



# eh **NEWS**

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**A Newsletter for Environmental Health  
Professionals in South Australia**



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH  
AUSTRALIA**

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## Council Profile – Renmark Paringa Council

Renmark, the town which was transformed by Australia's first irrigation scheme is 258kms north east of Adelaide on the Sturt Highway. It is the largest centre in the District and is centred around the River Murray. The total population of the District was 9,500 (2006 ABS Census). The Lyrup and Paringa townships are also within the Council area which covers 921 square kilometres.

The Renmark Paringa District Council Area is a key part of the Riverland region- one of Australia's major horticulture and viticulture areas with over 50% of South Australia's wine grapes grown in the region. The Council area consists of a dry land farming strip along the eastern boundary adjoining the Victoria/South Australian border. Irrigation has lead to extensive horticultural activities throughout the remainder of the area. While wine grape production is very significant there are major citrus and nut plantations in existence, together with vegetable and stone fruit production. Major horticultural and viticultural packers and processors market local produce to both the international and domestic markets and provide significant employment opportunities in the local community. Renmark is also home to Australia's largest Rose Garden and the National Rose Collection of Australia at Ruston's. Renmark has embraced the rose theme in its public plantings and through support for the annual Renmark Rose Festival.

### **Katina Nikas**

**Position:** Environmental Health Officer

**How long have you been in the Environmental Health Field?** 17 years

**How long at Renmark Paringa?** 17 years

**Where were you born?** Adelaide

**What is your favourite food and drink?** Banana Caramel Pie. Vodka is my drink of choice

**What are your hobbies?** Spending time outdoors, working on our vineyard

**Favourite sport to watch?** My daughter playing netball

**Favourite movie?** So many....The Usual Suspects, Pulp Fiction, Austin Powers - Gold member & more recently Limitless

**Favourite TV program?** Modern Family & the Office (US version)

**Most recently read book?** The Devil wears Prada

**Favourite music/band?** Depends on my mood

**Favourite way to relax?** Watching a movie

**Favourite holiday destination?** Santorini, Mykonos, Hawaii

**Best work achievement?** Developing a Riverland specific TV advert in conjunction with the other Riverland Council EHOs aimed at educating locals and tourists about preventing mosquito borne disease.

**Best personal achievement?** Quitting smoking 18 months ago

**What would you do if you won a million dollars?** Pay off the mortgage, buy an investment property & share with my family.





**Alexa Angeletti**

**Position:** Environmental Health Officer  
**How long have you been in the Environmental Health Field?** 5 Years  
**How long at Renmark Paringa?** 6.5 Years  
**Where were you born?** Renmark  
**What is your favourite food and drink?** Pasta & iced Coffee (not together!!)  
**What are your hobbies?** Netball and reading  
**Favourite sport to watch?** AFL  
**Favourite movie?** Dirty Dancing  
**Favourite TV program?** Offspring  
**Most recently read book?** Shane Crawford- That's What I'm Talking About  
**Favourite music/band?** Bon Jovi  
**Favourite way to relax?** Movies, drinks with friends  
**Favourite holiday destination?** Greek Islands  
**Best work achievement?** Hoping it's yet to be achieved!

**Paul Day**

**Position:** Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services  
**How long had you been in the Environmental Health Field?** 6 years  
**How long at Renmark Paringa?** 6 months  
**Where were you born?** Peterborough  
**What is your favourite food and drink?** Thai food and Riverland wine  
**What are your hobbies?** Spending time with my family and watching football  
**Favourite sport to watch?** Football  
**Favourite movie?** I love watching movies always have, favourite - too hard to pick one.  
**Favourite TV program?** Cougar Town and Keeping up with the Kardashians  
**Most recently read book?** The girl that played with fire  
**Favourite music/band?** Magic Dirt and The Jezabels – what a voice!!!  
**Favourite way to relax?** Going on holiday  
**Favourite holiday destination?** Europe or anywhere hot in winter  
**Best work achievement?** Being nominated whilst working in NSW for a state award for building excellence for the renovation of the Council Library.  
**Best personal achievement?** Having the two best kids in the world and sharing their life with my beautiful partner.  
**What would you do if you won a million dollars?** Go on holiday.  
**Best personal achievement?** Sport awards, premierships etc  
**What would you do if you won a million dollars?** Spend it wisely!



