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## Karen rewarded for on-farm WHS focus

Grain Producers SA is congratulating Karen Baines, Ungarra, on winning one of two \$10,000 Augusta Zadow Awards through SafeWork SA last Friday.

The award funds projects that will improve the work health and safety of working women. Karen's application included establishing a local network of farm women on Eyre Peninsula to undertake a farm safety pilot program aimed at delivering farm safety improvements, titled '*Safety groups for farm women*'.

Karen will establish two groups of about 6-8 farm women to work as a supportive group for 12 months – on Upper and Lower EP.

"The project will implement the beginnings of a farm safety system on each participant's farms," Karen said. "The support of the group will help everyone keep to a pre-established agenda and will also navigate around the busy times for EP farmers.

"We are implementing safety for a farm, not mining, so everything we do must be what is termed 'reasonably practicable' for that specific business. Farm safety plans need to be effective and sufficient, but also need to be in proportion to the risk posed and with consideration given to financial cost."

"Participants will complete the 12-month pilot program, addressing farm safety processes and developing an action plan of further activities to continue with after the program is complete."

GPSA CEO Darren Arney said Karen's application was one of 22 received in a very competitive field for the SafeWork SA award.

"Karen is a worthy recipient of this award," he said. "The work she does in her community around work health and safety and trying to make businesses operate more sustainably and viably, such as through transport and storage and handling, is to be commended."

- **Details:** Participation in the project is free but places are limited. Contact Karen Baines for more information on 0421 677 860.

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**Caption:** Ungarra farmer Karen Baines pictured with SafeWork SA's Vanessa Brown, Jelena Evans and Diana Babich at EP Field Days earlier this month.

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