



Government of South Australia
Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges
Natural Resources Management Board

June 2010

EVENTS CALENDAR

Courses, Field Days and Workshops



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Courses

A Practical Guide to Rural Land Management (Introductory Course)

An 8 week course (unless otherwise stated) providing practical information on soils, land capability, weed identification and control, pasture management, watercourse and dam management, revegetation and property planning. The course incorporates a farm walk. All courses held one evening a week from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Mt Barker	Commences 3 rd August 2010	\$150.00 per property	Georgina Keynes 8523 7719 0412 701 569 georgina.keynes@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	
Gumeracha	Commences 28 th October 2010	\$150.00 per property	Georgina Keynes 8523 7719 0412 701 569 georgina.keynes@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	
Yankalilla	October 2010	\$150.00 per property	James Skeer 8550 3420 0429 584 080 james.skeer@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Organic Farming Practices

A four session course incorporating the principals of organic farming and property planning; soil improvement, pest and weed management. Case studies from leading organic farmers will share their experiences and the course will finish with a visit to a working organic farm.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Mt Barker	Commencing 12 th August 2010	Free	Melanie Bullers 8389 6166 0408 000 842 melanie.bullers@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	4 sessions

Field Days

Guildford Grass Control

Now is the best time for the control of this perennial bulb. Management options such as improving soil fertility, herbicide use and long-term management strategies will be discussed.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Central Hills	19 th June 2010 9.30 – 11.30 am	Free	James Skeer 8550 3420 0429 584 080 james.skeer@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Olive control

This field day will focus on identification and control of olives and other woody weeds including blackberry, sweet briar and other local problem weeds.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Northern area	21 st August 2010	Free	Georgina Keynes 8523 7719 0412 701 569 georgina.keynes@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Gorse control

This field day will focus on the identification and effective control of gorse (and other woody weeds including broom, blackberry and olives). Experienced weed control contractors will be onsite to give demonstrations of weed control techniques.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Southern area	August 2010	Free	James Skeer 8550 3420 0429 584 080 james.skeer@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Blackberry control

This field day will focus on the identification and effective control of blackberry (and other woody weeds including broom, gorse and olives). Experienced weed control contractors will be onsite to give demonstrations of weed control techniques.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Coromandel Valley	September 2010	Free	Melanie Bullers 8389 6166 0408 000 842 melanie.bullers@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Hay making

This field day will explain the difference between good quality hay and poor quality hay. When to shut up a paddock for hay and how to manage it effectively to produce quality hay will be discussed. A demonstration of hay making equipment will also be provided during the day.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Central Hills Region	7 th August 2010	Free	Georgina Keynes 8523 7719 0412 701 569 georgina.keynes@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Workshops

Soil & Water Interactions

This workshop is aimed at anyone with an interest in gardening, revegetation, horticulture, viticulture and broad acre cropping. Cliff Hignett will speak on the interactions between various soil types and water, focusing on root zone processes. Cliff's primary expertise relate to the interface between plants and soils: root systems, water storage in soils, water entry into soils, soil barriers to root development, and rehabilitation of degraded soils. Cliff has 35 years of experience in soil research at CSIRO and established the consultancy 'Soil Water Solutions' in 1996.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Willunga Environment Centre	16 th June 2010, 7.00pm start	Free	Willunga Environment Centre 8556 4188 willungaenviro@westnet.com.au	

Bushland Management & Rehabilitation

This workshop will discuss and demonstrate best practice bushland management to promote healthy and diverse native ecosystems.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Northern	21 st June 2010	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Sheep Management

This three session workshop covers breed selection, soil and pasture management, stocking rates, land capability and property layout, fencing, watering points, animal husbandry, drenching, vaccinating and crutching and requirements for owning, purchasing and selling.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Northern Region	Tuesday 22 nd June Tuesday 29 th June Saturday 3 rd July	Free	Georgina Keynes 8523 7719 0412 701 569 georgina.keynes@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	Tuesday sessions 7.30-9.30pm Saturday session 9.00- 12.00 noon (Field Day)

Health Pastures, Healthy Horses

Property design and land management are integral to the health of your horse. This 2 session workshop comprises of a seminar session covering effective horse keeping systems and property management for healthy horses and a field session on a horse property covering pasture management, weed control and land management for healthy hooves.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Cherry Gardens	August 2010	Free	James Skeer 8550 3420 0429 584 080 james.skeer@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

Managing Wetlands and Swamps

This workshop will provide information and practical tools to help landholders effectively and sustainably manage wetlands and swamps on their properties. Topics covered will include identification and features of a wetland and swamp, weed identification and control, native wetland and swamp flora and fauna and sustainable management.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Southern Area	September 2010	Free	Georgina Keynes 8523 7719 0412 701 569 georgina.keynes@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	

What is Soil?

