

## SADA NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021

## SA DAIRY INDUSTRY SUMMIT 2020

Reboot following Covid hiccup!

the first summit on all elements of

The SA Dairy Summit 2020 will take place in Adelaide on Monday 1 March 2021. This event is being driven by SADA, the Dairy Industry

Association of Australia, (DIAA) and the SA Government.

In March 2019 the South *Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan 2019 -2024* was launched and in November 2019 the first SA Dairy Summit took

place with The Dairy Industry Action Plan as the base document for the summit. Since then the SA Government has recognised the aspirations of the Action Plan and committed itself to increasing overall Gross State Product by 3%.

The purpose of this second summit is to examine the outcomes from

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ments which may improve the SA dairy product.

The summit will bring all players in the dairy industry in South Australia together to identify pathways to achieve the aims of the Dairy Industry Action Plan and high-

light industry's contribution to the Government's ambition for a 3% increase in Gross State Product.

The summit will operate under the provision of the Chattem House Rules and all topics are open for discussion with the aim of improving the SA dairy industry and its products.

Please turn your mind to what can be done on your farm, by a processor or by Government which can improve your productivity and bring those ideas to the Summit. Discussion points for consideration include, but are not limited to;

- Policies and Economic
- Science and Technology
- Marketing and messaging
- Nutrition and Health
- Animal Health and Welfare
- Providence and Geographic indicators
- Food Safety / Rick Management
- Environment / Climate Change
- Farm Management / drought

To secure your seat, please ring the SADA office on 8293 2399 prior to the 22 February 2021.

South Australian Dairy Industry Summit 2021 The Arkaba Hotel, 150 Glen Osmond Rd, Fullarton. Monday 1 March 2021 — 10am to 3pm

Dairy Industry produced 496 million litres of milk in 2018-19 from more than 66,000 cows, bringing more than \$234 million in farm gate revenue.

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# We are inviting you to provide feedback on the design of the Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program.

The Australian Government is putting communities and jobs at the heart of the Basin Plan by investing \$270 million through the Murray-Darling Communities Investment Package. This investment in communities, infrastructure, and river health will benefit the Murray-Darling Basin, its people, industries and the environment.

As part of this package, the government is establishing the \$20 million Murray-Darling Healthy Rivers Program to fund community -led grants for practical, on-ground projects that will improve the health of rivers and wetlands across the Basin. The program is expected to open in early 2021.

We would be grateful if you could complete the survey or provide a written submission on the program's design. Any input you have to offer, especially regarding program design, scope and eligibility is appreciated. We would also be grateful if you could please circulate the details of the survey with your networks so that they can also participate.

Running the consultation over the Christmas–New Year period is not ideal; however, we want to ensure that funding can go into communities as soon as possible. This is to help with communities recovering from drought as well as responding to the economic impacts of COVID-19.

Please contact the Healthy Rivers Program team at <u>mdhealthyrivers@awe.gov.au</u> if you have any problems meeting the consultation timeframe or any further enquiries.

> Have your say Consultations close on 22 January 2021.

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## ROADWORTHY HEAVY VEHICLES... Made Easy!

ROADWORTHY HEAVY VEHICLES... Made Easy! This program has been funded by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program, with the support of the Federal Government.

GRAIN PRODUCERS SA

#### Registration now open for 2021!

Grain Producers SA, on behalf of Primary Producers SA are proud to deliver FREE Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles ... Made Easy! workshops again in 2021. These workshops are designed specifically to help SA primary producers understand heavy vehicle roadworthiness requirements.

## GPSA will be holding Roadworthy workshops in your area, let the SADA office know if you interested and we'll do our best to accommodate everyone.

Since the project began in February 2020, GPSA Regional Field Officer Shane Gale has delivered heavy vehicle workshops in 15 rural and regional locations across SA. The workshops have been a huge success with overwhelming engagement from growers across the State. We look forward to delivering another round of workshops beginning in January 2021!

#### COVID-19 Industry Update

For the most recent information on SA's response to the Coronavirus pandemic visit www.covid-19.sa.gov.au.

#### Always check before travelling

#### Domestic travel restrictions

Since last week, most states have announced increased travel restrictions on people departing from Queensland, in addition to existing restrictions and guarantine requirements on people travelling from NSW already in place. Whilst state and territory leaders continue to shift travel advice and border restrictions as circumstances change, all border control processes continue to have regard to the National Ag Code and National Freight Code acknowledging the primary importance of freedom of movement for commercial goods and essential activities involved in agriculture and food production. Please get in touch if you are experiencing or observing operational difficulties as a result of COVID border controls.

VIC - Victoria is establishing a permit system for all domestic travel into Victoria. In place since 5:59pm on 11 January, everyone will need to <u>apply for a permit</u> to enter Victoria from anywhere in Australia. The permit system is based on a traffic light system which allows for areas across Australia to be designated as green, orange or red according to their risk. The permit system is for both travellers to Victoria and residents of Victoria returning home from interstate travel. Find out more <u>here</u>.

