



SADA Newsletter

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2019 / 20 STATE BUDGET

The Regions Recognised

SADA has welcomed the State Government's significant investment in the state's primary industries as part of the 2019-20 State Budget.

The 2019-20 State Budget recognises the importance of the regions as a key economic driver for the State – across primary production, tourism, fisheries and forestry – and invests a record \$1.1 billion over 8 years for regional road projects and infrastructure upgrades to help save lives on country roads.

This includes a record \$878 million of new funding for regional roads and infrastructure – the single biggest injection of new funding in a State Budget for regional roads in South Australia's history.

Some of the record \$1.1 billion in regional infrastructure projects over 8 years outlined in the 2019-20 State Budget include:

- Road upgrades, including additional overtaking lanes and shoulder sealing (\$143 million);
- Duplication of Victor Harbor Road between Main South Road and McLaren Vale (\$92 million);
- Princes Highway upgrade (\$250 million)
- \$14 million to support the construction of the new Thomas Foods Facility;

- \$14 million towards the Naracoorte and Kroemers Crossing roundabouts;
- \$11 million for increased Dublin Saleyards access; and,
- \$10 million over the next three years to blackspot communications funding
- \$15 million for the Regional Growth Fund

The 2019-20 budget also allocated \$37.5 million for biosecurity measures.

"Having a strong biosecurity framework is critical to our state's economic development, protecting our reputation for exceptional food and wine, and for maintaining and increasing access to international and domestic markets," said Minister Whetstone.

The Coalition has been returned so who's who?

The Federal Coalition has been returned to Government with an increased majority on the back of a relentless campaign by Scott Morrison and weaker-than-expected support for Labor in key seats. Over the next three years we will be keeping the pressure on Government to meet the commitments made to agriculture during the election. You can review

the NFF Commitment Tracker [here](#). While it is not fully clear what kind of government we can expect to materialise over the coming months, it is a safe bet that Scott Morrison's leadership will go unchallenged and that a very high priority will be placed on ensuring the promised budgetary surplus is achieved.

Key positions within the new Ministry are as follows:

- Deputy PM; Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – The Hon Michael McCormack MP
- Minister for Water Resources, Drought, Rural Finance, Natural Disaster and Emergency Management – The Hon David Littleproud MP
- Minister for Regional Services, Decentralisation and Local Government – The Hon Mark Coulton MP
- Assistant Treasurer – The Hon Michael Sukkar MP
- Minister for Agriculture – Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie
- Minister for International Development and the Pacific – The Hon Alex Hawke MP
- Minister for Industrial Relations – The Hon Christian Porter MP
- Minister for Health – The Hon Greg Hunt MP
- Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and

Multicultural Affairs – The Hon David Coleman MP

- Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business – Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash
- Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, Training and Apprenticeships – The Hon Steve Irons MP

National Dairy Plan under construction

The dairy industry is one of Australia's cornerstone agricultural industries, with unique and valuable characteristics that benefit Australian society. Dairy is an important food, an important source of livelihood for people in farming, manufacturing, and service sectors, and a large export earner. The Australian dairy industry has innate strengths but faces significant challenges. The snapshot below highlights some of these challenges and opportunities. It aims to help you think about all aspects of our industry so that you can come to your local regional workshop ready to share your views and have a quality conversation about the future of dairy.

Breakfast Club

at Forbes Primary School, SADA Fresh donated milk for their breakfast club. John Elferink was warmly invited to attend their breakfast club morning on Thursday 30 May. With an opportunity to sit have a chat with the local students and parents to talk about the importance of eating breakfast every day and including the goodness of milk.

Arson Attack

Just over a week ago there was an arson attack on the farm of Mike Boerema at Two Wells just north of Adelaide. This attack destroyed a shed and a tractor.

SADA has spoken to Mr Boerema and he has indicated that the police have confirmed the fire was deliberately set. This is a matter of great concern, not only to dairy farmers but farmers across the state.

There are serious concerns that fire may have been set by animal activists, however, evidence to support this at this point is limited.

Irrespective of who set the fire laws protecting farmers and farms are overdue for review.

In recent weeks SADA has been reminding government about the threats of farm invasions in the state and whilst there have been meetings progress has not been substantial.

SADA has again written to government seeking the actions agreed to from that meeting be attended to now as a matter of priority. Briefings by the police have been not been forthcoming and PIRSA has also not provided a comprehensive briefing to the farming community regarding the matter.

In recent months SADA has identified that there is a threat to South Australian dairy farmers. We have pointed out to government that the current trespass laws have been inadequate and in need of substantial reform.

