

# Members Newsletter



It has been said that "the future belongs to those who plan for it". Whether that is true or not can be debated but there is no doubt that there is a lot of planning going on just at the minute. In this issue, we focus on the recent federal **Budget** outcomes and reflect on the government's strategy for the next FY. Find all your budget updates in one place, with a SADA inspired recap, our glass of milk is always half full.

Closer to home, president Robert and the board have also renewed the organisation's [Strategic Plan](#). Keep an eye out for the official launch coming soon.

At the farm level we are again partnering with Dairy

SA in the next round of Our Farm Our Plan workshops. With support through the Future Drought Fund, there has never been a better (or more cost effective) time to review your farm business.

Staying on farm, the **SA Dairy Awards Nominations will close June 26**. [Jump on](#) now and nominate, let's celebrate the efforts our great state produces in dairy.

**EAD (Emergency Animal Disease)** preparedness has stepped up a notch with eight people from the South Australian dairy industry undertaking training as Liaison Officers to be front line if there is an outbreak. Have you got a Biosecurity Plan in place for when the emergency hits your gate, that hopefully hasn't been left open!

2023 DIAA SA Dairy Awards  
Nominations Close 26 June

Introducing the Foodland Dairy Sustainability Award

diaa.asn.au | sada.asn.au | foodlandsa.com.au

Calling all our River and Lakes Members

Murray-Darling Basin Plan Implementation Review 2023 Call for Submission

WHEN | Wednesday July 5  
TIME | 3.00pm  
WHERE | 'River Room' Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge  
REGISTER | sada@sada.asn.au

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Our president Robert Brokenshire has released a [Members Survey](#) to celebrate the exciting opportunities in Dairy at the moment, share your excitement and let SADA know how we can help you.

SA Dairy Farmers Association  
08 8293 2399  
www.sada.asn.au

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H6TRQWC>

And looking to the future, after a successful **Traceability Trial** utilising blockchain/distributed ledger technology to trace milk from the farmer's vat to the outgoing loading dock of the processor, our work has gained national attention. The trial has now been expanded to cover the supply chain from the cow to the customer. Read all about it.



## Got your game plan?

Set your farming and personal goals with  
Our Farm, Our Plan



## Our Farm Our Plan with Beck Burgess

Our Farm, Our Plan is a program developed by Dairy Australia with support from the Gardiner Dairy Foundation. It is designed to equip farmers and farming families to clarify their long-term goals, prioritise and identify actions needed, and to better manage uncertainty and risk.

Having a clear view of long-term business and personal goals helps to make better decisions, especially the big decisions. Our Farm, Our Plan keeps it simple and takes long term plans and ideas from dairy farmers' heads and gets them down on one page. The Plan on a Page requires agreement, can be shared and enables farmers to track their progress.

The next program will be delivered by Beck Burgess and the DairySA team over two in-person workshops (10.15am – 2.30pm on June 6 & 7) and two one-on-one sessions.

An example of the benefits of the program can be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/3VHv8FO>

**WHEN:** Tuesday 6 June and Wednesday 7 June 2023

**TIME:** 10:15am -2:30pm each day

**WHERE:** 'River Room' Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge

**Register:** [OFOP with Beck Burgess - Central SA | Dairy Australia](#)

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided



## HR Update with Chas Cini

Wednesday July 5, Murray Bridge

DELIVERING for DAIRY

Join Dairy SA for an interactive Lunch with Chas Cini, Principal of Mediation and Employment Relations Service (MERS) to discuss the latest changes to employment law and legislation. Get equipped with the right tools and information to be an Employer of Choice. Chas will be discussing the following topics:

- Key Updates to the Pastoral Award (Minimum wage & Superannuation)
- Employment Contracts and IFAs
- Zombie Agreements
- Sexual harassment
- Enterprise Agreements
- Termination
- Compensation claims

Chas has been providing a workplace relations service to dairy farmers for many years! \*Morning Tea and Lunch Provided.

**WHEN |** Wednesday July 5

**TIME |** 10:30am to 2:30pm

**WHERE |** 'River Room' Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge

**REGISTER |** [bit.ly/3BxyYbv](https://bit.ly/3BxyYbv)

2023 SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PREMIER'S  
FOOD and BEVERAGE  
INDUSTRY AWARDS

The 2023 South Australian Premier's Food and Beverage Industry Awards are your opportunity to share your success with your team, customers and industry.

The awards recognise and celebrate excellence and best practice in our dynamic food and beverage sector – here's your chance to join the list of pioneers whose contribution to the industry, the environment, the development and wellbeing of their people, the growth of their markets and more, has branded them as outstanding.

