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# SADA NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021

## EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR DAIRY IN SA

Despite the ongoing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, SADA had a very productive and exciting 2021.

SADA was involved in numerous projects and committees and performed a range of advocacy throughout the year, but some highlights include:

- **The launch of SADA's traceability trial using blockchain technology.** SADA is currently completing its first trial of this technology using the Hedera Hashgraph protocol in partnership with another SA firm, Datahash. The SA Government has thrown their weight behind the project with its absolute political support, and we are now initiating conversations with the SA Government to see how that support can continue into the future.
- **A submission the SA Minister for Primary Industries on the need for an underpass subsidy scheme in South Australia.** This was a lobbying exercise over a number of years which was finally rewarded with success with the introduction of the [Livestock Underpass Subsidy Program \(LUPS\)](#).
- **A submission to the SA Minister for Primary Industries recommending that the Government support the activities in SADA for a methane capture pilot.** The pilot is based on feasibility studies which had been successfully initiated by SADA.
- **SADA made several submissions to the South Australian Productivity Commission.** Issues included stamp duty inefficiencies in South Australia and the absurd collection of forms which exist across government that farmers are required to fill out. (There are 86 online forms alone – one form to ride a quad bike from one paddock to another invites the farmer to draw maps, research engine and VIN numbers and requires research into vehicle specifications).

SADA was again front and centre in negotiations to amend South Australia's Trespass laws, with government adopting several of SADA's recommendations, two submissions were made to the SA Parliament's Economics and Finance Committee's inquiry into essential production and Dairy supply chain security in the context of emergency circumstances in South Australia.

As we move into 2022, SADA will be ramping up its efforts, but we need you.

The insights that dairy farmers and industry partners provide are the backbone of our advocacy work.

We have work to do and discussions to have regarding climate adaptation and carbon, about workforce and upskilling, about animal welfare and biosecurity, and about profitability. And we will be cracking on with our traceability trial and our workforce committee.

In the coming months we will focus on the upcoming State and Federal elections and as the handbrake of COVID lifts, we will be out and about. But don't wait for us to drive up your driveway, give us a call, [drop us an email](#) or meet us at an event. It is the issues you raise that strengthen the arguments we make. But also there are many issues that we can just assist with. Feel free to reach out because it is likely that someone else has done so before and we can assist in addressing a local issue quietly and quickly.

*Bring on 2022!*

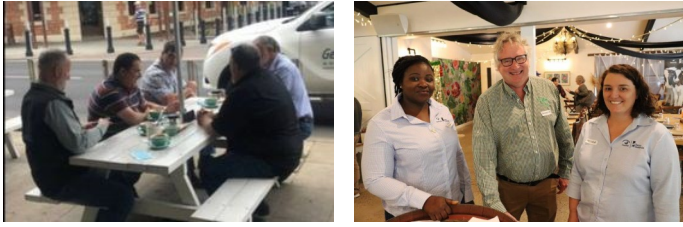


**The board and staff at SADA would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

The office in Glandore will be closed from  
12pm 23 December and reopen 9am 10 January 2022.  
If you have an urgent enquiry please text 0419 037 569.

Did you miss any of our updates? [Register Here](#)

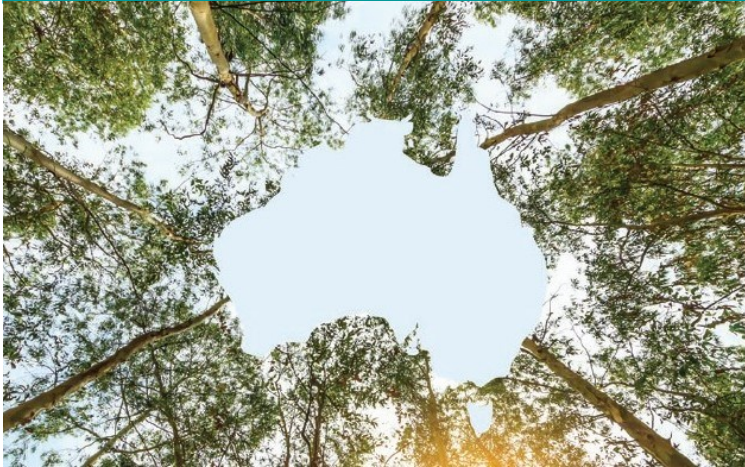
## Engaging with the South East



SADA team members CEO Andrew Curtis, Policy Officer John Elferink and Dairy Action Plan Officer Ash Pulford travelled to the South East to attend the Dairy SA Update and Christmas Lunch on 13 December.

While there they also caught up with a range of local dairy farmers and industry representatives (Andrew is pictured above with Alberta and Melissa from Dairy SA) to hear the latest on what the industry has been up to and what's planned for 2022.