While it is clear that a person who has their heart set upon arson will not be deterred by a trespass law, many people who do come onto

farms for unlawful purposes don't necessarily come to set fire to buildings.

SADA expects that the investigation of this matter to be investigated thoroughly.

Arson is a crime that carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. The crime that was committed against Mr Boerema is a serious indictable offence and SADA expects that police will exert every effort to bring the perpetrators to a court.

When an arrest is made SADA will make representations to the Director of Public Prosecutions indicating to the DPP that if a conviction is secured that two matters are applied for to the court. Firstly, that the principle of general deterrence be fulsomely argued to the court by the prosecutor so that the judge is encouraged to hand down a sentence that sends a clear message to others contemplating such actions that the full weight of the law be brought to bear upon them and secondly, that the court makes an order of full restitution to the farmer for his loss.

If the court does not make such an order SADA stands ready to assist the farmer with a civil action to recover losses from any person identified as being likely to have carried out the attack.

In the meantime, SADA will be asking government to expedite actions so that there can be an effective change the law, particularly trespass law, so that farmers receive as much protection as possible from their government.



Regional Development
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Regional development in South Australia

yourSay

Help us shape South Australia's Regional Development Strategy, which will guide our strategic approach to regional development across the state.

What is being decided?

We are preparing a Regional Development Strategy that will help grow our regional economies, support people in their choice to live in regional communities, and ensure regional South Australia is revitalised and prosperous. We are looking for fresh ideas and a local perspective to assist us in developing a strategy that will empower our communities. South Australia's regions and the communities that live and work in them are vital for the future prosperity of the state, and we want to make sure these communities continue to grow and thrive.

Once that is associated with the post or comment online record it or take notes as best you can.

Farmers commit to community conversation on glyphosate

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National Farmers' Federation President Fiona Simson said trust must be put in the regulator and the overwhelming, established science, in any legal matters considering the impacts of the use of chemicals including glyphosate.



Ms Simson said the independent, expert scientific advice from the regulator, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) confirmed that glyphosate, the active ingredient in products such as Roundup, was safe to use.

"The same conclusion has been made by every regulator in world. No other chemical compound has been studied to the degree that glyphosate has," Ms Simson said.

"There is an extensive, international body of scientific work – spanning 40 years and 800 studies that affirms that glyphosate is not a cariogenic, and more precisely, that it does not cause Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma."

"We simply have to base judgments on science and evidence and trust the regulator."

Ms Simson said many Australian farmers relied on safe tools such as glyphosate to produce healthy food and fibre, to control weeds, promote biodiversity and to nurture soil and water health.

"The NFF scrutinises the potential risks to farmers of any tool in the farm production cycle – whether it be it quad bikes, tractors or chemical tools such as glyphosate.

"There is not a more important priority for the NFF than the health and well-being of our farmers, their employees and the

broader community.

"As farmers we understand the concerns, we appreciate the questions, we have asked them ourselves, but we remain confident in the science and the ability of the regulator to make informed decisions based on facts.

"For many years, the NFF has put the safety of glyphosate under scrutiny and we are more than satisfied with the scientific rigour

confirming its continued application."

This scientific rigour includes the National Cancer Institute-supported 2018 Agricultural Health Study. The study followed more than 50,000 farmers who used glyphosate for more than 20 years. The work found no association between glyphosate-based herbicides and cancer.

In 2017, the United States' Environment Protection Authority's cancer risk assessment examined more than 100 studies and concluded glyphosate was 'not likely to be carcinogenic to humans,' – it's most favourable rating.

Ms Simson said the NFF was committed to sharing the facts about glyphosate, including its proven safety for human use.

"We understand that, although not based on objective evidence, some Australians have concerns about the popular herbicide.

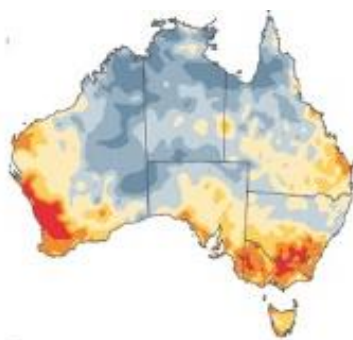
"As the peak body representing farmers, for which glyphosate is an indispensable tool, it is the NFF's role to have a conversation with the community about these concerns and to provide the objective-science based facts that confirm the safety of glyphosate.

"Farmers take very seriously their responsibility of producing safe food and fibre for the world. We want to have an open and clear dialogue with the community that puts at ease any concerns about how farmers grow what they grow."

