



Minlaton District School

'By Deeds Not Words'

Newsletter 16

21ST SEPTEMBER, 2022

Celebrating 30 Years 1992-2022

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DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER &
OCTOBER 2022

September

22nd - Public Holiday
28th - 30 Year Celebration
30th - Last day of Term

October

17th - First Day Term 4

[*see attached full term Calendar](#)

Fortnightly Feature

MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

Alexander and Bridie Quin



Alexander began his schooling at Minlaton District School in 1995 with Ms Tamra Mardle and finished Year 12 in 2007. He tackled anything sport-related with gusto and the opportunities MDS provided. He was an enthusiastic and capable sportsman developing a love of athletics, football and basketball in particular. Whilst enjoying many personal and team successes, to this day he still regrets not being able to quite beat Bill Fraser's 'infamous' Open Boys 400m record! His love of sport was furthered by his involvement in community sporting teams; an absolute highlight his being a member of the CMS Crows A grade football Premiership team in 2006. It was through his involvement in football that Alexander found a focus for a post-school career after randomly meeting a young Canadian Physiotherapist at football training.

After Year 12 Alexander worked in Adelaide for 12 months as a builder's labourer and then began his Bachelor of Physiotherapy degree at the University of South Australia. Alexander's experience studying via Open Access and learning with like-minded people whilst at MDS was readily transferable to success at university.

After graduating, Alexander worked for 18 months in a private Physio practice in Adelaide and then left on an overseas jaunt with a uni workmate and an 'open' ticket. After travelling across Europe he made London his base. In the 8 years since, he has worked in various private practices and hospitals across London in short and long term contract positions (enabling more travel opportunities) and also the ski fields of Nozawa, Japan. It was here, when dealing with a myriad of more interesting injuries, he realised it was time to rethink the direction of his career. Alexander now works for Arthrex, a world leader in orthopaedic surgical device design and is based in central London. He works alongside surgeons on a daily basis and also collaborates with hospitals who use Arthrex products.

Alexander thinks fondly of his education at MDS and of the many teachers whose knowledge, encouragement to reach goals, sense of humour and ability to make a personal connection with him, still resonate. Alexander retains contact with many people in Minlaton and his best mate, Brett Baillie whom he met in year 5, recently travelled to Europe to fulfil Best Man duties, at his wedding.



Bridie Quin started at Minlaton District School as a Junior Primary student with Mrs Marilyn Cook and completed her senior education in 2012. She enjoyed her classroom learning and the opportunity to be involved in extra curricular activities. These included student leadership roles, music camps, athletics, netball, basketball and 9 aside football competitions. Community based sport was also an important aspect of her life and she enjoyed playing netball for the CMS Crows, Friday night basketball and mid week indoor soccer.

Having a small year 12 cohort Bridie was appreciative of being able to interact and work with like minded peers, who shared her work ethic and sense of humour. Additionally, her teachers were an invaluable support in enabling her to successfully complete her education. During this time Bridie began part time work waitressing at the CMS Crows Club. The skills she gained were extremely useful during her university years as they enabled her to gain employment in the hospitality industry and help fund her Adelaide lifestyle.

Post school Bridie studied a degree in Occupational Therapy at the University of South Australia. Her first position after graduating was with a private company who specialised in helping people successfully return to work after injury. Subsequently she accepted a position with ONE Rehabilitation Services who offer integrated services for clients with acquired brain injuries and other diverse neurological conditions. Additionally, she has spent time at the RAH, coming to an understanding of how OT in this setting differs from private practice. After a recent overseas holiday to be involved in her brother's wedding, Bridie is now employed as a senior OT in a private company working with NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) clients in the community.

Bridie has very fond memories of her time at Minlaton District School and growing up in the country. Together these have enabled her to successfully move into professional life and city living. Friendships forged initially as a student remain very strong into adulthood and are much valued as is any free time spent on Yorke Peninsula.



