

Members Newsletter



From the President

Robert Brokenshire



The SADA Board are calling for dairy farmers to help shape the future of dairying in SA by nominating to fill a vacant position. The Board, which meets quarterly, is comprised of 6 representatives, ideally someone from the River and Lakes region. The Board oversee existing and potential risks, together with industry compliance across all areas of the business. SADA is committed to a long, prosperous future and we plan to continue to grow and develop our services to meet members needs in the future. **Completed nominations are due 5pm Friday 20 October.**

We understand there are a lot of surveys circulated around at the moment. So we've made it easy and loaded them all in one spot on our [Web-site for you](#).

But first, lets turn your attention to the **Dairy ManaJD program**, a voluntary herd testing program in which more than 90% of SA dairy herds participated, with over 70% of SA Dairy

ManaJD herds were tested negative, based on whole herd individual blood tests and maintenance tests every 2 years. Under the J-DAS program, these herds have a Dairy Assurance Score of 7 or 8. SADA is working with PIRSA, the Cattle Industry Fund and the dairy industry to support the continued delivery of the Dairy ManaJD program and the enhancement of Dairy Farm Biosecurity practices. If we could take a couple minutes of your time, to fill out this quick [4 question survey](#), so SADA can access all the relevant information to continue the great work SA has done to ensure our great BJD free status remains.

The team with Rick Gladigau from ADF, cooked up the Annual Bbq at the Show for the Junior Handlers competition participants. This is a long standing agreement between SADA and the Royal Agriculture Show. A great community partnership also showcasing dairy to the state with the Exhibition Dairy.

We understand there is a lot of 'hoohaa' around the MDB Plan. Having reviewed much of the official information and commentary, SADA's understanding is that the changes will have limited impact on South Australian dairy farms although an increased use of water buybacks could impact the temporary and permanent water markets.

The changes do provide an opportunity for us to engage with both the SA and federal governments, to discuss possible solutions and innovative ways to achieve the goals of the plan.

One option that has been suggested is the re establishment of the [3IP program](#), we would welcome your [thoughts / comments](#) on this and any other solutions.

If you're interested in more details regarding the changes, the federal department is hosting a webinar – [Register here](#)

South Australia is having the biggest community conversation ever seen in Australia on Climate Change - and it's time to get involved!



Every person on earth – every country, every territory needs to respond. To assist national and international efforts to address climate change the South Australian Government has committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions which are drivers of climate change. The aim is to reduce South Australia's net emissions to at least 50% by 2030 and to net zero by 2050. Getting there will require collaboration and innovation – which will have the added benefit of creating economic opportunities for our state. [More details here](#)

KICK-START YOUR FARMING FUTURE



If you're 17-25, this unique gap-year program provides you with a paid job, training and development, not to mention the opportunity to build your networks within the agriculture industry. Applicants can indicate which farm type they'd prefer from a wide variety, and also where in Australia they would ideally like to go. A matching process is undertaken to ensure participants are assigned to the type of farms that match their interests and skills.

JOIN THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT CAREER

- Full-time paid farm job with a passionate host farmer
- A \$4,500 Training and Engagement Bursary to upskill yourself
- Funding to travel for industry events
- A dedicated support team
- A network of peers across the country

Kick Start your Farming Future



AgriFutures Australia invites you to register for an upcoming **Rural Women's Award & Rural Women's Acceleration Grant Q&A session**.

These sessions are intended to provide clarity around the differences between the [Rural Women's Award](#) and the [Rural Women's Acceleration Grant](#), the respective eligibility criteria, in addition to providing the answers to any questions you may have about either program.

Female leaders who want to create impact, innovate and make a difference to rural and regional Australia are encouraged to come along.

Know someone with the perfect project, program or business for the Rural Women's Award or Acceleration Grant?

We also strongly encourage previous applicants for both programs to join a Q&A session and reapply for 2024!

Applications for both of these opportunities open on Wednesday, 13 September 2023.



Dairy processors to benefit from training grant

Streamlined safety training will be the result of a \$150,000 state government grant for dairy processors, with hopes this is a sign of things to come for the sector.

DairySafe will use the funding to development five new online training modules to improve safety processes within the state's cheese, milk and other dairy processors and [help upskill those working in the sector](#).

DairySafe chief executive officer Geoff Raven said a research project completed in recent years had shown there was a gap within the industry for this type of training, with it falling back onto individual businesses to do in-house training.

"In the meat industry there are more than 20 certificate and training courses but in the dairy industry, we've got nothing," he said. He said there had been some movement at the national level and would be more to come but these modules would form an interim solution.

