has a Bachelor Degrees in Business and in Vocational Education and Training. Con has successfully run his own business for many years in Whyalla and has worked with a wide range of regional businesses and diverse industry sectors in the Upper Spencer Gulf.

For further information and to make a booking:

[www.service.sa.gov.au/dsd-smb/](http://www.service.sa.gov.au/dsd-smb/)

Phone: 1800 188 018



## Business Missions Calendar

South Australian businesses and organisations looking to export into key international growth markets will benefit from the Government support provided to help build and foster international connections and partnerships.

For registrations and travel calendar please see [here](#).



### GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

#### Save the date: 2017 SEGRA Conference

**SEGRA** is headed to Port Augusta in the Upper Spencer Gulf region, South Australia from 24 - 27 October 2017. The theme is *Disruption: a catalyst for change*. The program will include industry and research forums at Port Pirie and Whyalla.

**Save the Date.**

<http://2017.segra.com.au/>

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#### Save the date: 2017 Regional Summit

The 2017 Regional Summit is coming - so save **Monday 22 May** in your diary.

South Australia's universities will join PIRSA to share bold thinking on how to grow our regions more and more. This year, the Regional Summit will be held in Clare on 22 May.

Regional employers and the state's universities will share case studies to illustrate strategies and success stories on the topics of apprentices, trainees and interns; industry engagement; and workforce issues affecting the regions.

Our regions play a vital role in shaping and delivering South Australia's economic development agenda. Continued success will come from building partnerships across government, business, higher education and the community.

The event is hosted by the Government of South Australia, represented by Department of State Development and Primary Industries and Regions SA, in conjunction with the University of Adelaide, the University of South Australia, Flinders University, and Torrens University Australia, with the support of Brand South Australia.

The Regional Summit is an opportunity to listen, learn and build relationships with key leaders across the state. The full program will be available soon, but for now - please save the date.

For more information, visit [www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/investment/international-and-higher-education/regional-summit](http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/investment/international-and-higher-education/regional-summit)

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#### Adult Learners' Week

As you may know, Adult Learners' Week (ALW) celebrates and acknowledges adult learning in South Australia through the delivery of programs and activities designed and delivered by community organisations, and supported by small grants from the South Australian government. It is part of a national program that runs annually from 1-8 September.



ALW Awards (winners and finalists) are conferred on individuals and groups for outstanding achievement in Adult Community Education (ACE) at the Awards Dinner which will be held at the Adelaide Hilton on 24 August 2017.

Nominations for awards across five categories is now open through the WorkReady website through [www.skills.sa.gov.au/adultlearnersweek2017](http://www.skills.sa.gov.au/adultlearnersweek2017), **closing on 5 May**.

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## Farming Together National Forum

**Farming Together FREE national forum will take place at the Adelaide Convention Centre on Tuesday, June 6.**

If you have ever wanted to form or expand a farmer-based group ... this is the must-see place-to-be. The day-long forum will feature first-hand successful farmer collaborations and experts offering how-to advice. Bookings are now open for farmers/farm businesses. Book online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017adelaideforum> Limited seats, so get in quickly.

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## Assistance Required

The University of South Australia Department of Rural Health are conducting an exciting new study that is examining the health care expectations and experiences of regional South Australians in order to better understand (i) the health care needs of health consumers, (ii) how responsive the health system is to health consumer needs, and (iii) identify areas where the health system could improve to better serve consumer needs.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CONVERSATIONS-SA>

Further information can be found here: <http://www.conversations-project.info/>



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## Invest your best ideas in the sharing economy

The South Australian Government, supported by global accommodation giant Airbnb, has recently launched Share – a challenge to uncover great sharing economy initiatives in South Australia.

A prize pool of over \$100,000 has been made available to seed initiatives that build the state's collaborative economy.

Submissions are **open until June 13**, with judges to decide finalists to develop their ideas before pitching them during Open State (28 September – 8 October 2017) to decide the winner.

<https://share.yoursay.sa.gov.au/>



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## SA Agribusiness Growth Program

Food South Australia, on behalf of Primary Industries and Regions SA is delivering the Agribusiness Growth Program to support value adding for small enterprises (with a turnover of \$300,000-\$1.5m) in the agriculture, food and beverage industries.

This program aims to accelerate business growth through expert business evaluation and coaching services for activities that will have

a direct impact on your growth, and that you would not otherwise have undertaken.

It includes a comprehensive business evaluation of your current business position and growth plans, and provides recommendations for improvement. It also includes one-on-one business coaching to \$10K with 25% co-contribution. Applicants must be ag/food businesses of 2+ years with turnover of \$300K to \$1.5m.

[Read more](#)



## I Choose SA



Brand South Australia is excited for you to be a part of the **I Choose SA** campaign.

We want to put SA jobs first by supporting producers, manufacturers, service providers, retailers and businesses throughout the supply chain. The **I Choose SA** campaign will engage the whole of the state and empower them to choose South Australian. The campaign will run till **30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**.

We are calling on you to get behind this campaign and help make a real difference. We believe we can make a genuine impact on consumer mood and employment in South Australia if we have everyone's support.

When you choose SA, you are choosing to support jobs in our state.

[Click here to find out more](#) and to register your business to be a part of the searchable SA business directory.

Call into Regional Development Australia Yorke and Mid North for your **I CHOOSE SA** promotional material for display.

## FEEDBACK

Please remember, if you'd like to share an interesting article, piece of information or a useful link please email [info@yorkeandmidnorth.com.au](mailto:info@yorkeandmidnorth.com.au) so that we can share the great news! We'd love to hear your suggestions.

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