A MESSAGE FROM ALI

As the term draws to a close, I would like to take the opportunity to thank and farewell three staff members who have been with us for various periods of time over the year. Thank you and our very best wishes to Caitlyn Roads, our Pre Service Teacher who has been working this term with the Year 5 class. The students have enjoyed having Miss Caitlyn who has engaged them in a range of excellent learning experiences and we wish her well in her future teaching career. This afternoon's entrepreneurial venture was a highlight for many of the children. We also farewell Tina Slaby, again! Tina has been with us for various periods of time over the past few years as teachers have been on leave for extended periods. In Term 3 Tina has been fabulous in the role of teacher librarian in Rick Cook's absence. Tina has ably steered the library through the end stages of the Premiers Reading Challenge, coordinated Book Week, maintained connections for kids with reading and books through library lessons, supported a Read Write Inc group and taken a Middle School Home Economics class. We have all enjoyed having Tina as part of our school again this term. Finally we say enormous thanks to Emma Wake who has been with us during Terms 2 and 3 providing specialist Art, Science and Technology lessons in a range of primary classes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed Emma's hands-on and engaging lessons and have learnt a lot about many things!

Thank you all for being part of the MDS team - we hope we will see you all again sometime soon.

Tomorrow our school will be closed for the recently announced public holiday to mourn the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. It seems strange to be having a public holiday mid-week, but we will all be here on Friday to end the week and we are expecting all students to attend.



'The power of Determination will make you unstoppable'





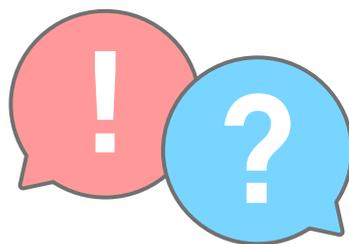
A MESSAGE FROM ALI

Thank you to the parents who have been engaging in the rounds of Learning Conversations which have been occurring this week for middle and 10/11 students. These are really valuable opportunities for our students to share their learning with you and to develop critical skills in self-reflection and metacognition, and then devise a plan and take action to further their learning. Many parents have fully embraced the use of the Teams online platform for these conversations; as have our staff and students.

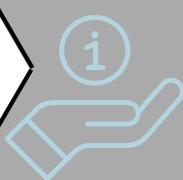
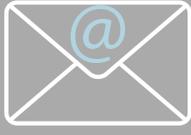
I want to extend an invitation to all parents and families to our Learning Expo which will be held next Wednesday from 2pm. Our classrooms will be open for you to visit and we will have student leaders taking tours and 'learning trails' available for you to take a self-guided tour. While we know that parents love to visit the classes to see their own children's learning we really hope you take the opportunity to visit lots of areas in the school and talk to students in different year levels. One of the most wonderful things about being in an Area school is the opportunity to see our children move through 13 years of schooling, building strong connections to their peers, teachers, school and community. Please use next Wednesday as a chance to reflect on your own child's journey through their early years, or project what school might hold for them in the future.

Next Friday MDS will finish one hour early, at 2pm, as we dismiss for the October school holidays. The buses will leave the school at 2.10pm. Please note that this is the beginning of the October long weekend - if you and your family are travelling, stay safe and take care on the roads.

Ali



**Has any of your Family Information Changed?
Please let the Front Office know**

				
Family Information?	Mobile Numbers?	Emergency Contacts?	Residential/ Postal Address ?	Email Address?

A message from Zoe

Wow what a Term! We are nearly there

CANTEEN

I would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU to all the students who have been volunteering in the canteen during recess. All students & staff truly appreciate your time. You're helping to keep our canteen going!

During the holidays we will be having the canteen renovated, Tom Van Shaik and his team are going to work their magic. So exciting!!!

Thank you to the Minlaton Service Group who have donated a Panini Press to the Canteen. I'm sure Cathy is going to create some delicious lunches for us all using the machine.

FUNDRAISING

We have the Jolly Socks Fundraising happening at the moment. Please hop on to QKR! to purchase your crazy socks. We will ask the students to wear them on the Year 12's last day! I cannot wait to see everyone wearing them in style, all whilst raising money for our School.

In Term 4 we will hold the Colour Run, more information to come when the fundraising team have finalised all the finer details.

FINANCES

Thank you to the families who have attended to their finances promptly this year. It makes my job a lot easier and means I don't have to hassle you all the time.

All finances need to be up to date asap, please come and see me if you have any concerns regarding your debt with Minlaton District School.

You still have time to submit School Card Applications if you haven't already done so for 2022 and think you may be eligible.

SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme (www.sa.gov.au)

UNIFORM

Hats are to be worn in Term 4, if you would like to organise one now so you are ready, please order on the QKR! app or come in and see me. We have three different sizes all with the students house colours on the inside.

If you're not sure on the size, order which one you think then send your child in and I will help them choose the best size. They are \$15.50 each.

Can you please ensure all uniforms have your child's name on the tag. We have had numerous students losing items and have advised they didn't have their name on the inside. Please come in and check the lost property box in the front reception area if your child has lost anything recently.

Always happy to help!

Zoe 

Senior School News

Hi all, just a short item today. Thanks to those families, students & staff members who participated in student led learning conversations earlier this week, your time and support is greatly appreciated. Students who were unable to participate answered a range of reflective questions around their current progress and future plans, which were shared with their teachers and families.

Year 12

A reminder that if undertaking exams that holiday revision seminars are a fantastic idea. Please see me for further info.

Final Dates for Year 12 students

- Last day to submit any school assessed work is 28th October (Friday Week 2, Term 4). Most subjects will be finished school assessed work by then anyway, but any work for which extensions had been granted must be submitted by that time
- Last Official School Day for Year 12s: 28th October (Friday Week 2, Term 4)
- Year 12 exams run between Monday 7th November and Friday 11th November

Year 12 students are required to attend Presentation night.

More information will be provided around end of year arrangements shortly.

Year 10 & 11

- 23rd November: Last day to finalise and submit Work Experience forms
- 29th November: Final day to submit Year 10 & 11 work.
- 30th November & 1st December: Senior School Transition (details TBC)
- 5th – 16th December: Work Experience (details below)

It is timely to remind Year 10 & 11 students and parents that the successful completion of subjects currently being studied provides a solid foundation for future learning. Therefore, should a student not satisfactorily complete their course requirements in any senior subject, they will be ineligible for work experience and must attend school where they will be provided with the opportunity to successfully complete these subjects in order to move up to the next year level. Should a student be unsuccessful when provided this opportunity, then their promotion to the next year level will be closely reviewed.

Work Experience

For Year 10 and 11 students, the next round of work experience will be in the last 2 weeks of the year: 5th December to 9th December and 12th December to 16th December. All Year 10 and 11 students **must complete at least one week of work placement during this period**, however all are welcome to complete 2 weeks. Year 9 students who are over the age of 15 may also wish to undertake work experience in the second week.

The final date that students are able to submit completed paperwork to undertake a placement is 9am Wednesday 23rd November. No placements will be approved if paperwork is not returned by this time.

Once again if you have any questions about Senior School related matters, don't hesitate to call me here at school or send an email to: glen.white872@schools.sa.edu.au

Glen White

Senior School Coordinator

Middle School News

It's a very busy end of term with Learning Conversations occurring this week, assignments being finished off and new Personal Interest (PI) and rotation subjects starting.

Thank you to both students and families who engaged in the online Learning Conversations this week on Monday and Wednesday. Students were generally well prepared with their reflections on goals set earlier this term. It was refreshing to see students driving conversations and taking ownership of their learning. Discussions with staff and caregivers also gave students ideas and feedback on goals to set in the future. Learning Conversation bookings remained high in 6/7JC compared to our first online attempt last semester with slightly fewer students and families participating from both 7/8KC and 8/9SR-CF. Students who did not have an online booking will still conduct a Learning Conversation with myself (Mr Talbot) at school, which will be recorded and posted on TEAMS for families to view. Instructions on how to access these recordings will be given in due course.

Many subjects have assessments finishing up in these last two weeks. Students must seek feedback from their teachers and appropriately respond to any given through drafting to complete tasks and meet success criteria, both often posted on DayMap. Communication between students and teachers is really important and useful during assessments as both parties can gauge progress, clarify any issues and modify any expectations as required, including due dates. Late or the lack of submission of assessments by students may result in recess and lunch times used to complete required tasks.

Term 3 PI and rotation subjects have come to an end with new term 4 subjects taking effect this week. Well done to all Middle School teachers involved in organising some excellent differentiated learning activities for their classes. Students look like they enjoyed the alternative learning opportunities that were provided for them. New PI subjects starting include the highly anticipated \$20 Boss, Metal Work, Clay-Mythology and Crazy Creatures, and Racquet Up. Mystery Box Master Chef will return with a new bunch of students ready to tame the randomly provided ingredients into a taste sensation. By the end of the year all Middle School students should have experienced Digital Technology, Tech. Studies, Home Ec. and Art as part of their rotation subjects. This will provide students with a good foundation to build further skills during their middle school years and an opportunity to decide whether pursuing these subjects at a SACE level is appropriate for them.

