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#### **District Council of Karoonda East Murray and Southern Mallee District Council Pest and Weeds Team - Regional Pest and Weeds Management Program**

Pest animals and weeds require ongoing management by farm businesses, however farmers' capacity to do this during drought is often reduced at the very time when pest animals and weeds can cause problems for already stressed pasture and livestock. The impact can undermine drought management and recovery efforts and place further burden on the mental wellbeing of farmers.

On the back of several years of sustained drought, The District Council of Karoonda East Murray and the neighboring Southern Mallee District Council continued their successful partnership to deliver the Regional Pest and Weeds Management Program.

In collaboration with the NRM Board, staff from both councils assessed the highest priority farm properties and locations in the region that would benefit from weed and pest management activities. A pest animal and weed risk identification, assessment and management plan was developed which allowed for work plans and outcomes to be forecast to maximize success and provide the greatest benefit to property owners and the community.

A grant application was successful in realising over \$1 million to fund the program with 12 full time local jobs created as a result. Targets exceeded through the program included number of rabbit warrens ripped, number of baits distributed to landowners and kilometres of roadsides treated for weeds.

This project was a true collaboration which focused on supporting and encouraging landholders to be active in environmental management, with great results.

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#### **South Australian Local Government Grants Network - Best Practice Guide for Grant Management for Local Government in South Australia**

In 2020, the LG SA Grants Network were successful in obtaining a grant from the Local Government Association Research and Development Scheme for the development of the Best Practice Guide for Grants Management for Local Government in South Australia.

The LG Grants Network, made up of 16 regularly collaborating councils, are a community of practice, supporting local government grant officers in the attraction and delivery of grant programs. In developing tools and resources to support local government grant officers, the significant need for an all-encompassing guide to support new or seasoned grant management staff to attract or deliver grant programs was identified.

From this, the Best Practice Guide was developed, a comprehensive 22 page resource with information, guidelines, templates and further references covering topics such as:

- Policy and Governance
- Administration and record keeping
- Purpose of the grant scheme
- Internal and external requirements
- Alignment with strategic context
- Engagement
- Approval and acquittal processes
- Forward Planning
- Eligibility Criteria

27 Councils, 4 regional LGAs, 2 RDAs, the LGA of SA and interstate councils provided valuable insights into the needs of the sector, with the Guide available to all councils to support grant attraction and delivery.

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#### **City of Holdfast Bay HoldUp Youth Committee and City of Marion Youth Collective Committee - Rocket League Tournament and The Local Battle of the Bands Youth Led Events**

The City of Holdfast Bay HoldUp Youth and City of Marion Youth Collective Committees, together with youth staff and volunteers from both councils, partnered over the last 12 months to deliver two major joint youth led events that otherwise would not have been able to be delivered on their own - a large scale Rocket League Tournament in April 2021 and The Local Battle of the Bands in November 2021.

Through the coordination of staff and volunteer time, the two youth committees came together to meet the needs of young people in the midst of COVID-19, delivering two projects that supported and highlighted the opportunities for the youth community.

25 young people were guided in organising the events, attracting over 3,000 attendees and offering a variety of opportunities for young artists, gamers and entrepreneurs to showcase their talents. The HoldUp Youth Committee and Marion Youth Collective Committee developed valuable skills in teamwork, event management, public speaking, project management, marketing and community engagement. The variety of skills and interests of the different members of each youth committee have been a recipe for success.

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