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From the President

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Navigating Change Together - As we move into the new financial year, it's clear that the pace of change affecting our industry isn't slowing down. From workplace reforms and environmental regulation to taxation changes and new supply chain rules, dairy farmers are once again being asked to adapt to an evolving business environment.

Many of these changes come with good intentions, but they also bring additional administration, compliance requirements and uncertainty for farm businesses already managing seasonal conditions, workforce challenges and rising costs. One of the most significant changes from 1 July is the introduction of **Payday Super**, requiring employers to pay superannuation alongside wages rather than quarterly. While this aims to improve outcomes for employees, it will require many businesses to review their payroll systems and carefully manage cashflow.

Environmental reforms continue to evolve, with the commencement of Australia's new **National Environmental Protection Agency** and additional legislation that may affect land management decisions. At the same time, there is some welcome news, with the **Instant Asset Write-off** now made permanent and the return of loss carry-back provisions, providing greater certainty for farmers looking to invest in their businesses.

There have also been changes to the **Food and Grocery Code of Conduct**, strengthening protections for suppliers, while new **telecommunications** rules should provide clearer information about mobile coverage across regional Australia.

For many dairy businesses, understanding what these changes mean—and which ones apply to your operation—can be difficult. That's where SADA continues to play an important role. Our team is working hard to stay across these developments, advocate on behalf of South Australian dairy farmers, and provide practical advice and support to members. Whether you have questions about workplace obligations, industrial relations, environmental requirements or broader business issues, please don't hesitate to contact us. Advocacy isn't just about representing farmers in Canberra or Adelaide—it's also about making sure you have the information and confidence to make decisions for your business.

As we celebrate 90 years of SADA this year, that commitment remains unchanged. **We are here to support**, represent and work alongside South Australian dairy farmers through every challenge and every opportunity. Thank you for your continued support of SADA, and I encourage you to reach out to the team whenever you need assistance. Together, we'll continue building a strong and resilient dairy industry for South Australia.

We'll be in touch . . .

Over the next couple of weeks, the SADA team will be giving members a call to **check that your membership details are up to date**. If you have **changed milk processors, changed your business details, or had any other significant changes over the past 12 months**, please let us know when we call. We will also check your PIC number(s) and Dairy License as these allow us to respond more quickly in emergency events. Keeping your details current allows us to provide you with the best possible service.

Your SADA membership

Your membership helps SADA continue delivering strong advocacy for South Australian dairy farmers, while expanding the practical support and services available to members.

SADA members have access to individual support on issues including **environmental and animal welfare compliance, neighbour disputes and workplace matters**, as well as our member concierge service. Through our partnership with **Workplace Horizons**, members can also access trusted workplace relations advice and expert support on employment matters, workplace legislation, contracts, policies and compliance. Your membership also supports SADA's work delivering projects that help improve the **productivity, sustainability and resilience** of South Australian dairy businesses. Thank you for your continued membership and support. Together, SADA members provide the united voice of South Australia's dairy industry, ensuring farmers' interests are represented with government and industry while delivering practical programs and services across the state.

If you have any questions about the revised fees, your levy arrangements or your membership details, please contact the SADA office – we're always happy to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**NEW IN THE
LIMESTONE COAST!**

