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New Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator Appointed

Ag Excellence in partnership with Natural Resources Northern & Yorke welcome Ms Emma McInerney as the region's new Regional Agricultural Landcare Facilitator (RALF).

The RALF role is an integral part of the Regional Landcare Program, with a focus on increasing the awareness and adoption of land management practices that improve and protect the condition of soil, biodiversity and vegetation. For the first time this role will also concentrate on Sustainable Ag outcomes. This is critical with the increased need in capacity of agriculture systems to adapt to significant changes in climate and market demands for information on provenance and sustainable production.

Ms McInerney brings extensive experience to the role, most recently as Project Manager for Regenerative Ag Land Assets for Wide Open Agriculture in Western Australia. This position involved planning and implementation of holistic management on a 320ha demonstration property and the running of innovate land management.

Ms McInerney has also developed a strong ability to adapt to context with exposure to rural communities in Kenya and indigenous communities in the APY Lands of SA. On a local level, she has vast regional experience within Primary Industries and Regions SA animal health, research and extension.

Having grown up on a farm at Riverton, Ms McInerney is looking forward to working once again with local landholders and industry. "I see the intrinsic linkages between protecting natural systems and the survival of communities. I value the Natural Resource organisations for their capacity to access and influence farmers and industry around approaches and practice change to make the agricultural landscape sustainable," she said.

Leet Wilksch, Ag Excellence Chair, is thrilled with Ms McInerneys appointment describing her as "having demonstrated capabilities in both sectors, enthusiasm for her local community and zest to really make a difference in this space."

Mr Wilksch said, "Ag Excellence and Natural Resources Northern & Yorke have a unique relationship in the NRM landscape. Having previous experience in the delivery of this role, our organisation has proven ability and we look forward to ensuring the next 5-years further strengthens the inherent harmony of natural resources and agriculture."

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