While winners and finalists use the awards as a powerful recommendation for their products in domestic and export markets, by participating all entrants have the chance to develop their sales networks, increase their brand and business profile, evaluate their goals and benchmark their business against the industry's best.

**Award entries close Monday  
3 July 2023.**

*Enter NOW*

Wednesday June 21, Mount Gambier

## 2023 DairySA Innovation Day

Planet, people and productivity –  
our future in dairy farming



DairySA Dairy Australia



Find out if you're a Curd Nerd! <https://bit.ly/3HWwhnB> sada.asn.au

# Message from ADF President



**Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework**

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Rick Gladigau | President | Australian Dairy Farmers

## MEDIA RELEASE: Budget protects agriculture but stops short of growing it

AUSTRALIAN Dairy Farmers (ADF) has welcomed the focus on protecting agriculture and a return to surplus in the 2023 Federal Budget.

ADF president Rick Gladigau said the budget addressed many of the key priorities for dairy farmers' national policy and advocacy organisation, however ADF believed there were some areas of concern for dairy farmers.

Mr Gladigau said the extra funding for biosecurity announced in the budget delivered in part on ADF's submissions

to the Senate's recent biosecurity inquiry. However, he said it was unclear how the biosecurity protection levy would be calculated and how the revenue raised would be collected and allocated.

"We appreciate that biosecurity is a shared responsibility, and all risk creators and beneficiaries need to pay their fair share. Based on this premise it is difficult to understand why farmers and importers of low-value cargo are the only people bearing new costs and levies," Mr Gladigau said. "Surely, the importers of high-value cargo must also bear some of these costs.

[Full Release here](#)

## BEEF BURP PILOT SEEKS TO PROVE ENVIRONMENTAL CREDENTIALS

A new IT platform that includes tools to measure carbon balance, tree cover, ground cover, drought resilience and biodiversity stewardship is being trialled by Australian grass-fed beef producers. The environmental impacts on the platform were selected due to their alignment with the environmental pillar of the [Australian Beef Sustainability Framework](#) (ABSF) and demand from customers. The platform aims to measure sustainable production and demonstrate the environmental credentials of producers. The project is being conducted by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), the University of Queensland and WWF-Australia. [Read more here.](#)

## Media Releases: 2023/24FY Budget.

### National Farmers Federation

['Cost of living' budget does little to stem rising food prices as farmers taxed more](#)

### Small and Family Business

[2023-24 Federal Budget – what it means for small businesses](#)

### [Speaking in Adelaide today SADA President, Rob Brokenshire, said:](#)

*As a farming organisation we do welcome this increased attention to this vital part of our economy. However, we now expect to be consulted by the Government as to how this money will be spent in the coming years. As farmers we have a vital interest in ensuring this money is expended in the most effective and efficient way possible. Edicts from government far away, rather than effective consultation, still risks sub-optimal outcomes. SADA stands ready to work with the Commonwealth and the department to assist in ensuring this extra money delivers genuine bang for buck over the next four years."*



Linking Grower Networks

## Carbon without the Jargon Workshop

May 31 @ 9:00am - 4:00pm

Save the date for the MFMG and GSSA Carbon without the Jargon: Deciphering carbon farming in the Limestone Coast. A workshop to de-mystify carbon farming and provide a forum to interact with and learn from experts in the carbon sector.



**Did you miss any of our updates?**







Following the popularity of the recently updated *Sheep Disease Guide*, the Red Meat and Wool Growth Program has collaborated with Animal Health Australia to create the next edition in a series of useful disease guides for livestock producers, *Cattle Diseases - The Farmers' Guide*.

Like its counterpart, this quick-reference guide has been developed in consultation with cattle producers, veterinarians, animal health officers and livestock consultants across South Australia.

### What's inside?

The new cattle guide includes photos and descriptions of cattle diseases and conditions producers face on South Australian farms with information on:

- how to identify signs and symptoms in cattle
- tips on how to diagnose diseases
- how to treat and prevent future occurrences in your herd
- best practice management tips on vaccination,
- traceability and movement obligations
- farm biosecurity and the One Biosecurity program.

### What about emergency animal diseases?

The guide also covers exotic diseases that could pose a threat to SA farms including foot and mouth disease and lumpy skin disease.

Remember, if you notice unusual signs or symptoms in your livestock you must contact your local veterinarian and report immediately to the **Emergency Animal Disease Hotline** on **1800 675 888**.

Download the [Cattle Diseases Guide](#) to your device for easy access offline.