Finally, the end of term is also a good time to reflect on the relationships we have all developed over this last term. For students, teachers and families alike these relationships should come from a place of respect and honesty. The school environment can at times be a challenging place to navigate educationally, socially and emotionally. However, through a default position of respect and honesty most barriers and issues can be overcome.

Please get in contact with me if you have any questions/concerns/issues with anything throughout the year. My email address is Stephen.Talbot110@schools.sa.edu.au

Stephen Talbot
Middle School Coordinator



Primary School News

Two Stars and a Wish

The 'Two Stars and a Wish' forms were sent home this week. The teachers and students have given these a great deal of thought. The 'Two Stars' (successes) focus on areas in which your child shows strength and/or growth. They can describe social, emotional, organisational attributes, or achievement in a subject area. Likewise, the 'Wish' (goal) will feature one area the student needs to develop in the final term this year. The students enjoy receiving and reading these forms as they are written specifically to the child and acknowledges their accomplishments, as well as setting a goal. Parents or caregivers are asked to add to the 'Two Stars and a Wish' forms and discuss them with your child.

As we are nearing the end of the third term if any parents would like to make a time to discuss your child's progress with a teacher, please contact them through Class Dojo and make a time for an appointment.

Farewell

The Year 5 class have been very lucky to have a University of SA placement teacher in our class for the last 8 weeks. Caitlin Roads has worked extremely hard with the children, and they have certainly benefitted from her instruction. A few of the amazing things they have done include:

- creating framed pictures of views from their windows accompanied by a Haiku poem,
- learning about measurement in Maths where they showed significant progress, and
- forming a small business in HASS and selling items such as mugs, pot plants, candles and cupcakes.

The Year 5 class would like to say a huge THANK YOU for all of Caitlin's efforts and good luck in the future!

Learning Expo

There will be a Learning Expo next Wednesday the 28th of September, which will also celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the year Minlaton High School and Minlaton Primary School amalgamated. Parents are invited to the school at 2pm to visit classrooms to see children hard at work.

It would be great if you try and visit as many classrooms as possible throughout the whole school to see a snapshot of the breadth of learning that occurs. There will be student leaders available to guide you around to the classrooms.

Barb Agnew
Primary Coordinator



Primary School News

This term the Year 2/3 Class have been learning about several different techniques in Art with Mrs Wake. Aside from its long-term impact on their lives, art has immediate benefits for children's learning and development.

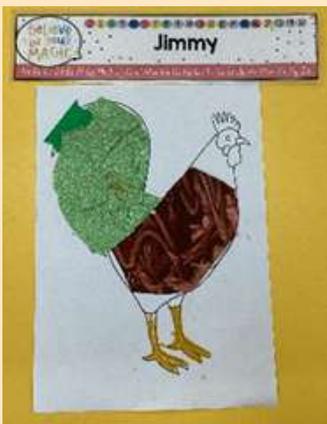
Art matters to kids because it:

- Gives children a sense of belonging
- Helps them be in the present
- Teaches them to be more creative by expressing themselves and understanding others.
- Develops their fine motor skills
- Encourages them to explore broader concepts and topics.

Ryeley - In art we have been learning about collages and using different coloured paper to make a picture. We had to overlap some pieces.



Jimmy - In art I really liked creating collages with different sized pieces of paper



Bridget - I really liked learning how to weave. You have to make sure you go over and under through the cardboard.



Rubi - I loved learning about art and learning that everything doesn't have to be perfect, you just have to do it nicely.



Leo - In art we have been learning about Eric Carl and his art. He is most famous for the very hungry caterpillar.

Celeste - In art we took pieces of paper and made them different shapes and sizes. Then we had to stick them onto a piece of paper to make them look like it was a real life picture of something.



Sport News

SAPSASA GOLF

In Week 7, Charlie Borgmeyer and Riley Stubberfield were selected to represent SYP at the SAPSASA State Primary Golf Championships in Adelaide. They were selected to compete in this event based on their rounds at the District Qualifying event at Maitland earlier in the term.

