



AIR EP

Ag Innovation & Research Eyre Peninsula

Our Journey

2020

JANUARY

EPARF and LEADA members vote to merge

FEBRUARY

First meeting of new Board members

Inaugural Members: Bryan Smith (Chair), Greg Scholz (Deputy Chair, Public Officer), John Richardson, Bill Long, Andrew Polkinghorne, Ken Webber, Greg Arthur, Mark Stanley (special skills and experience)

MARCH

Resilient EP project commences

MAY

AIR EP officially incorporated 26 May 2020
Executive Officer, Naomi Scholz appointed

JULY

First Medium & Low Rainfall RD&E Committees meet

Inaugural Medium Rainfall Committee: John Richardson (Chair, AIR EP Board member rep), Dan Adams, George Pedler, Billy Pedler, Dustin Parker, Jacob Giles, Denis Pedler, David Davenport, Lochie Siegert, Brett Masters, Daniel Puckridge

Inaugural Low Rainfall Committee: Symon Allen (Chair), Greg Scholz (AIR EP Board member rep), Andy Bates, Andrew Ware, Rhiannon Schilling, Amanda Cook, Daniel Bergmann, Matthew Cook, Rhys Tomney, Leigh Scholz, Kevin Dart

SEPTEMBER

Regional Ag Landcare Facilitator (RALF), Amy Wright appointed

OCTOBER

Finance Officer, Alanna Barns appointed

NOVEMBER

Sustainable Agriculture Project Officer, Josh Telfer appointed

2021

FEBRUARY

Rhaquelle Meiklejohn appointed SAGIT "2021 EP internship in applied grains research", hosted by EPAG Research

MAY

GRDC Legume Extension project commences

JUNE

AIR EP Strategic Plan 2021-26 adopted
Inaugural AIR EP Upper & Lower EP Member Days held

AUGUST

First AIR EP AGM held

SEPTEMBER

Lower EP Crop Walk

OCTOBER

GRDC Pulse Field Day at Tooligie

DECEMBER

Climate change workshop

2022

FEBRUARY

Rebekah Fatchen (now Peters) appointed SAGIT "2022 EP internship in applied grains research", hosted by EPAG Research

MARCH

GRDC Frost Research project commences
Lower EP Ag Expo
Young Farmer network mapping workshops
Regenerative Agriculture Forum

JUNE

Host GRDC Annual Ryegrass Forum

APRIL

FDF & GRDC Sandy Soils project commences

JULY

Host DAWE delegate visit to Eyre Peninsula

AUGUST

Resilient EP Innovation Tour
Sandy Soils masterclass workshops

OCTOBER

AIR EP AGM: Bill Long appointed Chair. Bryan Smith and John Richardson complete their two year terms and decide not to re-nominate



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2023

JANUARY	GRDC RiskWi\$e project commences
FEBRUARY	Dan Adams appointed the Medium Rainfall RD&E Committee rep for the AIR EP Board Elijah Lou appointed SAGIT “2023 EP internship in applied grains research”, hosted by SARDI Minnipa Ag Centre SPAA/GRDC VRT workshop
MARCH	Project Officer, Rebekah Peters appointed
JUNE	FDF Science to Practice Forum Completion of National Landcare Program Resilient EP project
JULY	Upper & Lower AIR EP Member Days held
SEPTEMBER	EP Ag Vision 2050 Roadmap launched Sandy Soils Masterclasses held on EP
OCTOBER	AIR EP AGM: Andrew Polkinghorne retired from the Board
DECEMBER	Mary Rowe appointed to AIR EP Board Operations Manager, Rowena Norris appointed SA Water ‘Future of EP water resources’ discussions

2024

JANUARY	DAFF Sustainable Agriculture Facilitator – Eyre Peninsula project commences
FEBRUARY	Alex Busch appointed SAGIT & SA Drought Hub “2024 EP internship in applied grains research”, hosted by EPAG Research Strip & Disc Forum held
MARCH	Lentils on sandy soils workshops Rudall Young Farmers workshop RiskWi\$e Discussion Group meetings held across EP
JULY	Weedsmart Week in Port Lincoln
AUGUST	Awarded Ag Ex Alliance 2024 PIRSA Grower Group of the Year
SEPTEMBER	GRDC Harvester Clinics held on EP

2025 & Beyond

OCTOBER	AIR EP AGM: Denis Pedler appointed, Greg Scholz retired, Matthew Cook appointed Public Officer of the Board
JANUARY	DAFF Carbon Farming Outreach project commences
MARCH	Introduction to Carbon Farming Workshops delivered DAFF Sustainable Agriculture project commences
MAY	Current AIR EP Board and Operations AIR EP Board: Bill Long (Chair), Ken Webber (Deputy Chair), Matthew Cook (Public Officer, Low Rainfall RD&E Committee rep), Dan Adams (Medium Rainfall RD&E Committee rep), Mark Stanley (Special Skills), Greg Arthur (Legal Skills), Denis Pedler, Mary Rowe Medium Rainfall RD&E Committee: Dan Adams (Chair), Dustin Parker, Denis Pedler, Jacob Giles, Lochie Siegert, Daniel Puckridge, David Davenport, Brett Masters, Nic Gale, Mark Modra, Luke Wilkins, Jonathan Forrest. Associate Members: Ken Webber, Benjamin Smith (EPLB), Courtney Ramsey (GRDC), Rebekah Starick (GRDC), Josh Telfer (PIRSA), Amy Keeley (PIRSA), Andrew Ware (EPAG Research) Low Rainfall RD&E Committee: Symon Allen (Chair), Andy Bates, Amanda Cook, Matthew Cook, Rhys Tomney, Andrew Ware, Leigh Scholz, Kevin Dart, Bruce Heddle, Rhiannon Schilling, Fabio Arsego, Jake Hull. Associate Members: Courtney Ramsey (GRDC), Rebekah Starick (GRDC), Libby Hunt (EPLB), Nicole Baty (SARDI), Nigel Wilhelm (SARDI), Brian Dzoma (SARDI), Elijah Lou (SARDI), Catherine Paterson (SARDI), Buddhi Chaudhary (SARDI) AIR EP Staff: Naomi Scholz (Executive Officer), Alanna Barns (Finance Officer), Amy Wright (Sustainable Ag Facilitator, Carbon Outreach Officer), Rowena Norris (Operations Manager), Rebekah Peters (Project Officer, Sustainable Ag Facilitator, Carbon Outreach Officer)
JUNE	Development of AIR EP Social Media strategy
AUGUST	Commence AIR EP Strategic Planning (release in 2026)
SEPTEMBER	GRDC Southern Panel Tour to EP