Farm Smarter: Preparing Your Dairy Business for a Changing Climate



4 Workshops over 12 Months

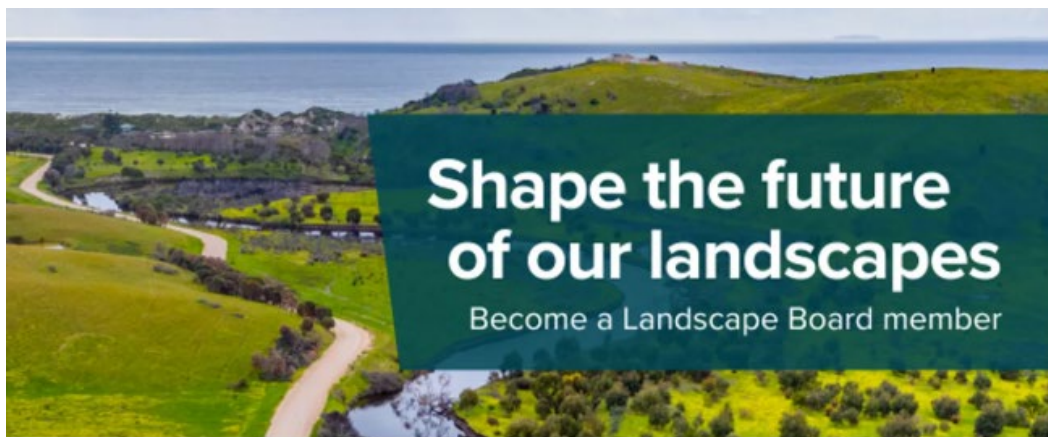
Dates and topics will be
released shortly.



Visit the SADA website to find out more!



This Farm smarter: Preparing your dairy business for a changing climate project is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered for the Limestone Coast Landscape Board, a member of the Commonwealth Regional Delivery Partners panel by South Australian Dairy Farmers Association.



Landscape Board Nominations Now Open

Do you have a passion for sustainable agriculture and natural resource management? Nominations are now open for appointments to South Australia's Landscape Boards. Landscape Boards play an important role in guiding regional priorities for land, water, biodiversity and pest management, and primary producers are encouraged to consider applying to ensure agriculture has a strong voice at the table.

If you're interested in making a contribution to your region, more information and the online application form are available at: [Landscape Board Nominations](#).

PPSA is available to assist prospective applicants with the nomination process.

If you would like support or to discuss the opportunity, contact Fiona and the PPSA team at admin@ppsa.org.au. Applications close Sunday, 16 August 2026.



DataGene Board Directors

Applications Open



Help shape the future of Australian dairy herd improvement. DataGene is seeking experienced leaders to join the Board as Non-Executive Directors.
3 positions: Applied Research, Development & Implementation Milk Producer Genetic Supply Chain. Applications close: Friday 7 August 2026. [Apply here](#)



Virtual Fencing Approved for Use in South Australia

South Australian dairy farmers now have access to virtual fencing technology, with the [Halter P5 system](#) becoming the first virtual fencing system approved for sale and lease in the state. Following changes to South Australia's animal welfare regulations last year, approved virtual fencing systems can now be used for cattle, offering producers new opportunities to improve grazing management, reduce fencing costs and protect environmentally sensitive areas. The technology uses GPS-enabled collars to guide cattle using audio cues and a low-level electrical stimulus. The approval marks an important milestone for the dairy industry, with virtual fencing expected to provide greater flexibility in pasture management and real-time livestock monitoring. We would like to acknowledge the diligent work of a number of officers in the Department for Environment and Water in enabling this technology to become available.

Interested in learning more? SADA is following developments closely and can provide information on the technology, regulatory requirements and what it could mean for your farming business.

[Get in touch with the SADA team to find out more.](#)



SADA is aware of the current shortage of dry cow and lactating cow antibiotics affecting dairy farmers across Australia.

Global supply constraints for key ingredients, together with ongoing freight and transport disruptions, have resulted in limited availability of cloxacillin-based dry cow antibiotics. Local veterinarians are advising that some products may remain unavailable until mid-July or even August. We understand this presents significant challenges, particularly for farms drying off cows over the coming weeks.

SADA has been in regular contact with veterinary clinics across South Australia to monitor the situation and understand local supply levels. While veterinarians are working hard to distribute available stock as fairly as possible and identify suitable alternatives where possible, supplies remain extremely limited.

If you're experiencing difficulties sourcing dry cow antibiotics or are unsure about your options, **please don't struggle on your own**. Reach out to your local veterinarian as early as possible to discuss alternative mastitis management strategies, including the use of internal teat sealants where appropriate.

