

About us

We are local people who are passionate about the Hills and Fleurieu region.

At the heart of what we do is teamwork. We collaborate with land managers, First Nations people, and the community to create a sustainable environment for the future.

We use our local knowledge and expertise to guide the community in making positive changes for our landscapes. Our goal is not just to help people manage land, but to help it regenerate and thrive for years to come.

By working together, we aim to care for the land, water, nature and climate in a way that benefits both our communities and the environment.

Success stories

We continued work with partners and local landholders to expand efforts to eradicate feral goats and deer from the Hills and Fleurieu region. This included the launch of the Greater Adelaide Peri-Urban Feral Deer Eradication Plan.



We collaborated with six councils, government and landholders to co-design roadside weed control across the region's roadsides, protecting biodiversity, agriculture and biosecurity, enhancing fire resilience, and encouraging adjacent landholders to manage priority weeds.



Through a series of workshops, field days and new resources, we helped farmers adopt climate-smart practices, improve soil health, explore carbon opportunities, and build sustainability credentials. This project was supported by dedicated facilitators fostering partnerships, knowledge-sharing, and demonstrating low-emission farming innovations.



Through a series of interactive workshops and resources, dam owners were able to learn more about the importance of regular dam inspections and maintenance, as well as how to improve water quality and create habitat through dam enhancement activities including stock fencing and re-vegetation.



We commenced the amendment process for the Mount Lofty Ranges Water Allocation Plans. We're undertaking new science to inform future management options on key policy priorities and we are listening to community perspectives to understand how the region's water resources are sustainably managed.



We launched ReBird the Ranges, a collaborative effort to restore woodland bird populations and habitats in the Mount Lofty Ranges. This initiative aims to reverse the decline in woodland birds by restoring habitat at scale. We are proud to be one of over 20 partner organisations.



In 2024-25, our Back from the Brink project focused on the recovery of four threatened species through tailored habitat restoration and conservation. Target species include southern bell frog, Murray hardyhead, hooded plover, and western beautiful firetail.



We awarded 38 Grassroots Grants and 28 GreenSafe Grants, empowering schools, volunteers and community groups to protect biodiversity, improve soil health and build climate resilience across the Hills and Fleurieu region.



We continue to deepen relationships with Kaurna, Peramangk and Ngarrindjeri Nations - supporting cultural training, reconnecting communities with Country, co-designing projects, and increasing procurement through Aboriginal businesses to foster respectful, long-term partnerships in land care and stewardship.



We delivered free carbon farming workshops across the region, helping farmers understand emissions, improve sustainability, and build confidence in using emissions calculators, laying the groundwork for climate-smart agriculture and future market readiness.

Snapshot

Here's a snapshot of some highlights from 2024-25. We've invested over \$8.5 million and leveraged almost \$2 million to deliver these strong environmental outcomes across the Hills and Fleurieu region with our partners and community.



Roadside weed control
503km



Non-roadside weed control **594ha**



2 Waterbug Bioblitzes
22 sites surveyed by
44 citizen scientists

48 Water Affecting Activity permits approved



224 property visits



Hectares of revegetation to help support woodland birds
109ha



17 Rabbit control distribution days



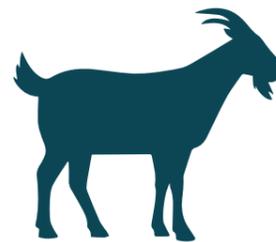
641 Landholders purchasing rabbit control



6 dam safety and maintenance workshops with **95** participants



Seed collected for revegetation
59.8kg



97 Feral goats controlled as we approach regional eradication

On Fleurieu and metro beaches **38** nesting sites managed and monitored, **16** hooded plovers fledged, supported by **80** volunteers



125 volunteers planted **2000** local native coastal plants to help restore hooded plover and beach-nesting bird habitat.



Feral deer controlled
2221



2 ongoing threatened species breeding programs (for southern bell frog and Murray hardyhead)



Grassroots Grants **\$270,000** (38 projects)
Greensafe Grants **\$10,000** (28 grants)



9 Beginner's Guide to Carbon Farming workshops with **103** participants

Stewardship Program

Supporting land managers to be the best stewards they can be - embracing their role in caring for land, water and nature.

We have built on our Stewardship Program, refining our approach to service delivery. The program divides the region into three districts, each with a specialised team of stewardship officers to connect rural land managers with five ways to care for the natural assets on their properties:

- Understand land manager responsibilities
- Create a plan for managing natural assets
- Care for native vegetation and undertake revegetation
- Care for watercourses, wetlands and dams
- Care for soils



Peter and Dina Corolis became the proud stewards of a 46-hectare property in Kersbrook in December 2023. Drawn to its rolling hills, natural watercourses and potential for regeneration, they set out to care for the land with a strong focus on sustainability and biodiversity.