SADA President John Hunt, CEO Andrew Curtis and Policy Officer John Elferink met with several politicians, including Federal Member for Barker Tony Pasin (pictured above with dairy farmer Graeme Hamilton and potato grower Terry Buckley), State Member for Mount Gambier Troy Bell and Member of the SA Legislative Council Clare Scriven.



The Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment is calling for feedback in its [National Farm Forestry Strategy Survey](#).

The strategy is aimed at helping to build Australia's future wood resource through increased farm forestry.

To [Have Your Say](#) please visit and complete the short survey or upload a written submission by 14 January 2022.

## New ADF President



SADA extends a HUGE congratulations to our (former) board member Rick Gladigau who's been elected as the Australian Dairy Farmers President!

Rick has served as an ADF Board Director since 2019 and was a SADA Board Member between 2007-2021.

The fifth generation dairy farmer from Mt Torrens was elected at the ADF AGM on 25 November and said he was thrilled about the appointment.

*"I really appreciate the opportunity and am really looking forward to being able to lead our industry on a national scale alongside a great team from ADF,"* he said.

Make sure to check out this great article from the [Stock Journal](#) where Rick outlines where he'll focus his efforts in the top job!



Good people to know.

Below is a range of information from SADA partner WFI about making sure you're properly covered in the event of a bushfire.

[Protecting Livestock](#)

[Bushfire Underinsurance](#)

[Are You Adequately Covered?](#)

[Farm Security](#)

[Grassfire Information](#)

[Haystack Fire Information](#)

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## SADA WELCOMES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

SADA welcomes the recent signing of Australia's Free Trade

Agreement (FTA) with the United Kingdom (UK).

Under the FTA, Australian dairy products will enter the UK duty free within a five-year timeframe with substantial transition quo-

tas providing improved access from entry into force.

The UK is a large dairy importer as well as exporter of dairy products.

According to UK customs data, it imported almost 1.5 million tonnes of dairy products in 2020, making the UK the second largest importer of dairy in the world.

Currently, European Union members supply 98% of the UK's dairy imports.

The Australian dairy industry looks forward to timely entry into force and successful implementation the FTA.

## Woolworths Dairy Innovation Fund



### Applications open for Woolworths dairy innovation grants

Woolworths is calling on Australia's dairy farmers to share their plans for on-farm improvement, with grants of up to \$100,000 available through the latest round of Woolworths' Dairy Innovation Fund. The second round of the \$5 million Woolworths Dairy Innovation Fund is now open and seeking applications from farmers for

grants to support on-farm projects that deliver innovation, efficiency and seasonal resilience.

If you would like to discuss an idea or apply, we're here to help.

Contact us on 8393 2399.

**Applications close 20 February 2022.**

<https://www.woolworths.com.au/shop/discover/sustainability/dairy-innovation-fund>

### SADA Fresh UPDATE

With funding from the SA Dairy Industry Fund, SADA has purchased a Henryetta AI Training Cow which has been loaned to the TAFE Mount Gambier for use in their artificial insemination training course.

Mark Thompson (TAFE Mt Gambier) will use the cow in lessons in the South East and maintain it while it is on loan.

The SA Dairy Industry Fund is also working with Dairy SA to find out if similar equipment is needed in the other dairy regions of SA.

If you have any information, please get in touch with Tom Cosentino in the office on 8293 2399 or by emailing [sada@sada.asn.au](mailto:sada@sada.asn.au).



### BOB SNEWIN JOINS FUND

#### BOARD

The SA Dairy Industry Fund Board held its annual general meeting on 9 December and welcomed new board member Bob Snewin. Bob brings a lifetime of experience developed through working with a range of varying parts of the dairy industry.

Bob is now closely aligned with the Royal Show Society and will provide a connection for the fund to the grassroots of the dairy industry. The Board and Executive Officer Tom Cosentino look forward to working with Bob in 2022!



# 2022 CENTRAL CONFERENCE

LEADING THE FIELD

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday 16 March 2022**

Conference

BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE  
MURRAY BRIDGE RACING CLUB

