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Members Newsletter



SA Dairy Awards

SADA is pleased to announce that it will again be the Premier Partner of the South Australian Dairy Awards for 2023.

The South Australian Dairy Awards provides an opportunity to celebrate the effort and contribution of dairy farmers and processors in SA who showcase their products in our markets, supermarket delis, cafés and restaurants. The Dairy Awards has been a premier event on the dairy industry calendar for more than 15 years.

This year SADA has joined forces with Foodland to bring you the **Foodland Dairy Sustainability Award** to deliver on the Australian Dairy Industry's promise to provide nutritious food for a healthier world. This will build on our 3 annual awards; Best Innovative Farmer of the Year Award 2023, Best Relationship with a Processor Award 2023, Young Farmer of the Year Award 2023.

The Australian dairy industry has a proud history of producing sustainable dairy products. On our farms and in our factories, we undertake programs that contribute to enhancing livelihoods, improving the wellbeing of people and animals,

and reducing our environmental impact, for today and for future generations.

To capture, direct and measure these efforts, and drive change where necessary, we have taken a **whole-of-industry approach to sustainability**. Following extensive consultation with the dairy industry and our stakeholders, we developed the Foodland Dairy Sustainability Award.

Keep an eye out next issue to register your nominations for the 2023 SA Dairy Awards.

SAVE THE DATE
2023 DIAA SA Dairy Awards
Gala Night Friday 4 August
National Wine Centre Of Australia

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Sustainable Seven

Introducing the Foodland Dairy Sustainability Award

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Minister Murray Watt addresses NFF Members Council

G'day everyone, its lovely to see so many from the agriculture industry here today.

An Industry that feeds Australia and the world, that generates billions of dollars of wealth for our country, that employs thousands from our cities to our most remote regions an that is central to our national identity.

[Click here for full speech](#)

All dairy farmers should have a biosecurity plan

To help protect their own farm and the broader dairy industry from the spread of pests and diseases on and between farms. Dairy Australia supports farmers to build their skills to create and manage biosecurity risks on their farm.

As signees to the [Commonwealth Emergency Animal Disease Response Agreement](#) (EADRA), dairy farmers are required to plan and implement actions to reduce the risk of pest and diseases spreading from farm to farm.

It is the responsibility of every dairy farmer to have an active biosecurity plan and communicate any requirements for staff and visitors.

Dairy biosecurity tool

Dairy Australia and Agriculture Victoria have worked together to develop a biosecurity tool which assists dairy farmers to create a biosecurity plan tailored to their farm. This tool has been based on Dairy Australia's Healthy Farms Biosecurity Framework.

Farmers can [access the biosecurity tool](#) to manage their farm and herd's risks to 14 separate diseases such as salmonella and Bovine Virus Diarrhoea. Farmers with an existing DairyBase account can use their existing login details.

BIOCHECK®

[BIOCHECK®](#) is a biosecurity planning program developed by Australian Cattle Veterinarians. This program allows for the building of a biosecurity plan with veterinary oversight.

Animal Health Australia

Animal Health Australia (AHA) and Farm Biosecurity provide resources covering the basics of on-farm biosecurity. Farmers can find out more on the [Animal Health Australia website](#).

Farmers can also purchase a biosecurity gate sign, or download the template for free from the [Farm Biosecurity website](#).

One Biosecurity (South Australia)

South Australian farmers can access the [One Biosecurity](#) tool through Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA). This tool builds and stores biosecurity information, which can then be shared when required.



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May 1943

A lengthy and public dispute took place over the General Secretary holding another position which was contrary to the interest of dairymen. The General

Secretary explained that he is General Secretary of the SA Dairymen's Association and of the Metropolitan Milk Marketing Committee. This committee consists of four members, two of whom are dairymen's representatives. The committee was set up as the result of negotiations with the Wholesale Milk buyers to stabilise the Adelaide milk price a little over two years ago. The General Secretary then stated that he is Hon. Secretary of the advisory Committee on the collection of cream. Both Committees have two representatives from the SA Dairymen's Association.

He then pointed out that there is a district **shortage of milk** in the metropolitan area at the present moment with the great influx of troops and evacuees. In consequence of this, sales of city milk, have gone up tremendously. His firm started supplying the military with 250 gallons of milk daily, which has now increased to 2,400 gallons daily. He rang Kerton Co-op factory regarding surplus, and their reply was that all their milk was being sold and not one gallon being processed into cheese. The same applies to other country factories, except Jervois and this factory is prepared to assist in the Metropolitan area.

Vendors may have had a gift from the Wholesalers, but at a cost to the Dairymen!!

INDUSTRY WEBINAR ON FMD AND LSD

The latest on disease incursion risk + Q&A



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THURSDAY 4 MAY
6PM - 7PM (AEST)

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ENHANCING A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY



Message from ADF President



Rick Gladigau | President,
Australian Dairy Farmers

Your small, hard-working policy and advocacy team at ADF has been busy representing your interests at home and abroad.

Highlights include [my trip to France](#) as a delegate on a National Farmers' Federation (NFF) organised visit; organising and bringing together dairy farmers from across Australia to participate in ADF's Policy Advisory Group (PAG) meetings in conjunction with the [Dairy Australia-ADF Annual Operating Plan consultation](#); and speaking at the ['Celebration of Dairy' event](#) hosted by the Parliamentary Friends of Primary Producers group at Parliament House in Canberra.

It has been great to connect with fellow farmers, processors and industry bodies, overseas and across Australia, and I look forward to sharing my observations from these activities in the next edition (May-June 2023) of [The Australian Dairyfarmer Magazine](#) (ADFM). Keep an eye out for it in early May.

