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Developing Young Leaders - Dion Trezona

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BACKGROUND

The Developing Future Leaders for Farming Communities on the Eyre Peninsula project aimed to provide young farmers from across upper Eyre Peninsula, South Australia with the confidence and skills to take on leadership roles in their local communities. The project engaged 16 young farmers, chosen from 8 farming groups, in activities to increase the effectiveness of leadership in landcare and agricultural practices, learn what is valued in communities, gain leadership skills, working in a team, and how groups work and can be inspired to see the value of committing to the future.

FAST FACTS

Dion Trezona is a 30 year old fifth generation farmer involved in a mixed farming business with a 5,000 hectare property near Streaky Bay, Eyre Peninsula, South Australia.

Why did you get involved in the project?

An invitation from EPARF was extended through the Streaky Bay Agricultural Bureau to participate in developing leadership skills. I was looking at taking my business skills forward with innovation and business management. This project involvement gave me the opportunity to network with peers across the Eyre Peninsula and meet with other like minded people to develop leadership skills in my local community.

What was your involvement in the project?

Attending workshops and taking on the role of President of a young farmer group.

What changes have you made as a result of the project?

Accepted nomination to the EPARF Board of Management as a farmer representative for my area on Eyre Peninsula.



Dion Trezona (left) with EPARF Board members Greg Scholz and Simon Guerin

What were the benefits to the farm business?

My business management has become more structured and efficient.

Business succession is optimal; there is a need for ongoing learning.

Where to from here? How will you maintain these benefits?

I am passionate about seeing the farming sector keep moving forward. I would like to continue the learning process and support others.

Minnipa Agricultural Centre and EPARF will be very important role in the future of farming on Eyre Peninsula and keeping young farmers involved, interested and up to date with the latest research and technology.

What are other benefits or challenges?

To keep our local farmer bureau continuing, we need good leadership and relevant group topics to keep farmers involved. This is always a challenge.

Young leaders will emerge from this project to take on leadership roles in the community so that groups can continue as a beneficial networking opportunity for all farmers.

Further information

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