### Dairy Australia—Biosecurity on Farm:

Watch on Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mxegxdG0Fs>



### Algorithmic auditing of milk supply chain ('Dairy Beta')

SADA supported by Datahash, has been successful in winning a 'RegTech Research and Insights grant', from the Federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF). The grant is formally titled, '**Algorithmic auditing of milk supply chain**'. For the purposes of simplification, the project is called 'Dairy Beta'. The project will run for 13 months, from 1 June 2023 to 30 June 2024.

SADA has additionally partnered with Dairysafe (the South Australian dairy regulator), Fleurieu Milk Company, GS1 (the global barcodes standard agency) and Woolworths.

The 'Algorithmic auditing of milk supply chain' project (Dairy Beta) will build on our previous work and will digitally capture certain regulatory data (data collected between a dairy farm and retailer). This data will be recorded to a distributed ledger and linked (via the product's bar code) to the physical product (package), with a goal to enable Dairysafe to conduct its auditing remotely.

## INDUSTRY WEBINAR ON FMD AND LSD

The latest on disease incursion risk + Q&A

The recording from the latest FMD/LSD Industry Webinar is now available

EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE WATCH HOTLINE **1800 675 888**








## Around the grounds

- SADA together with Dairy SA, Rick Gladigau and Beck Burgess attended the **AHA Liaison –Livestock Industry (LLI) Workshop**. Can not stress enough how important your biosecurity plans are. Give us a call if you need more info
- Andrew and Alison met with **SA Health** to talk over the Fractures Trial and Dairy Health opportunities in our great state.
- We sent out a quick 3 question survey to members on **Biodiversity** to help Warren Jacobs attendance to the Biodiversity Act Principles Workshop.
- We had a young Intern join us, **Lachlan** is doing Agribusiness at Adelaide Uni. Make sure you say Hi next time you're in the office.
- **WFI** Meeting to re-invigorate the long standing partnership that SADA has with WFI. Renewed marketing and messaging coming soon. Have you reviewed your insurance lately?
- Andrew and Alison met with Leigh Duffield from the **SA Apiary Association**, to look how SADA can best assist their funding and governance issues going forward
- Elf assisted a processors **contract** review to make certain that the contract was Code compliant.
- Elf met with the **Jervois Irrigation Trust** to assist them with correspondence to the Government regarding recent flood events.
- Elf assisted a farmer with the farmer's **effluent management** plan arising from an EPA inquiry. SADA continues to liaise with the farmer and the EPA to resolve the issue for the sake of legislative compliance as well as an effective outcome for the farmer, this required two visits to the farm in question during the week.
- Andrew attended a number of LMRIA **dewatering** sites to check on progress with pump placement and dewatering.
- Elf sorted out issues with the **SADA Fresh cheese** product on behalf of SADA Fresh.



## Better coverage in more places.

When she's out in the paddock with her cattle, Jane needs to know she can still make a call. That's why she has a Telstra GO Repeater installed at her property and in her ute, maximising her coverage and giving her greater peace of mind through a more reliable connection. With fewer missed calls and drop-outs, plus better battery life on her phone, Jane is able to feel more connected to her community and closer to those who matter most.

 Telstra GO Repeater



June 1943

Owing to the disabilities of dairymen due to the existence of war the **Dairymen's Associations of Australia** approached the Federal Government with regard to an increase in the price of butter and cheese. The Federal Government would not accede to this request but allocated a sum of £1,500,000, after negotiations it was agreed to spread the £1,500,000 over the twelve months. It was further pointed out to the Government that sum allocated was so small that it would result in very little help to the dairymen. The Dairymen requested to allocate the sum of £6,000,000. Further negotiations resulted to allocate an extra £4,500,000 to be retrospective to the 1 April 1943.

The original £2,000,000 remains, so that the total subsidy to be paid to dairymen from the 1 April 1943 to the 1 July 1943 of £6,500,000. It must be clearly pointed out that this subsidy is on the manufacture of butter, cheese and condensed milk. It will therefore be seen that the milk suppliers operating under the marketing plan will only receive the subsidy on that portion of their milk which is manufactured. This portion spread over the 12 months is approximately 50%.

**The Commonwealth Government was not prepared to grant £6,000,000 until such time as there was a wages award for dairy employees.** Which was fixed by the arbitration court; the basic wage being £4-16d. per week, less 30 shillings per week for board, lodgings and laundering or 25 shillings per week for board and lodging only.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WORLD MILK DAY - 1 June**

[Dairy Innovation Day - 21 June](#)

River and Lakes Discussion Group - 5 July

SA Dairy Awards - 4 August

## Did you miss any of our updates?

[Register Here](#)