## SIG Update – Disease Control / Emergency Management

The new Clandestine Drug Laboratory Remediation Guidelines were discussed at the April SIG and Catherine Jones from SA Health provided valuable input into the contents of the Guidelines and possible implication for EHO's. The Disease Control SIG is currently contributing to an EHA Position Paper on the Guidelines.

Danny Broderick from SA Health was a guest speaker for the June SIG and he gave members an update on the new Public Health Act. Danny discussed the public health planning element contained within the new Act as well as giving a detailed explanation of the sections of the Act relating to reviews, appeals and the serving of notices. Danny also explained that SA Health are currently developing guidance documents and workshops for EHOs to assist in the delivery of the new Public Health Act.

A tour of the new Marion Aquatic Centre was the highlight of the August SIG, members were given a guided tour of the whole facility which included the plant room, gym and all pools. The SIG was then held at the City of Marion, thank you to both Bob Polain and Sharon Perin for organising the Marion Aquatic Centre tour and for providing lunch as well.

The Disease Control SIG would like to thank the City of Mitcham and the City of Marion for hosting the last three SIGs.

The next Disease Control / Emergency Management SIG is on the 12th of October, starting at 10:00am and is being hosted by the City of West Torrens. All members are welcome to attend.

SIG Convenors – Adrian Hill and Jamie Tann

SIG Secretary – Dane Abbott



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## WISCONSIN MOUND & IRRIGATION TRAINING DAY

**Date:** *Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 9.30 am – 4:30 pm*

**Venue** *Morning Session: Adelaide Hills Council – Stirling  
Afternoon Session: Onsite – Upper Sturt*

*\*\*\*\*Please wear appropriate shoes and bring high vis gear\*\*\*\**

### **Purpose of the training**

1. Familiarise Environmental Health Officers with the Wisconsin Mound Wastewater system and the process of assessing an application
2. Inform Environmental Health Officers of the key aspect of wastewater surface and sub surface irrigation.

### **Objectives**

1. To assist Environmental Health Officers develop competencies for the assessment of wastewater applications involving Wisconsin mounds.
2. To develop an understanding of the correct methods used for assessing surface and subsurface irrigation disposal.

### **Speakers**

Joe Whitehead  
Richard Atkinson  
Jim Kelly

Tim Woods  
Tony Farror

***The seminar will be held at Adelaide Hills Council (Stirling) from 9.45am -12.30pm and onsite at Upper Sturt from 1.30pm till 4:40pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, so make a note in your diary for this valuable training initiative and support your State Branch of Environmental Health Australia. Lunch and morning tea provided***

**For Environmental Health Australia Members this activity provides 5 Continuing Professional Development points. A Certificate of Attendance will be posted to each Member after the seminar.**

For further information contact: *Mina Labaz*, Executive Officer EHA (SA) Inc.,  
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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**WISCONSIN MOUND TRAINING DAY**

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATIONS TUES 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST**

Member	\$130.00 (incl. GST)
Non-member	\$180.00 (incl. GST)
Student member	\$75.00 (incl. GST)

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Position \_\_\_\_\_

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Dietary  
Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to receive more information from the programmed speakers

**Method of Payment**

☐ Cheque ☐ Bankcard ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Electronic Payment

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**PLEASE ACCEPT THIS AS A TAX INVOICE IF ATTENDING**

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## PROGRAM

### WISOCONSIN MOUND TRAINING DAY

Centre for Environmental Training

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 9.45 am – 4:30 pm Adelaide Hills Council / Upper Sturt

#### *Seminar Outline*

**9:30 – 9:45**

Registration and coffee

**9:45 – 10:00**

Welcome

**10:00 – 10:30**

What is a Wisconsin Mound and how do they work? – *Joe Whitehead*

**10:30 – 11:50**

Assessment under AS1547 – SA Health – *Tony Farror*

**11:50 – 11:10**

Morning Tea

**11:10 - 11:40**

Irrigation – Water & nutrition balance – *Jim Kelly*

**11:40 – 12:00**

Back flow prevention – SA Water

**12:00 – 12:15**

Irrigation areas & the new code requirements – SA Health – *Tony Farror*

**12:15 – 12:30**

Question Time

**12:30**

Travel to site

**12:45 – 1:30**

Lunch

**1:30 – 2:00**

Site and soil evaluation process – *Richard Atkinson*

**2:00 – 4:00**

Mound Construction and Irrigation exercise – *Tim Woods*

**4:00 – 4:30**

Close and refreshments



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## **The Third Annual Auditor Forum**

Will be on **Friday 21 October 2011** at

**The Adelaide Pavilion, Veale Gardens**  
cnr South Terrace & Peacock Rd

**Time: 10am - 4pm**

Attendance at this meeting is expected as a condition of DH auditor approval.