**SA** – As has been the case for some time, everyone travelling to South Australia are required to complete a Cross Border Travel Registration. Access the <u>Cross-Border Travel Registration</u> via the SAPOL website.

The new Direction also made changes to commercial freight workers entering Victoria under a border permit and they are no longer required to self-quarantine while in Victoria. The online exemptions portal is open – it is accessed in the same way as starting a permit application. Visit <u>https://service.vic.gov.au/services/border-permit/home</u>. Agricultural stakeholders seeking further information can contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186.



THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021 MCCRACKEN COUNTRY CLUB, VICTOR HARBOR

Book at https://2021dsacentral.eventbrite.com.au/

## 'SHORT AND SWEET SESSIONS' FOR THE DAIRYSA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Places limited: **BOOK NOW** 

Dairyfarmers and Service Providers from across South Australia are invited to the 2021 DairySA Central Conference to be held this year at Victor Harbor. Delegates will hear from a range of speakers across the spectrum of the dairy industry, from an investment banker and technology expert through to milk processors and proponents of re-generative agriculture – with farmer success stories thrown into the mix.

DairySA Extension Officer and Conference Coordinator Beck Burgess said the 2021 DairySA Central Conference program has been adapted to accommodate shorter sessions in a variety of topics in response to farmers'

feedback last year.

"Feedback on our previous Conferences showed that farmers were keen to get across as many different topics as possible within the day, rather than delving deeply into one singular theme," Beck said.

The Committee has sourced speakers including business management consultant Nigel Pannell, Compass Agribusiness, who will explore alternative financing options for the sustainability of the industry. This is an opportunity for all farmers – regardless of their dairy cycle, be it new entry or looking to retire – to gain insights into not only how to make their business appealing to investors, but how to leverage that investment to help their business thrive into the future.

A joint discussion panel with processors, industry and farmers will ask the tough questions around industry confidence and examine the parameters required for a sustainable dairy industry in SA.

A leading proponent of Regenerative Ag in Australia, Lorraine Gordon, Director of Strategic Project and Regenerative Agriculture Alliance from Southern Cross University, Queensland will discuss regenerative ag, current practices and and its place within the dairy sector.

Up to 150 dairyfarmers and service providers from across SA's Fleurieu, Barossa Mid-North, and River & Lakes - and even from the South East - are expected to attend the popular one day conference, to be held at McCracken Country Club, Victor Harbor.

Tickets available through <u>Eventbrite</u> Places will be limited due to COVID-19 restrictions so it's advised to book early. For more information contact DairySA's Beck Burgess on 0438 262 966.





## National Vendor Declaration (NVD)

Changes to the LPA NVD in 2020 provided an easier, more efficient and costeffective way for producers and supply chain stakeholders to interact with the integrity system.

The changes included:

Good people to know.

- updated NVD versions (0720)
- release of a new electronic National Vendor Declaration (eNVD) system
- decommissioning of the eDEC system.

The LPA NVD communicates the food safety and treatment status of every animal every time it moves along the value chain – between properties, to saleyards, or to processors. The NVD also acts as movement documentation throughout the value chain.

NVDs are a **legal document** that are key to Australian red meat's traceability and market access. It is **crucial that you fill out the NVD accurately**, including questions about whether animals have been treated with <u>hormonal growth</u> <u>promotants (HGPs)</u>.

You must be <u>LPA accredited</u> to access to LPA NVDs. When you tick the box on your LPA NVD, you are declaring your on-farm practices meet LPA requirements, and ultimately customer expectations.

Your tick must be backed up by accurate farm records. This is your pledge that the meat from your farm has been produced safely, ethically and meets biosecurity requirements— it means you *stand by what you sell*.

eNVD 'how-to' guide A simple step-by-step guide to using the faster, easier eNVD system.

### Around the grounds

- The SADA team returned to the office to begin the New Year and have discussed priorities and actions for the year.
- On behalf of PPSA, Andrew attended a PIRSA participating agencies bushfire season update where PIRSA provided an overview of key changes to the Participating Agencies Plan. In line with the plan a liaison officer role was established for the Blackford fire. Feedback will be provided on the new PIRSA Participating Agencies Plan in the coming weeks.
- John, Andrew and Elf attended a PPSA Council Meeting. The meeting was chaired by Don Plowman as the interim chair of PPSA for the next three months while Rob Kerin is on leave from this position. There was a discussion on a wide range of issues that Don has identified as priorities and would like to be addressed while he is involved.
- Andrew met with the Agriculture Advisory to Minister Basham to discuss the coming year. Topics of Discussion included the 2021 Dairy Summit, dairy contribution to the Growth State Plan as well as Fruit Fly Outbreaks in Adelaide and the Riverland, and the Blackford Bushfire.

## **BushFire: Risking underinsurance**

#### CHECK YOUR INSURANCE POLICY

What hazards is your home exposed to? Does your insurance policy cover those risks? Talk to an insurance professional to ensure you understand exactly what your insurance covers. If you would like to review your insurance policies or you would like further information about the risks of underinsurance, contact your WFI local area manager.