

News Release **Minister Geoff Brock**

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Fund My Idea Riverland entries close this week

People or groups with a great idea to support the Riverland community have just 5 days to go until entries close for the initial Fund My Idea Program.

Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock, said the first round of Fund My Idea had already attracted more than 20 project proposals from across the region.

“\$150,000 a year is available through Fund My Idea, which is part of the \$15 million I negotiated for the upgraded Regional Development Fund as part of my agreement with the Premier,” Mr Brock said.

“The Fund My Idea program will allocate \$50,000 a year to each region selected to host a Country Cabinet meeting, with the first one held in the Riverland last month.

“Three Country Cabinet meetings will be held in the regions each year over the next four years and this program gives regional South Australians a chance to turn their great ideas into reality,” Mr Brock said.

“What’s more, the projects will be voted on by their local community — projects thought up by them for the benefit of their community and selected by their community.

“Whether it’s an initiative to support new or ongoing employment or contribute to the wellbeing of a region, the focus should be on meeting that community’s economic and social needs.

“Absolutely anyone in the Riverland can submit an idea.

“This includes individuals, businesses and schools, incorporated associations, local governing authorities and the local Regional Development Australia Board,” Mr Brock said.

Project proposals can be submitted via the YourSay website allowing the public to vote on their favourite idea.

The three projects receiving the most votes will then be assessed before the winning project is selected to receive funding.

Entries close at 5pm on Friday 18 July.

For more information visit yoursay.sa.gov.au/fundmyidea/riverland