As in previous years, there is no cost to auditors to attend and a free educational gift will be provided to all attendees.

Please can you confirm your attendance by Wednesday 12 October. (and any special diet requirements).

An agenda will be sent closer to the date.

Please contact Eleanor Schmedemann from  
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## City of Onkaparinga Burns Project

### **NEW CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE BURNS IN COMMERCIAL KITCHENS**

Half of all burns victims who require hospital treatment for their injuries lose more than 40 days off work to recover, according to WorkCoverSA.

WorkCoverSA and the Julian Burton Burns Trust are working to reduce the incidence of burn injuries in the workplace and help workers return to work more quickly with the launch of their Commercial Kitchens Campaign this Thursday, May 12.

Most burn injuries can be prevented. In the event of a burn, the impact can be greatly minimised by correct and timely first aid.

Environmental Health Officers from Onkaparinga Council will distribute free Commercial Kitchens Burns Packs to approximately 500 businesses with commercial kitchens including restaurants, cafes and take-away outlets within the Onkaparinga Council area.

The Commercial Kitchens Burns packs contain two posters - one with prevention tips and the other outlining burns first aid with clear and easy to follow instructions. Businesses are encouraged to display the posters and keep staff OHS&W training updated.

The packs also contain an offer for a free Burns First Aid Kit – Australia's first ever Burns First Aid kit that has a plastic sheet with Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) approval. The kits, developed by A/Prof John Greenwood, the Julian Burton Burns Trust and St John Ambulance Australia, will be supplied free to businesses within the council area.

WorkCoverSA CEO, Mr Rob Thomson, said the Commercial Kitchen Campaign aimed to minimise and prevent the incidence of workplace burn injuries in commercial kitchens and ultimately improve recovery times, ensuring workers are able to continue working.

"The campaign will help to remind all of us that as employers, workers and co-workers we have an important role to play not only in keeping workplaces safe but also, through minimising burns impact, to help keep people at work or return to work as quickly as possible," Mr Thomson said.

Director of the Burns Unit at the Royal Adelaide Hospital, A/Prof John Greenwood AM, said he had seen an increase in the incidence of debilitating burns in commercial kitchens.

"All burns are preventable," A/Prof Greenwood said.

"However, commercial kitchens place workers at a high risk for burn injuries.

"These workplaces are often high pressure environments, and I have known many dedicated chefs and kitchen hands who, after burning themselves, have put the needs of the people waiting to be served before their own.

"By not attending to burns immediately, the injury becomes much worse for the sufferer and will often require a significant amount of time off work to recover.

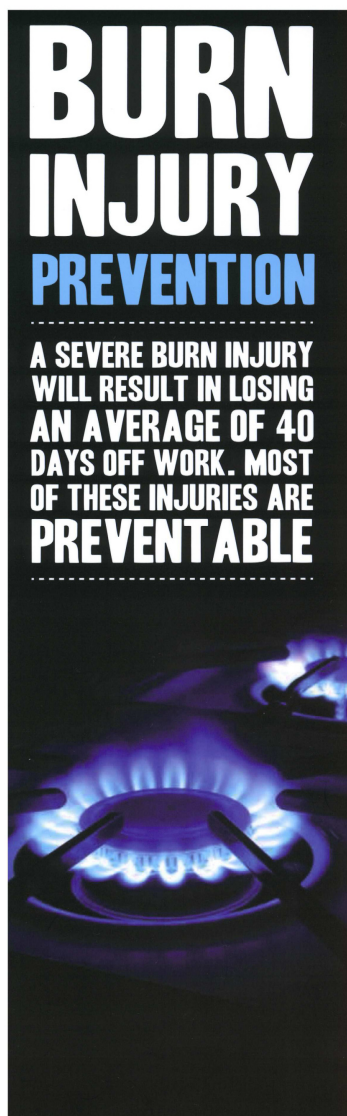
"It is therefore vital for people working in commercial kitchens to understand basic procedures involved with preventing and treating burns."