If you're unable to access the support or products you need, **please contact SADA**. We are maintaining close communication with veterinary practices and industry stakeholders and will do our best to assist you in finding the appropriate support. We will continue to keep members informed as more information becomes available and will advocate on behalf of South Australian dairy farmers throughout this supply disruption.

If you have any concerns or require assistance, please contact the SADA office on **(08) 8293 2399** or email sada@sada.asn.au.

PPSA NRM Update

PPSA continues to represent industry interests across a range of important policy and environmental matters.

- PPSA is engaging with the **Limestone Coast Landscape Board** on the ongoing review of the Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan (WAP), ensuring primary producer concerns are considered throughout the review process.
 - PPSA is reviewing the Australian Government's proposal to list the **Sandhill Pine Woodlands** ecological community as threatened under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act. The proposed listing extends into South Australia, and PPSA is seeking feedback from members on any potential impacts to agricultural land management, regulatory requirements or future development approvals.
 - In addition, PPSA is contributing to the update of **South Australia's Carbon Farming Roadmap 2022–26**, with PIRSA currently seeking stakeholder feedback. PPSA has helped develop the discussion paper and will prepare a submission based on its adopted Carbon Farming Policy.
 - PPSA has also been working with the **Hills and Fleurieu Landscape Board** on climate resilience initiatives, including workshops focused on low-emissions landscapes, future program design and industry partnerships. These discussions will help shape practical, farmer-focused approaches to climate adaptation across the region.
 - SADA and other Members also recently participated in a PPSA-coordinated briefing on the Australian Government's proposed Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation - **EPBC Act reforms**, with information from the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water now available for further review.
- If you would like to provide input on any of these consultations or discuss how they may affect your business, please contact the SADA office.

ADF has highlighted two important issues reinforcing the need for government policy to protect Australia's dairy industry and food production capacity.



The Department of Home Affairs has released two new guides to assist employers in preparing **decision-ready** employer sponsored visa applications.

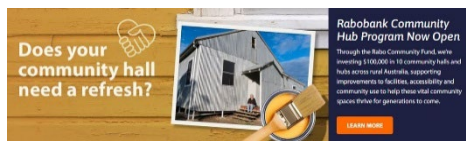
The guides provide practical information on the documentation and evidence required to help reduce processing delays and improve the quality of applications submitted under employer sponsored visa pathways.

The two resources are:
[Guide to Submitting a Decision-Ready Employer Sponsored Visa Application](#)

[Guide to Submitting a Decision-Ready Employer Sponsored Nomination Application](#)

These guides may be particularly useful for dairy farmers looking to sponsor skilled overseas workers, helping ensure applications are complete and meet the Department's requirements from the outset.

SADA encourages members considering employer sponsored visas to review these resources and to talk to us before lodging an application to help achieve the best possible outcome.



Funding available for rural community halls

Rural community organisations across Australia can apply for **\$10,000 grants** to improve their local hall or community hub through Rabobank's Rural Community Hub Program.

A total of **\$100,000 is available**, with 10 successful applicants to receive funding for improvements to the interior or exterior of their facility. Halls and hubs must be located in rural Australia and be accessible to the local community.

Funding could support upgrades that improve the facility's use and accessibility, helping local communities create stronger, more connected and resilient spaces.

Applications open: Monday 27 July 2026

Applications close: Sunday 30 August 2026

Successful applicants announced: Early October 2026

[Find out more and apply through Rabobank](#)



🎉 Congratulations to ifarmwell!

SADA congratulates the ifarmwell team on securing new Future Drought Fund funding to take the popular **Kick off ya Boots** film screenings national! The two-year project will bring the farmer-written musical to **30 regional communities across SA, WA, NSW, Victoria and Tasmania**, helping strengthen mental wellbeing, relationships and resilience in farming communities.

It's fantastic to see a successful, farmer-focused initiative reaching even more regional communities. Well done, ifarmwell! 🙌

