



Agricultural Bureau
of South Australia Inc.
PATHWAY TO IMPROVEMENT



**Encouraging excellence in agriculture,
business management & sustainable
management of natural resources**

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Helping to bridge the gap between scientists and farmers, the **Agricultural Bureau of South Australia** (Ag Bureau) is encouraging excellence in agriculture, business management and the sustainable management of natural resources.

Representing the interests of South Australian farmers, the Ag Bureau communicates regularly with government and other agencies, on issues that affect the farming community, including research and development, farming practices and education.



L-R: David Edwards, Janette Ridgway, Mark Grossman, Allan Zerna & Darren Kennedy. Absent: Peter O'Neil.

A not-for-profit organisation, the Ag Bureau was established in 1888 and is the only farmer network group of its kind remaining in Australia.

Membership: Open to primary producers and those with an interest in South Australia's agriculture industry.

Member benefits:

- Regular group meetings provide social and community support including opportunities to exchange ideas and work together on common challenges
- News updates via "Ag Chat" newsletter
- Promotion of branch functions
- Support in preparation and administering external project funding
- Eligibility for entry into the annual Spirit of Excellence Awards
- Access to vital links with government and industry stakeholders
- Public liability insurance cover for meetings, events and crop walks

Resources for Ag Bureau branches

Branches foster the development of vibrant communities and industry networks. Members can access up-to-date information on:

- Codes of Practice and manuals relating to farm safety, transport and compliance
- Local, state and federal grants and project funding opportunities
- Agricultural related blogs written by farmers and industry advocates

Visit www.agbureau.com.au for more information and to locate your nearest branch.



Ag Bureau's Coonunga branch members at the annual Crop and Pasture Walk.

Drones helped to produce elevation and contour maps for a Clare Valley soil variability project funded by the National Landcare Program.



Projects: The Ag Bureau receives funding from the state and federal governments to manage projects which benefit SA's primary producers. Funds have also resourced branch projects.

Spirit of Excellence in Agriculture Awards

The Ag Bureau proudly hosts the annual **Spirit of Excellence in Agriculture Awards**. Aimed at encouraging and supporting young farmers and rural youth working in primary production, the prestigious Awards also recognise young people pursuing careers to sustain rural communities. Since 2014, the Awards have provided winners with personal and professional development opportunities, benefiting the winner and their local community.

The Awards are made possible by generous support from the Department for Environment and Water (DEW) and Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA).

The Award categories include:

- **Sustainable Agricultural Scholarship for Farmers** - a grant for a young farmer (18-40) to pursue further study, take a study tour or run a special project

- **Rural Youth Bursary** - A grant for rural young people (18-30) working in a rural community, not necessarily in agriculture, to undertake further study in their chosen career with an ultimate benefit to their community
- **Service to Primary Production**
- **Lois Harris Scholarship** - A grant in recognition of a high achieving student entering their first year of tertiary education

For more details on the Awards visit www.agbureau.com.au.



L-R: Luke Ramsay, Ruth Sommerville & Tristan Baldock.