Many of you may have heard that the [Victorian Farmers Federation \(VFF\) has advised it will not be paying its annual subscription fees to ADF at the same level and is seeking to reduce the total amount it pays](#). As a peak body representing dairy farmers across all Australian states, we are working to resolve this matter with the VFF and to ensure Victorian dairy farmers are well represented at a national level.

On the policy and advocacy front, ADF continues to [raise awareness of the adverse implications for our dairy industry if geographic indicators \(GIs\) are accepted in Australia](#). We support free and fair trade, and we look forward to continuing to work with government on the Australia-European Union free trade agreement (EU FTA), to achieve a win-win outcome in the best interests of the Australian dairy sector.

As always, I am happy to hear of other opportunities for engaging with ADF members across Australia. If you have any feedback for the newsletter, please email Jenny Tran at media@australiandairyfarmers.com.au.



PPSA NEWS

The Department for Education has invested in a team of Industry Engagement Consultants to support industry and employers across South Australia. Each Industry Engagement Consultant has a portfolio for which they are responsible. Portfolios are aligned to the ISC portfolios.

The role of an Industry Engagement Consultant is to work with industry to create partnerships with secondary schools, raising the profile of vocational education and training and developing pathways into South Australia's industries.

The purpose of these partnerships is to develop opportunities for students to be exposed to the breadth and depth of an industry and help students identify the different types of roles and exciting career opportunities available to them, supporting informed decision making.

Providing students with first-hand exposure to an industry, employers and their workplaces forms part of a school's career education program. This is also a way for industry to promote the benefits of their sector to students, engage them in school-based apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities, and build quality relationships with schools and their students to encourage a viable pipeline of skilled workers.



Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

THE ROLE OF ANIMAL-SOURCED FOODS IN HEALTHY DIETS

A critical review released last month shines a spotlight on the role of animal-sourced foods in a healthy and environmentally sustainable diet. The review, published in The Journal of Nutrition, found "efforts by governments and civil society organizations to increase or decrease animal-sourced food consumption should be considered in light of the nutritional and environmental needs and risks in the local context and, importantly, integrally involve the local stakeholders impacted by any changes". [Read the full review here.](#)



Around the grounds

- Andrew met with Geoff Raven and checked out the new DairySafe office * (and coffee machine). The DairySafe meeting room will be a valuable resource for the industry for many years to come.
- Andrew, Melissa and Alison had a productive discussion around the Our Farm Our Plan program for 2023.
- Andrew and Alison attended a meeting with Telstra to talk through some connectivity options for on farm and to assist with monitoring pumps on the river.
- Alison, Robert and Louise met to develop a members survey to gain a better picture of what our members want from their State Dairy Farming Organisation.
- Andrew/Rob/Elf attended the Primary Industries and Regions Forum 2023.
- SADA met with the NSW Farmers Dairy Committee to brief that committee on the SADA Fresh arrangements in South Australia and as an added component of that conversation brief the Committee on matters relating to the operation of the South Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan 2019-2024.
- Elf attended and spoke to a member on

the River Murray about flood issues on farm as well as discussing matters pertaining to on farm development of infrastructure aimed at mitigating emissions. SADA continues to assist this farmer and other farmers on the river with issues.

- Andrew attended the first meeting of the LMRIA Recovery Subcommittee. It is important that the positive opportunities presenting themselves in the dairy industry are not hamstrung by sub optimal "recovery" discussions.
- Elf attended to the mitigation of a legal matter in which a member is engaged. That matter is expected to be resolved without advancing to any further level of concern for the farmer.
- Andrew attended the SA Climate Change Conference with Warren Jacobs, and Cathy Ashby
- Andrew/Elf met with officers of the Department of Environment and Water Resources relating to the position of South Australia on the Murray Darling Basin Plan and discussed some of the opportunities which may become available as the plan continues.
- Andrew/Elf attended an Industry Partnering meeting with the NFF Water Committee and the Irrigators' Council of NSW to discuss the Murray Darling Basin Plan and the positions which need to be taken across the basin by various interested groups.
- Elf assisted in aligning a farmer and a processor in creating a new contract for

the supply of milk. SADA will continue to assist the farmer in his contractual negotiations as required.

- Elf assisted a processor in expanding processing capacity in South Australia. This involved marrying up the processor with potential service providers to ensure the increased processing footprint of dairy products in South Australia.
- Elf visited a farm to assist with the development of an effluent management plan for the farm. SADA continues to maintain a working relationship with the EPA to ensure that the expectations of SA's environmental legislation and the operations of SA farms are reconciled with as little friction as possible.
- SDFO EO Meeting, topics discussed were: carbon farming, opening milk prices, milk production and WA submission on the Live Export trade forseeing the trickle down to cattle.
- Alison met with Stephen and Tegan at Foodland to further set the criteria for the SA Dairy Foodland Sustainability Award.
- Alison attended a full day workshop on Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) run by Livestock SA. The underlying take home was firstly to understand where Dairy sits in the Biosecurity space, how many have Action plans in place and secondly how can industry best get the message out to industry how important a strong Biosecurity plan is for their own business.



Collaboration

Waste methodology livestock methane reduction
 Awareness Emerging Industry education
 FREIGHT Green energy reduction WORKFORCE
 BLUE carbon opportunity Benchmark ESG MEASURE

Alternative energy

Jump on to our Website for the full summary from the PIRSA Forum

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Liaison Livestock Industry EAD Training - 16 May
- Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan - 24 May
- WORLD MILK DAY - 1 June**
- Dairy Innovation Day - 21 June
- SA Dairy Awards - 4 August



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