



**MEDIA RELEASE – 20 JANUARY 2010**

**EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES APPLICATION CENTRES TO BE HELD IN THE MALLEE**

RFCSSA (Rural Financial Counselling Service SA Inc) is to partner with PIRSA (Primary Industries and Resources SA) to host IRS (Interest Rate Subsidy) Information Sessions during January..

General Manager, Kay Matthias said that the sessions will be held to assist clients with their application for interest rate subsidy.

'This is an opportunity for people to ask any questions that they may have, as well as obtaining the right information about interest rate subsidy, get the necessary forms to complete the applications, and if required, assistance from a rural financial counsellor'.

'In addition to a rural financial counsellor, a PIRSA assessor will also attend some sessions.'

'No appointments are required. We are encouraging farmers and farm dependent small businesses to just drop in,' Ms Matthias said.

RFCSSA is encouraging people to attend the information sessions to make an early start on IRS applications to avoid the deadline of 31 March.

The sessions will be held as follows.

**Friday 22 January**

**Murray Bridge**, Murraylands Drought & Rural Support Centre, 4 Clara Street, 10am – 3.30pm

**Wednesday 27 January**

**Lameroo**, CWA Hall, Railway Tce, 10am – 3.30pm

**Friday 29 January**

**Meningie**, Council Office Meeting Rooms, 10am – 3.30pm

Clients unable to attend the information sessions who want to make an appointment to see a rural financial counsellor can phone the freecall hotline number of 1800 836 211.

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