Mr Raven said it was also timely with indications that in the next three to four years there would likely be a number of long-

established workers retiring, with these needing to be replaced. The online training modules will form a series of webinar courses focused on process control, good manufacturing practice and hygiene assurance.

Improved training opportunities had been highlighted as an important opportunity for the sector [in the SA dairy industry action five-year plan to 2024 and its industry summits](#).

Primary Industries and Regional Development Minister Clare Scriven said there were signs the dairy processing industry would be expanding rapidly, both within SA and nationally, and they would need more skilled workers.

"The sector expects to recruit over 13,000 people (nationally) over the next five years, with most jobs located in the regions," she said "This funding investment helps create greater opportunities for one or our state's largest sectors and ensures dairy's food safety standards remains best practice."

Ms Scriven said without the added pressure of in-house training, it would allow the state's dairy businesses to focus their attention on other parts of the operations, including potential growth.

Dairy is Australia's third-largest agricultural industry, with SA producing nearly 6 per cent of Australia's total production and generating revenue of \$690 million in 2021-22. In 2021-22, South Australian dairyfarmers produced 490 million litres of milk for a total production value of \$263 million.

The new online training is expected to be available from June 30, 2024 and will ensure the industry has up-to-date safety and training standards.

South Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan

Farm powered: a survey about renewables on farm



Renewable energy and storage is a big issue for farmers in Australia right now, both on-farm and beyond the farm gate. We're keen to better understand how farmers see renewable energy working for your business and your community, and how on-farm electrification can best benefit farmers and the energy system. Your participation in our survey will directly inform the policies and solutions that Farmers for Climate Action will push for with governments, planning authorities and energy companies. We want to make sure farmer voices are front and centre in these conversations. <https://farmersforclimateaction.org.au/>

Have your say on the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan Discussion Paper

The State Planning Commission (the Commission) have released a Discussion Paper for the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan and want to hear from community, councils and industry on how we prepare for future growth.

The Discussion Paper is an evidence-based document with a strong focus on what the Greater Adelaide Region may look like in 30 years time.

It presents key considerations and trends that we need to consider in our future planning. Bold decisions are required to strengthen the sustainability, liveability and prosperity of the Region.

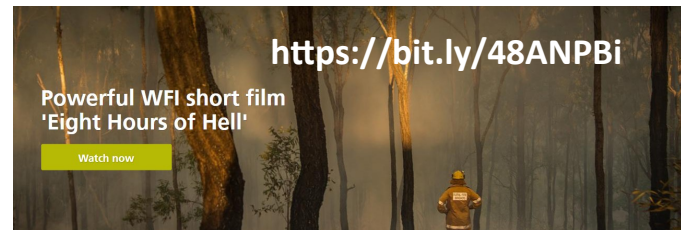
There is an opportunity to provide early input into the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan and help determine:

- what Greater Adelaide might look like in 30 years
- the needs and wants of current and future communities
- where and how we should grow.

The Regional Plan will shape the Greater Adelaide region for the next 30 years and determine where houses and jobs go and how people will live as our population grows.

Engagement is open to everyone. Your ideas and feedback will give us invaluable insights as to how you want to live and what you hope for the future.

This input will help us draft the Greater Adelaide Regional Plan which will replace the [30-Year Plan for Greater Adelaide](#)



WFI SADA Partnership

If you take out a policy with WFI, SADA receives a commission from WFI of 7.5% of the policy premium. Make sure when your next speaking with WFI that you mention your a SADA Member to get the discounts.

Prepare an animal emergency plan

When preparing an animal emergency plan, it is important to understand that different types of emergencies may require different plans.

Planning for a fire can require different factors than for storms or floods.

Assess the level of risk likely for different emergencies in the area where your animals live, taking into account these key considerations:

- Will your animals be safer left where they are or will you need to move them to a safer place if time allows?

- Think about what will trigger you to enact your plan. Will it be a forecast of extreme weather, an emergency warning or something else?
- What items will you need to support your animal? Think about what you would put in an emergency kit
- If the power fails, do you need to provide a back-up generator for watering, feeding, milking or ventilation of livestock?

What are the temporary accommodation or agistment options for your animals should your property be damaged or destroyed?

