

# [***Competition offers free soil health assessment***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:69T4-6RJ1-F0J6-J1RY-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Landholders in the Murraylands and Riverland regions could gain some free insight into their ***soils***.

Launching on World ***Soil*** Day - December 5 - the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board is holding a competition, offering three ***soil*** assessments, valued at $5000 each.

Land and water management team leader Michael Cutting encouraged farmers, graziers and irrigators in the region to enter the competition.

"In a region as rich and productive as the Murraylands and Riverland, protecting and enhancing ***soils*** is essential to ensure that we continue to produce high quality food," he said.

Mr Cutting said the three prize winners would have the opportunity to explore the ***health*** of their ***soils*** through comprehensive ***soil*** testing, support and advisory services, offered by the ***soil*** extension officer.

"***Soil*** tests will be taken from four sites across the property of each winner in order to provide an accurate understanding of ***soil health*** indicators," he said.

"Laboratory testing will involve ***soil*** biology and nutrient profiles, which will provide the winners with an accurate picture of the condition of their ***soils***."

Entries are open until January 31, with the winners to be picked at random and notified by mid February.

The competition is open to all land managers in the Murraylands and Riverland region operating more than 60 hectares, or irrigated operations of more than 8ha.

Details: Full terms and conditions are available at landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/murraylands-and-riverlandlandscape-board-world-***soils***-day-competition. To enter, head to landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/WSDcomp

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