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## **Chair and Deputy Chair of Mid North Regional Development Board in important Drought Roles**

Kay Matthias, Deputy Chair of the Mid North Regional Development Board, in her role as General Manager of Rural Financial Counselling is a member of the South Australian Drought Response Team and provides an important link for the Board in keeping abreast of the current situation in relation to the drought.

Ms Matthias reports regularly to Board CEO Colin Rawnsley so that he is able to respond accordingly and to provide relevant information via the Board's website and other publications

Board Chairman Jeff Burgess said that it is important for the Board to be kept abreast of current drought issues, so that it is in a position to respond if required.

"There are a number of ways that the Board may be able to assist rural communities during this drought. We may be able to play a role in assisting local farming communities in applying for Exceptional Circumstances support, or just be a conduit for information about relief available to those affected by the drought.

"It is very useful having Kay's input, which further demonstrates the expertise that individual members contribute to the Board," he said.

Chair Jeff Burgess also confirmed that he has been invited to be a member of the "Premier's Industry Leaders Forum on Drought" recently announced by Hon Rory McEwen MP.

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