On the Executive 15-hole, par-50 course at Adelaide Shores Golf Park at West Beach, the boys experienced some challenging playing conditions - on the course and due to the weather. For the record, Riley scored 103 and 99 while Charlie carded 107 and 111.

Thanks to Henry Borgmeyer and Steph Stubberfield for their assistance with transport and assistance on the course. A correction is needed from the last newsletter item on the golf - thanks to Amanda Borgmeyer for her assistance with the District event at Maitland.

Josh Coombe
SAPSASA co-ordinator



Good News Story



On the 20th October, Year 8 brothers Axyl and Drey Williams will be travelling to Victoria as this year's youngest participants Australia wide to take part in a 55km walking trek along the Eastern section of the Great Ocean Walk, taking in the amazing views of the rugged coastline and spectacular forests over two days.

This physically and mentally challenging endurance event is run by the Jodi Lee Foundation, raising awareness for the early detection of bowel cancer (of which Australia has one of the highest incident rates in the world and is the leading cancer killer in people aged between 25-34 years old, yet has an extremely high success rate when detected early).

The boys have a couple of fundraisers coming up over the next month, including a Sunday Family Funday at the Warooka Hotel on 9th October which will be centered around a "Bigs and Littles" knock out 8Ball competition where teams must consist of one child under 18 and their chosen adult, with prize money totalling \$300.

Axyl and Drey humbly ask that if you are able to make a donation (however small) to their sponsorship cause, then please follow either the team link below, or they can be sponsored individually by going to www.jodileefoundation.org.au (Go to Events - The JLF Trek Vic 2022 - Participants - Name). If you would like any further information, please contact Kym Smith (Williams on FB) on 0400 342 761.

<https://app.jodileefoundation.org.au/events/the-jlf-trek-vic-2022/team/williams-family-walkabouts>

Thank you in advance for supporting these boys as they undertake this huge effort for a very worthwhile cause.



MINLATON DISTRICT SCHOOL

is holding a

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To support: **Our School Community**
Order now via QKR! App
Orders close Friday 30 September 2022

Please help by
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of

Funky Socks

Thank you for supporting us!



Term 3 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
Week 1	25	26	27	28	29 SYP Basketball Carnival	30	31
Week 2	1 Open Boys BBall Statewide Comp	2	3	4	5	6	7
Week 3	8	9	10 Red Cross Refugee Day	11	12 Mime-O-Rama – Primary Performance	13	14
Week 4	15	16 Governing Council Meeting	17 SAPSASA Soccer (boys & girls)	18	19	20	21
Week 5	22 SYP Primary Aths – trial	23 Yr 10 Careers Week	24	25	26	27	28
Week 6	29	30	31	1	2 Student Free Day	3	4
Week 7	5 PAT Testing	6	7	8	9	10	11
Week 8	12 PAT Testing	13 Year 8 Immunisations	14	15	16 Girls Cricket Gala Day	17	18
Week 9	19 Learning Conversations MS & SS PAT Testing	20 Governing Council Meeting	21 Learning Conversations MS & SS	22	23	24	25
Week 10	26 PAT Testing	27	28 Learning Expo 30 th Year Celebration	29	30	1	2
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	10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Term 4 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
Week 1	17 Term Day Term 4	18	19 October	20	21	22	23
Week 2	24	25	26	27	28 Year 12's Final Day	29	30
Week 3	31 Hot Shots Yr3-6	1	2 Kindy Transition November	3	4	5	6
Week 4	7 Year 12 Exams	8	9 Kindy Transition	10 Yr7 Parent Transition visit →	11	12	13
Week 5	14	15	16 Kindy Transition	17	18	19	20
Week 6	21	22 YP Concert Band	23 Kindy Transition	24	25	26	27
Week 7	28	29	30	1 Presentation Night	2 Student Free Day	3 Year 12 Celebration	4
Week 8	5	6	7 December	8	9	10	11
Week 9	12	13	14	15	16 Last Day of School	17	18

Nature Festival *guranna wilba*
MINLAGAWINGGA

A GOOD DAY @ MINLAGAWI

Thursday 13th October 🌳 10^{AM} ➡ 1^{PM}

Minlagawi – Gum Flat Reserve

(corner of Old Port Vincent and Gum Flat Roads, Minlaton)