To signify the launch of the Commercial Kitchens Campaign, the Julian Burton Burns Trust and WorkCoverSA hosted a function during May 2011 at Shiki Restaurant, proudly sponsored by the InterContinental Hotel.

Some of Adelaide's top chefs prepared tepanyaki style canapés and shared their tips for a safe kitchen environment with guests.

Celebrity chefs that prepared culinary delights at the launch were Callum Hann (Masterchef runner up), Lachlan Colwill (Executive Chef at the Manse Restaurant), Emma Shearing (The Manse Restaurant) and Tony Hart (Executive Chef, InterContinental Adelaide).

For further information on the project, please contact the Julian Burton Burns Trust 7220 2197.



# BURN INJURY PREVENTION

A SEVERE BURN INJURY WILL RESULT IN LOSING AN AVERAGE OF 40 DAYS OFF WORK. MOST OF THESE INJURIES ARE PREVENTABLE

**TO MINIMISE YOUR RISK OF BURN INJURY:**

- WORKPLACE SHOULD BE **CLEAN AND WELL ORGANISED**
- KEEP AN OVEN GLOVE OR TEA TOWEL** HANDY FOR MOVING HOT PANS
- CLEAN UP SPILLS TO AVOID ACCIDENTS**
- ENSURE OHS&W TRAINING IS UP TO DATE**

BurnsTrust WorkCoverSA Better together



# BURN INJURY FIRST AID

BEST PRACTICE FIRST AID WILL REDUCE THE DEPTH AND SEVERITY OF THE BURN, ENABLING QUICKER HEALING AND REHABILITATION; LEADING TO A FASTER RETURN TO WORK.

A/PROF JOHN GREENWOOD AM  
(ROYAL ADELAIDE BURNS UNIT DIRECTOR)

# COOL

THE BURN UNDER COOL WATER FOR 20 MINUTES THIS WILL STOP THE BURNING PROCESS

# REMOVE CLOTHING OR JEWELLERY

FROM THE AFFECTED AREA TO ALLOW EFFECTIVE COOLING

# COVER

THE BURN LOOSELY WITH CLEAN PLASTIC WRAP

# SEEK

MEDICAL ADVICE OR CALL 000

BurnsTrust WorkCoverSA Better together

Posters provided to businesses as part of the Julian Burton Burns Trust educational package

## What's New with EHOs



### *EHO Babies*

#### Elle Clarke's baby info

Name: Charlie Cooper Clarke  
Sex: Male  
DOB: 4 May 2011  
Weight: 6 Pound 13 ounces

#### Deb Hemmes' baby info

Name: Ariana Rose Hemmes  
Sex: Female  
DOB: 15 June 2011  
Weight: 7 Pound 7 ounces



#### Laura Both's baby info

Name: Aiden Aleksander Both  
Sex: Male  
DOB: 16 June 2011  
Weight: 6lb 10oz

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We hope you have enjoyed the June 2010 edition of EhNews

#### Membership renewal

Your contribution to Environmental Health Australia is highly valued.

As a professional association we are able to pool experience and opinion to enhance our skills, provide a point of contact to SA Health, LGA and others and effectively lobby for and manage change that affects us.

At a very practical level, EHA (South Australia) Incorporated organises training and development opportunities each year including our State conference, workshops and SIGs and has invested extensively in the development of the Knowledge base for Environmental Health Practitioners.

However, we are a small organisation run almost exclusively by volunteers willing to invest time and expertise for the benefit of all. To be sustainable we must maintain our network of assistance and support, continue to respond as a profession and renew our membership each year.

Please respond promptly to your membership renewal notice and encourage your colleagues to become members too - imagine working as an EHO without us! New membership enquiries should be directed to Mina Labaz, Tel/Fax 08 8271 9885, Email [mina.labaz@eh.org.au](mailto:mina.labaz@eh.org.au)

Thank you

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