This introductory workshop is for horticulturists on the Northern Adelaide Plain. The workshop will look at the components of soil and how to describe and assess a soil. It covers the soil profile, texture testing (with practical), structure assessment, colour, pH and plant nutrition. Participants will be supplied with a soil test kit and instructions for soil sampling. Soil analysis will be at no charge. Results will be discussed at the next workshop.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Virginia	Wednesday 23 rd June 3:00-6:00 pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Cambodian interpreter present
Virginia	Friday 25 th June 3:00-6:00 pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Vietnamese interpreter present

Greenhouse Soil

A hands on workshop for horticulturists on the Northern Adelaide Plain. This workshop will reinforce soil property concepts from the 'What is Soil' workshop. Field tests will be demonstrated. Recommendations based on soil analysis of individual soils will be provided.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Northern Adelaide Plain	Wednesday 14 th July 3:00 - 5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Cambodian interpreter present
Northern Adelaide Plain	Friday 16 th July 3:00 - 5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Vietnamese interpreter present

Water in Soil

A workshop for horticulturists on the Northern Adelaide Plain. Participants will learn how to calculate soil water and Readily Available Water (RAW). Participants will use soil texture results and soil profile information to calculate RAW. Basic soil monitoring equipment (shovel, Full Stop and G-Bug) will be discussed and demonstrated.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Northern Adelaide Plain	Wednesday 11 th August 3:00-5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Vietnamese interpreter present
Northern Adelaide Plain	Friday 13 th August 3:00-5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Cambodian interpreter present

Virginia Greenhouse Weather Station

A workshop for horticulturists on the Northern Adelaide Plain. Participants will learn how to access weather station data and what the data means. Participants will learn how to schedule irrigation based on weather station calculated evapotranspiration (Eto) data.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Virginia	Wednesday 25 th August 3:00-5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Vietnamese interpreter present
Virginia	Friday 27 th August 3:00-5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Cambodian interpreter present

Managing soil salinity

A workshop for horticulturists on the Northern Adelaide Plain. Salinity levels of irrigation water, management of inputs to minimise accumulation of salt in the soil and calculating a leaching fraction will be discussed. Participants will be shown how to take a plant tissue sample which will then be analysed at no charge. Results will be discussed at the next workshop.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Northern Adelaide Plain	Wednesday 8 th September 3:00 - 5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Cambodian interpreter present
Northern Adelaide Plain	Friday 10 th September 3:00 - 5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Vietnamese interpreter present

Plant nutrition

A workshop for horticulturists on the Northern Adelaide Plain. Participants will compare the results of soil analysis and plant tissue analysis testing. Participants will then learn the principles of using both types of tests to assist in the development of a fertiliser program.

Location	Date	Cost	Contact Details	Further Information
Virginia	Wednesday 29 th September 3:00 - 5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Cambodian interpreter present
Virginia	Friday 1 st October 3:00 - 5:00pm	Free	Anthony Fox 8523 7718 0417 890 765 anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au	For participants with English as 2 nd language, Vietnamese interpreter present

PROPERTY VISITS

Is there a cost?

No. The LMP is funded by the Government, so property visits are free.

What are they?

Land Management Advisers from the Board's Land Management Program (LMP) will conduct a walk over your rural property to assist you with a range of land management issues.

Advisers will provide technical advice and assistance on specific issues such as:

- weed identification and control
- pasture management and plant identification
- soil fertility and erosion
- dams and water resources
- native vegetation assessment and protection
- appropriate fencing
- stocking rates and grazing strategies
- property planning

They will focus on areas of particular concern, or interest, which you might have. Visits may vary from half an hour to 3 hours, depending on the size of the property and the issues being addressed. Most visits would usually take approximately 2 hours.

How can they help you?

As well as receiving practical advice during the visit, you will be supplied with a comprehensive report on how best to manage those key land management issues. It will include details of useful contacts, who should be able to help you with the work you wish to conduct on the property. Your pasture plants and weeds will be identified, and you will be advised on how to effectively control weeds. Information will be provided on native vegetation, soils, watercourse management and dam maintenance, as well as aspects of good property planning. Details of contractors in your area can be provided to assist you when undertaking work on your property. Numerous fact sheets are available.

Who has access to property visits?

The Land Management Program works mainly with rural landholders in the Adelaide & Mt Lofty Ranges NRM Board area. No matter how small or large your property is, you have access to this service.

How do I book in a free property visit?

Please contact your local Land Management Adviser, see below for details.

Land Management Advisers				
Area	Name	Phone	Mobile	Email
Northern	Anthony Fox	8523 7718	0417 890 765	anthony.fox@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au
	Georgina Keynes	8523 7719	0412 701 569	georgina.keynes@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au
Central Hills	Melanie Bullers	8389 6166	0408 000 842	melanie.bullers@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au
Southern	James Skeer	8550 3420	0429 584 080	james.skeer@adelaide.nrm.sa.gov.au

Land Management Program Service Area Hubs

For further information on any of the Land Management Program events please contact your local Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges Natural Resources Management Board office:

Area	Office	Number	Phone
Northern	Gawler office	8 Adelaide Road Gawler South SA 5118	8523 7700
Central Hills	Lobethal office	1 Adelaide Lobethal Road Lobethal SA 5241	8389 6166
Southern	Willunga office	5 Aldinga Road Willunga SA 5172	8550 3400

Further Information

For information on other natural resource management events, please contact:

Centre	Location	Phone	Web
Mt Barker Natural Resources Centre	Cnr Mann and Walker Street Mt Barker SA 5251	8391 7500	
Mt Pleasant Natural Resource Centre	132 Melrose Street Mount Pleasant SA 5235	8568 1907	www.mpnrc.org.au
Willunga Environment Centre	18 High Street Willunga SA 5172	8556 4188	www.willungaenviro.org.au
Adelaide Hills Natural Resource Centre - Norton Summit	1 Crescent Drive Norton Summit	8390 1891	www.ahnrc.org
Normanville Natural Resource Centre	3/50 Main Road Normanville SA 5204	8558 3644	www.nnrc.com.au
Victor Harbor Natural Resource Centre	Cnr George Main Rd & Bay Rd Victor Harbour SA 5211	8551 0541	
Gawler Natural Resource Centre	8 Adelaide Road Gawler South SA 5118	8523 7700	

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