Though new to the area, their vision aligns closely with the Stewardship Program's five key ways to care for natural assets. They're transitioning to regenerative farming and grazing sheep while planting a diverse mix of trees to support native wildlife. Already, black cockatoos and turtles have returned.

With support from a Hills and Fleurieu Grassroots Grant, they're fencing 9 hectares to protect watercourses, improve dam water quality, and reduce runoff. They're also addressing soil compaction and capeweed by encouraging perennial pasture establishment.

Their story reflects the heart of the Stewardship Program - caring for land, water and nature for generations to come.

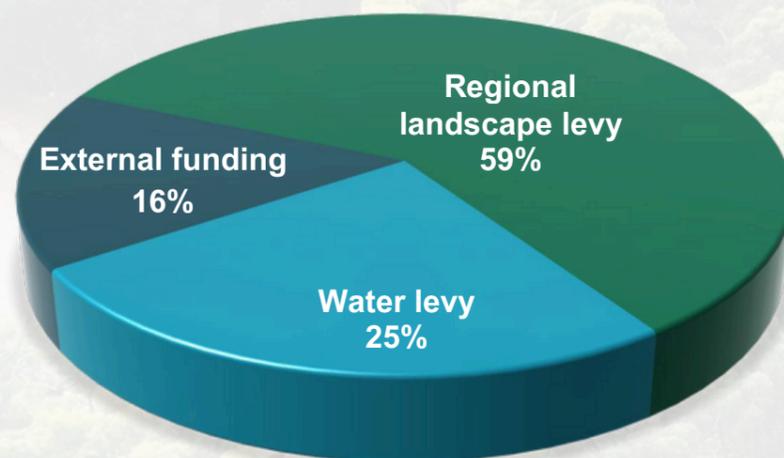
Sources of funding

Funding source	2024-25 (\$)
Landscape and water levies ¹	
Regional landscape levy	5,980,300
Water levy	2,559,200
External funding	
Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust Regional Delivery Partners	787,000
State Government MLR Bird Recovery Deep Creek Revegetation	117,000
Landscape Priority Fund: Reversing the MLR birds decline	310,000
Landscape Priority Fund: Building Landscape Resilience with High Performing Dams	126,400
Landscape Priority Fund: Now or Never - controlling feral deer and goats	90,800
Service Level Agreements with other Landscape Boards ²	329,300
State Government - Improving dam safety and management in SA	75,000
Mallee Sustainable Farming	7,500
Interest	100,000
TOTAL REVENUE	10,482,500
Approved carry-over funding from previous years ³	1,358,500
TOTAL FUNDING	11,841,000

¹ Landscape levy income and water levy rates (5.9% actual CPI rate, September 2023 quarter, Adelaide).

² Landscape boards collaborate on the delivery of some programs and services across regions. These arrangements are formalised by Service Level Agreements or Memorandum of Administrative Agreements.

³ Department of Treasury and Finance approved carry-over of levy funding from previous years.



Funding by source

Major project partners and funding

Feral Deer and goat control

Program delivered in partnership with Green Adelaide, the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board, and the Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA, funded by landscape levy and the Landscape Priority Fund, through the 'Now or never – controlling feral deer and goats' project.

Roadside weed control

Project delivered in partnership with Adelaide Hills Council, Alexandrina Council, City of Onkaparinga, City of Victor Harbor, District Council of Yankalilla and Mount Barker District Council.

Climate smart/soil health

Project is funded by the South Australian Government's Landscape Priorities Fund (LPF). The LPF redistributes landscape levies collected by Green Adelaide in the metropolitan area to regional landscape boards.

Dam Safety and maintenance

Project delivered by Landscapes Hills and Fleurieu, in partnership with the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board with funding from the South Australian Government's Landscape Priorities Fund and the Department for Environment and Water.

Water Allocation Plan amendment

The Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board is responsible for the review and amendment of the Eastern and Western Mount Lofty Ranges Water Allocation Plans (WAPs) in accordance with the *Landscape South Australia Act 2019*. The implementation of the plans is a shared responsibility with the Department for Environment and Water.

ReBird the Ranges

A partnership with over 20 other organisations. Funding is from the landscape levy, state government and Landscape Priorities Fund.

Back from the Brink

The Back from the Brink project is funded by the Australian Government Natural Heritage Trust, and delivered by the Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel.

Carbon Farming

Funded by the Commonwealth of Australia through the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment, and Water under the Carbon Farming Outreach Program.

These achievements were made possible by the dedication of community, environment groups, landholders, and volunteers, alongside the generous support of our partners and funding providers. The logos below show some of the organisations involved in our projects across the financial year.

