

# Coorong Partnership

## Expression of Interest Information and Guidelines



### Project Coorong

Project Coorong is the South Australian Government's initiative to take action to restore the health, vitality and visitor experience of the Coorong through environmental projects and activities to boost eco-tourism, focusing on the Coorong National Park. Project Coorong's core programs are described below and at: [www.projectcoorong.sa.gov.au](http://www.projectcoorong.sa.gov.au)

### Coorong Partnership

Incorporating the experience and knowledge of the local community and First Nations is critical to successfully restoring the health of the Coorong. As part of the broader Project Coorong initiative, a new Coorong Partnership is being established to provide local communities and groups with an unprecedented opportunity to help shape the work to be undertaken.

The Coorong Partnership will:

- provide community insight, ideas and perspectives into the development, implementation and performance assessment of Project Coorong initiatives;
- ensure Project Coorong initiatives incorporate local knowledge and contribute to achieving community desires and aspirations; and
- build cooperation, support and trust across Project Coorong by improving transparency of government decision making.

Expressions of Interest are being sought for members of the newly formed Coorong Partnership.

The Coorong Partnership is seeking members with a broad range of interests and expertise including, but not limited to, Aboriginal culture, conservation, recreation, science, agriculture, local government, tourism, fishing and heritage.

### Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Program

Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin is a \$70 million commitment to restore a healthy Coorong, announced by the Australian and South Australian governments in December 2018.

Part of the South Australian government's overarching Project Coorong initiative, the Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Action Plan outlines the on-ground works, management tools, research, trials and infrastructure activities required between 2019 and 2024 to get the Coorong back on track for a healthy future. It presents a working vision to help restore the Coorong's health, characterised by healthy vegetation with abundant and diverse populations of waterbirds, fish and plants.

The Department for Environment and Water (DEW) is currently consulting on the Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Action Plan.

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/coorong/rescue-package>

### Our Coorong | Our Coast Project

Our Coorong, Our Coast is a \$3.3 million project funded by the Australian government's Regional Land Partnerships initiative of the National Landcare Program and the South East Natural Resources Management Board. This project will help improve the ecological character of the Coorong and enhance habitat for threatened species along the Limestone Coast through works such as pest and weed control, developing site plans to protect migratory shorebirds, revegetation and monitoring. The Our Coorong, Our Coast project is expected to be completed by mid-2023.

[https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/projects/our-current-projects/Our\\_Coorong\\_Our\\_Coast](https://www.naturalresources.sa.gov.au/southeast/projects/our-current-projects/Our_Coorong_Our_Coast)

### What would my role be?

Your role would be to bring your expertise and perspective to discussions and deliberations regarding Project Coorong programs and initiatives. You will be involved in an advisory capacity to inform government decision-making to ensure that management actions taken incorporate local knowledge and contribute to achieving community needs and aspirations.

The Coorong Partnership will have a direct advisory relationship with:

- DEW representatives across the range of Project Coorong initiatives; and
- The Minister for Environment and Water, through quarterly meetings between the Minister and the Coorong Partnership Chair.

The Coorong Partnership is not a forum for members to represent or advocate on behalf of organisations or interest groups they may be affiliated with.

## How do I nominate for the Coorong Partnership?

Please complete the nomination form summarising your relevant experience and why you want to become a member of the Coorong Partnership. Your nomination will remain confidential.

### Selection process

Nominations for the Coorong Partnership will be considered and appointed by the Minister for Environment and Water.

Partnership members will be appointed based on individual merit and suitability for contributing community advice.

### Selection criteria

Candidates will be assessed against the following selection criteria as part of the selection process:

- Represents a section of the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth community and is passionate about the environment.
- Demonstrated experience and interest in providing community perspectives and advocacy.
- Proven ability to provide advice and feedback regarding community perspectives.
- Sound understanding of environmental, social, cultural and/or economic issues affecting the Coorong, Lower Lakes and Murray Mouth region.

## How do I submit my nomination?

Expressions of Interest close at 5.00pm on **Monday 30 September 2019**.

Your nomination titled "Expression of Interest – Coorong Partnership" should be emailed to [projectcoorong@sa.gov.au](mailto:projectcoorong@sa.gov.au) or posted to:

*Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin* Engagement Coordinator  
Water and River Murray Division  
Department for Environment and Water  
GPO Box 1047  
Adelaide SA 5001

### Further information

For further information please contact Dijana Jevremov, Healthy Coorong, Healthy Basin Engagement Coordinator at [dijana.jevremov@sa.gov.au](mailto:dijana.jevremov@sa.gov.au) or phone (08) 8463 3971.