Once you have set out your animal emergency plan, as part of your own personal emergency plan to keep yourself safe, it's a good idea to follow these steps:

- Practice your animal emergency plan as part of your personal emergency survival plan
- Discuss your plan with neighbours, friends and family
- Insure your animals and keep documentation in multiple locations so you can access it
- Ensure all animals can be readily identified in case you are separated

Put together an animal emergency kit that can be easily relocated with your animal if necessary



Around the grounds

- Andrew participated in the AUSVETPLAN Exercise Milky Way Review Sessions.
- Elf travelled to the South East and met with several farmers in the region including hosting a **Schnitzel with SADA** evening in Mount Gambier.
- Andrew and Elf travelled to Myponga to assist the **Fleurieu Milk Company** with a project on site and to be present at a meeting with the SA Education Minister, Blair Boyer, to help advance some of the work that Fleurieu is doing with to improve training outcomes in the dairy industry in SA.
- Alison join with Alberta from Dairy SA in attending the Murraylands **Jobs and Skills Showcase** and the Urrbrae Agricultural High School / Food and Fibre Edu-

cation SA Careers Expo.

- Andrew attended the RMC Show Breakfast at the **Royal Adelaide Show**. Cathy McGowan was the guest speaker. Andrew took the opportunity to highlight the dairy industry's activity in the climate change abatement challenge.
- Elf met with **Say Cheese** to advance the roll out of SADA Fresh cheeses in Foodland. This project is now proceeding and supply chains are now being worked out.
- Andrew and Robert attended the PPSA **PIRSA Quarterly Meeting**, with an update from the CFS on the upcoming **Bushfire season**. Agenda items included: Digital connectivity strategy, Careers in Ag, Biosecurity Bill, Vet Services Bill, Grain Harvest Code, Carbon Farming Roadmap, State Emission Roadmap and Varroa update.
- Andrew assisted PPSA with the 'Broader Economic Contribution Project' with Domestique Consulting.
- Andrew and Alison had some robust discussion with the SDFO EO Group. Hot topic being VFF/UDV/VDA and ADF review.

- Andrew and Elf met with the new South Australian representative of **Lactalis**, Chris Nel. The meeting was both productive as it was cordial. SADA and Lactalis will continue to meet regularly to continue developing relationships between farmers and processors in accordance with the expectations of the South Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan 2019-2024.
- Elf helped a farmer with a contractual dispute arising from the supply of equipment. This matter will be on going and SADA will continue to work with the farmer to generate a positive outcome.
- Elf spent a substantial part of the week completing the second part of the assessment for the **Effluent Management Design Course**. Elf assisted a farmer and spoke with the EPA about effluent related issues on farm. (It is important to note that Elf is not yet qualified to generate plans and is still some weeks away from competing the Diploma Level course). Nevertheless, as a farmer organisation we will help farmers where we can.

AUSTRALIAN DAIRY SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

Australian dairy is serious about being sustainable. Learn about our internationally recognised Sustainability Framework and our commitments to our people, animals, the community and planet.



Safety of calves, cows, handlers at forefront of disbudding.

A goal of the Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework (ADSF) is for all calves to be disbudded at less than two months of age with pain relief, rather than dehorned, in line with recommended industry practices for animal care.

The practice is growing in Australia, with 81% of dairy farmers self-reporting the practice in Dairy Australia's **2022 Animal Husbandry and Genetics Survey**, up from 75% in 2019. Of those disbudding at less than two months, 89% of farmers provided pain relief.

At Longwarry, Victoria, Dale and Kahlie Weller have swapped from dehorning to disbudding calves and have noticed the benefits.

[Read more in Farm Weekly.](#)



The membership for this year, 1942/43, has considerably increased, particularly the financial members. 1565 members of whom 1407 are financial for the year 1942/43.

The membership will be increased during the coming year as the Myponga Co-op Society have arranged to join as a District, and new branches at Finnis, Upper Torrens Valley, Eden Valley, Milang and Belvidere and Mt Barker has been revived.

As the Association was dissatisfied with the price of milk, both the City milk price and the surplus price, the agreement was determined by two months notice as at 16th May 1943. Since then, a new agreement has been drawn up and have inserted a clause that will enable, to alter prices in the future without determining the agreement. Unfortunately, the Wholesalers are not unanimous on the new agreement, and at present there is a move by several Wholesalers to break away from the present equalization plan and setup one of their own. It will be most unfortunate for the dairymen if two equalization plans are in operation under separate groups, with different quotas and different plans. Furthermore, the Commonwealth subsidy is now paid out on an equalized price to all dairymen operating under the plan, notwithstanding that they may not be supplying to a Manufacturer. In addition to this it is not possible to run two equalisation plans without extra cost to the dairymen. It is sincerely hoped that the Conference which will be held in the near future on the matter may straighten out the difficulties of the breakaway party and all will subscribe to the one plan.