FREE

- 🌿 Nharangga string making
 - 🌿 wadna (boomerang) throwing
 - 🌿 rock art
 - 🌿 mindful dance and movement
 - 🌿 outdoor circus tricks
 - 🌿 water bugs
 - 🌿 wardli (cubby) building
 - 🌿 nature scavenger bracelets
 - 🌿 warrior arm bands
 - 🌿 music and earth drums
 - 🌿 nature art and craft
 - 🌿 henna art hand tattoos
 - 🌿 nature crowns
 - 🌿 face painting
- ... and much more for all ages!

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We acknowledge Nharangga people as the Traditional Custodians of this land, and of the significance of the Minlagawi area. In particular we pay respect to the Windara (east) people, of the garrdi (emu) totem, the connection to language, culture, community, and Country, and to Elders past and present.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY INC.

SYP SHOW

OCTOBER 5

8:30 AM

MINLATON

SHOWGROUNDS

- ★ LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ★ MARKET LAKE
- ★ COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS ★ SIDESHOWS
- ★ GOURMET PANTRY ★ HORSE AND PONY RIDES
- ★ CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS ★ TRADE STALLS
- ★ MOTOR MUSTER ★ HORSES IN ACTION
- ★ BLACKSMITH DEMONSTRATIONS
- ★ AG MACHINERY ★ FARM AND DAIRY
- ★ CRAFT AND ART DISPLAYS ★ FRESH PRODUCE
- ★ COOKING COMPETITIONS ★ DELICIOUS FOOD



The SYP AG SHOW is back bigger and better this year.

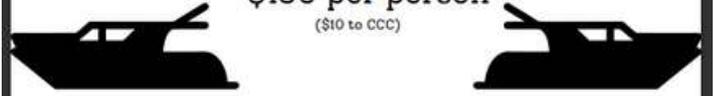
The SYP SHOW is the only agricultural show still operating on the Southern Yorke Peninsula, it is important that we include all aspects of the people, animals, and lifestyle of the beautiful Southern Yorke Peninsula, we are proud to continue this 142 year tradition for the whole community.

CONTACT

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sypagsociety.org
PO BOX 40
Minlaton SA 5575

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\$150 per person
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TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 6PM - 9PM

MUST BE 16 YEARS OR OLDER

RSVP BY FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

MINIMUM NUMBERS REQUIRED FOR

COURSE TO BE PROVIDED

DINNER AVAILABLE

TROY GOLDSWORTHY - 0488 128 801



FREE EVENTS:



Spring Walk and Talk

Learn from a local expert about how to protect and restore native habitat in your community.

Come along to Northern and Yorke Landscape Board's inaugural Spring Walk and Talk events. We're hosting five 'show and tell' workshops across the region, where local landcare and community groups will share their revegetation and restoration success stories. You'll learn about:

- Restoring native plant habitat which is vital to preserving biodiversity.
- The benefits of watercourse management
- Replanting natives in declining ecosystems
- Recognising remnant native plant communities and how to protect them.

It's suitable for anyone interested in revegetating with local native plant species, repairing a creek or river and restoring native grassland.

Friday, 28 September

Gawler River Riparian Restoration project

Anne Marie and Graham Brookman
9.30am - 11.30am
80 Clifford Rd, Hillier

Friday, 7 October

Ardrossan Grasslands Restoration

Adrian Shackley
2pm - 4pm
Corner of Park Terrace and Esplanade, Ardrossan

Tuesday, 11 October

Tarcowie Landcare Group Biolinks Corridors Revegetation project

June Jenkins and Chris Grabczewski
1pm - 3pm
'Parkland's' Corner of Tarcowie Road and Clarke Road, Tarcowie

Friday, 14 October

Snowtown Park Lands Revegetation program

Anne Brown and Bruce Michael
1pm - 3pm
Windfarm Road, Barunga Gap

Saturday, 15 October

Levi Creek Revegetation

Donna Lehman, Adrian Shackley & Rebecca Agius
2pm - 4pm
Intersection of Frankton Road and North East Hills Road, Frankton

Register via [eventbrite](#)

For more information contact:
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