Despite, recent disappointing legal decisions in the United States, Ms Simson said she had every confidence that, when considering the impact of glyphosate on human health, Australian courts and indeed those in other global jurisdictions would see that science prevailed.

"The evidence is just too clear and too compelling for any other outcome," Ms Simson said.

Climate change will impact agricultural



Productivity and practices from the farm gate to the global market, expose crops and animals to new disease and pest risks and impact Australia's water security. Do we have the systems in place to anticipate and mitigate these risks?

The AFI's mid-year conference on **Farming in a risky climate** will tackle these challenging issues;

- Climate risk and farm business.
- Changing biosecurity frontiers and managing water resources.
- How new risk environment will impact the business of farming, from global trade to farm succession.
- Amplified risks that climate change poses to biosecurity.

- Current policy settings for managing water resources reflect the predicted climate impacts - and look at what changes are being made to make Australian agriculture even more water efficient.



Nominations open for board members

South Australian Dairyfarmers are encouraged you to consider nominating for the SADA board.

There are two two-year positions up for election this year. To nominate, producers must be a member of SADA and must submit a nomination form on or before nominations close at 5pm on Friday August 9.

Successful candidates will be announced at SADA annual general meeting on September 5. The AGM will be held in conjunction with the Royal Adelaide Show.

SADA chief executive officer Andrew Curtis encouraged members to consider applying, "Being part of the SADA board is a wonderful opportunity for dairy farmers to contribute to the future of their industry, It's also a great opportunity on a individual level to gain an understanding of how the Association works in advocating for the Dairy industry."

Details: Nomination forms are available by contacting the SADA office on 08 8293 2399. Forms must be returned to SADA by either: Email: sada@sada.asn.au | Fax: 08 8293 8886 | Post: Unit 5, 780 South Road, Glandore, SA, 5037



Continues to support projects



SADA Fresh continues to ramp up its contributions to the South Australian Dairy Industry. The board comprises Mr Will Rayner, CFO of Rural Bank (Chair), the Hon. Rob Kerin former premier of South Australia, Councillor Melissa Rebbeck, applied agricultural and

climate scientist and Mr Nick Brokenshire SADA Vice President.

Watch this Space:

A few new exciting projects in the pipeline;

“Dairy Connect” Improve SA Dairy Farm Business Management Capability - The program will “connect” with 50 dairy families by re-engaging 30 families that participated in 2016 and 2017 and engaging 20 new families.

Each family will be assisted to undertake a Strategic Review through facilitated family discussions on farm, incorporating use of DairyBase and use of Dairy Farm Monitor data. Each family will be assisted to develop or update their Strategic Action Plan. An independent cost benefit report will be undertaken on behalf of the industry and funders.

Limestone Coast Leadership Program

The Limestone Coast Leadership Program’s (LCLP) aim is to ‘Unearth our treasures’ by supporting and building community capacity. This

leadership program is essentially about stretching the capabilities of our leaders and emerging leaders to ensure they have the relevant skills, emotional intelligence, cross-sector collaboration skills and abilities to work with, and influence others for the benefit of the region.

Three new dung beetle species for South Australia

Dairy farmers will be trained in on-farm dung beetle rearing and management, and in the process three dung beetle species which are new to South Australia, *Onthophagus vacca*, *Bubas bubalus* and *Copriss hispanus* will be established on pilot farms across the dairy regions of South Australia. South Australian dairy farms will be the first farms nationally to have these three new species. The project will also define the environmental conditions in South Australia that are best suited for these three new species to thrive, which will provide guidelines for the future successful distribution of these species.

In addition to Make it Cheaper providing free energy comparisons to you our members to save you time and money, they have a **prize draw to win \$500** running through winter.

Every member who uploads a copy of a recent energy bill between the 1st of June and the 9th of August will automatically go into the draw to win the \$500 gift card.

Don’t hesitate to give SADA a call if you need any further assistance with any services that you may require.



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WFI Rural Plan consists of a range of different policies, covering a wide variety of risks. This approach gives you greater flexibility, and if circumstances change it is easy for you to add another policy.

WFI Rural Plan policies you can choose from:

-  Farm Property Damage
-  Farm Loss of Income
-  Farm General Property
-  Farm Transit
-  Farm Legal Liability
-  Farm Machinery Breakdown
-  Farm Electronic Equipment
-  Farm Burglary and Theft
-  Motor Vehicle
-  Personal Legal Liability
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