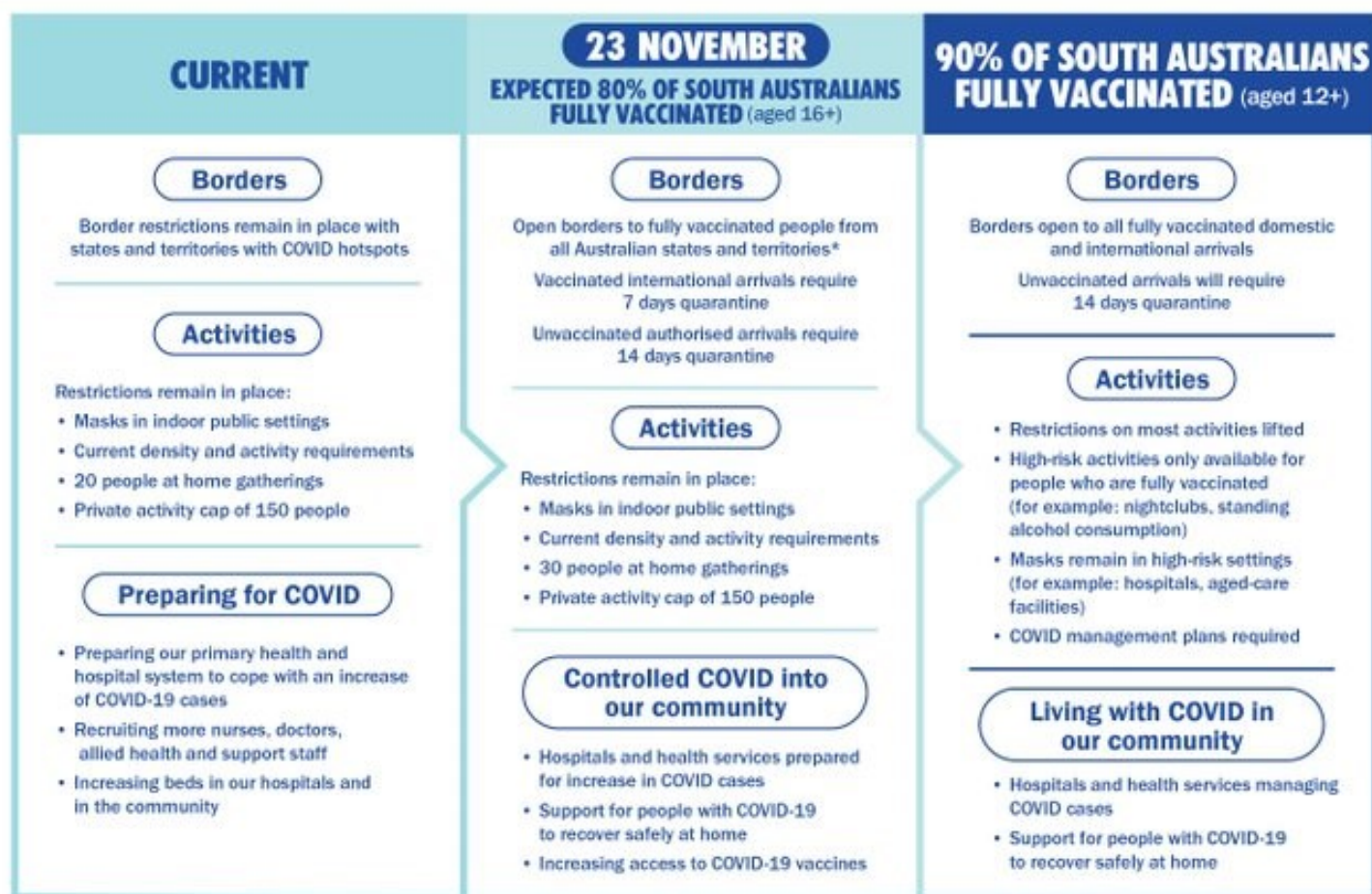
Post conference

BRIDGEPORT HOTEL, MURRAY BRIDGE

# Around the grounds

- Elf continued in polishing the SADA policy for the next election in South Australia. Letters were sent to the Minister for Primary Industries, the Treasurer and the Environment Minister regarding the opportunity for government to attend to these policies in the first instance.
- Elf and Alyssa worked together in relation to SADA Fresh cheeses and continuing to plan for what appears to be a growing demand for the SADA Fresh cheese products.
- Ash, Andrew and Alison attended the NFF Ag Visa update, to talk about its progression and criteria for application next year, more information will be released before Christmas. If you have any enquires please contact the SADA office.
- Nick created a webpage where a range of SADA's submissions to governments, organisations and commissions can be uploaded. Some of SADA's submissions cannot be published publicly due to confidentiality agreements.
- Elf assisted state dairy farm organisation presidents with a meeting relating to national council matters.
- Andrew and Elf met with Caroline Rhodes in the SADA board room to discuss SADA issues moving forward and to outline the capacity of SADA to offer support to both Livestock SA and PPSA moving forward and what arrangements should be entered into should PPSA and/or Livestock SA require support.
- Nick met with Anthony from Solstice Podcasting on Wednesday to discuss the possibility of creating SADA-themed podcast series in the future.
- Elf attended a further Piper Alderman Employment Relations Seminar discussing the law and employer responsibilities around mandatory vaccinations and how employers can protect themselves in circumstances they terminate an employee for refusing vaccination.
- Ash continued her work in supporting the SADA Fresh traceability trial which has now commenced and is operational.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA COVID-READY PLAN



\*Quarantine will apply to LGAs with community transmission and less than 80% of the population fully vaccinated.