

Landscape South Australia

Role Description

Sustainable Landscapes Officer (Water Use Efficiency) P69436 Limestone Coast Landscape Board

Tenure: Fixed term until 30 June 2028

Classification: PO2

Hours of work: Part time (18.75 hours per week)

Reports to: Team Leader Sustainable Primary Production

Direct reports: nil

The Limestone Coast Landscape Board promotes diversity and flexible ways of working including part time. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the flexible working arrangements for this role.

About the role

The Sustainable Landscapes Officer (Water Use Efficiency) will be responsible for delivering the LC Landscape Board's Water Use Efficiency Project.

The Water Use Efficiency Project will investigate the potential for water use efficiency in primary industries across the Lower Limestone Coast region. There will be an emphasis on industry engagement to share knowledge and build resilience. The project will have regard for expected climate change scenarios and impacts of prolonged dry times.

The project will include an application stage where key water use efficiency opportunities are trialled.

The role will be supported by a project steering committee to project manage the project and to provide water use efficiency advice and expertise to the organisation and to engage with landholders and industry stakeholders in relation to water use efficiency.

About the Limestone Coast Landscape Board

Through the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019* (Landscape Act), eight regional landscape boards and Green Adelaide work with partners to deliver practical, on-ground programs to manage landscapes. They invest landscape levies into regional priority issues as well as leveraging external funding towards managing and protecting our productive and natural landscapes.

The Limestone Coast region is home to a number of internationally recognised wetland systems, including the Ramsar-listed Bool and Hacks Lagoons and part of the Coorong and Lower Lakes Wetlands, and an extensive network of limestone sink holes and caves, including the World Heritage Listed Naracoorte Caves.

Key regional industries include plantation forestry, wine/viticulture, agriculture, dairy, potatoes and fishing/aquaculture.

The region is the traditional lands of the Meintangk, Potaruwutij, Bunganditj, Ngarrindjeri, Tatiara/ Ngarkat and Tanganekald (Southern Clans) First Nations peoples.

Key results / outcomes to be achieved

- Establish and maintain effective relationships with relevant industry bodies and landholders, internal staff, and state and local government organisations to promote water use efficiency practices
- Provide an analysis of water use efficiency practices within primary production industries across the Lower Limestone Coast region
- Explore options to achieve water use efficiency across our main primary production industries (including viticulture, dairy, forestry, horticulture and irrigated livestock production) with a focus on farm scale irrigation infrastructure efficiency, on-farm assessments such as soil or vegetation, and other innovative practice
- Provide technical advice and support, both one-on-one and through group forums, to improve the awareness, understanding and adoption of water use efficiency practice
- Analyse and interpret data and information to inform water policy and planning in the region
- Provide project management and project activity reporting
- Contribute to a safe workplace by accepting responsibility for own and others' safety, identifying and reporting hazards, and participating in consultation about health and safety matters

Key relationships

- Limestone Coast Landscape Board members and employees
- Primary industry groups and landholders
- First Nations, non-government organisations, and community groups
- Commonwealth, state and local government agencies

Special conditions

- Position is based in the Limestone Coast region
- A current minimum class C driver's licence and willingness and ability to safely operate a 4WD is required
- Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory criminal history check
- Will have the opportunity to participate in fire management or associated duties
- Some out of hours work and intrastate travel involving overnight absences from home may be required
- Required to participate in the LC Landscape Board's Performance Development and Review Program

Key selection criteria

Knowledge, skills, abilities and experience

- Ability to communicate technical information both verbally and in writing, using plain English and in unambiguous terms
- Up to date knowledge of water use efficiency principals and practice
- Knowledge of technical information relating to primary production water usage
- Experience in project management, particularly on-ground demonstration projects
- Ability to develop and manage contracts, particularly for on-ground works
- Ability to read and understand the intent of legislation and policy

Qualifications / Education

- A degree in environmental science, natural resource management or equivalent is essential

Expectations and values

- Maintain a commitment to professional conduct in line with the Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector
- Maintain a commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), cultural safety and diversity in the workplace
- Acknowledge and respect the cultural authority of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in line with the LC Landscape Board *Walking Together Statement of Commitment* and Landscape SA *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Statement of Commitment*.