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SADA AGM and Board Election.

The SA Dairyfarmers' Association Board has been announced to carry the organisation forward for another twelve months.



There were positions in the South East and Central regions up for election at the association's annual general meeting on 17 November.

Positions were filled by currently sitting members Nick Brokenshire, Ben McHugh and John Hunt, who was returned as SADA's President for a sixth consecutive term.

Mr Brokenshire will continue as Vice President and Mr McHugh replaces Rick Gladigau as Treasurer. Positions held by Mr Gladigau and South East board member Sharon Joppich were not up for election, meaning they will continue on for another 12 months.

Mr Hunt said he was proud to continue leading the South Australian Dairyfarmers Association.

"This is a very exciting time to be part of a very exciting industry," he said.

"Between the traceability trial and our soon-to-be released 2022 election platform, this is a great time to be part of SA's dairy industry.

"SADA's members and its staff are constantly working to better the industry and to provide top quality dairy products.

"I'm honoured to be continuing on as President." It was also announced at the AGM that SADA CEO Andrew Curtis - who is currently also employed as the Livestock SA CEO - will be resigning from Livestock SA to focus solely on his role with SADA. "I have very much enjoyed my time managing both organisations over the last five and-a-half years and I feel they have both grown and achieved much in that time," he said.

"My agricultural roots are in dairy and I'm excited about being able to give SADA my full focus.

"I believe this is the best decision for both organisations and I wish Livestock SA all the best as it moves forward."

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Mr Curtis said the board was comprised of dedicated members passionate about representing dairy producers across South Australia.

"This group has served the industry diligently throughout this difficult COVID-19 pandemic and that will continue over the next 12 months," he said

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2020/21 President's Report: Time for Optimism

After almost a decade of challenges including drought, turbulent international conditions, flood fire and pandemic, dairy in South Australia - as with the rest of the country - has seen some clear air.

With farmgate prices for milk and beef now reflecting a purposeful income for farmers who have, weathered the storms, there is now an opportunity to re-invest in businesses either by retiring debt, investing in advancing the businesses by introducing innovative technologies, some long overdue repair and maintenance getting completed and the opportunity to expand enterprise. It has been refreshing to hear the optimism around our industry.

Farmers are looking forward to the future and young farmers are entering our industry and looking at pathways to farm management, contract milking, share milking and farm ownership.

It has also allowed some farmers at the twilight of their careers to make a voluntary choice to exit our industry and leave on good terms.

Working with processors to give farmers surety looking for more long-term stability has had a significant impact on our plan to grow the SA milk pool. The code of conduct has reassured farmers that contracts are fair and equitable so they can concentrate on pre-farmgate.

Our relationship with Government has grown and have been able to provide stability with issues around surety of water, NRM localising issues, underpasses to encourage growth and safety, reduction in bureaucracy so can get on with the job.

PPSA will also be a huge factor going forward with a dedicated Chair and CEO taking the lead on cross commodity issues and having one strong voice. I

must thank Rob Kerin and Don Plowman for their services to our industry and look forward to our relationship with new chair Simon Maddocks and CEO Caroline Rhodes.

Our relationship with Dairy SA and Dairy Australia has stayed on path with regular communication and having farmers interest at heart. All these boards are made up of farmers willing to take time and thought away from their businesses to give back to industry. It is great to be a part of a team that is looking forward to the future of our industry.

Dairy Safe and the Dairy Industry Association of Australia (DIAA) have played a huge role in the last year by making sure procedures were in place for both processors and farmers due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They will also be influential in our aim to grow our milk pool with a win-win for all industry.

Our peak industry body Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF) has performed well with numerous submissions going into Government around working Visas, making sure dairy and its service providers are classed as an essential service. National Council has a huge part to play in this space. It is key that ADF has the ear of the Federal Government. The National Farmers Federation is also kept well informed of dairy issues and help promote our message.

Our Mission Statement to be the voice of SA dairy farmers is always the key reason we strive to get results for our members.

Now is the time to look to the future and SADA and re-adjusting our focus with a clear view to what is coming. A few years ago, SADA created its vision statement to become the premier representative organisation in the state as an expression of the association's ambition for the future of the industry and to provide its members with the best

possible service.

In that time, SADA created new commercial SADA Fresh products, doubled the sales of existing SADA Fresh products, rolled out an industry plan which has now been adopted as government policy, strongly influenced the structure and content of the national Dairy Industry Code and is now leading technical development of a national traceability model in Australia.

Not bad for a small organisation, but there is more to do.

As SA dairy looks to the future the next challenge, while daunting, should be embraced as it will enable SADA to continue to lead the way both within the state and nationally.

Looking to the future the greatest challenge that is to be faced by all farmers will be the impact of climate change. Consumers will be demanding outcomes and, while Australia is committing to a net zero target by 2050, SADA has committed to the same target by 2030. While ambitious, this can and will be reached as dairy farmers contribute just .097% of Australia's emissions. This will mean that SADA in conjunction with Dairy SA will over the next year map out steps to be taken to achieve this goal and will promote them to members.

SADA has already staked its claim in this area. The support by SADA through its industry fund has supported a number of projects in SA that potentially have good outcomes. The use of dung beetles to sequester carbon and two reviews of total mixed ration systems as a source of methane capture are reflective of the serious attitude that SADA has already taken in this critical area. Opportunities also exist in carbon credits, seaweed food additives and genetic selection.

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SADA is also making strides in the roll-out of the traceability project which was started in the 2020-2021 financial year. This project will continue in the 2021-2022 year and will place SADA at the front of the queue when it comes to attracting investment in cutting-edge distributed ledger-based traceability technology. If successful SADA will lead the charge nationally in creating a traceability framework that will set the benchmark for a national system.

The reason SADA has committed itself to this path is that this technology is coming fast and if we as farmers do not get to describe what it is then it will certainly be inflicted upon us from somewhere else. The ability to control these models is the ability to manage the demands that are placed on farmers by other parts of the supply chain.

SADA will have regular contact with its members to act on any upcoming issues it can see arising in the industry. The organisation can provide support to our members on a raft of issues.

As the president of SADA I have been repeatedly struck by the dedication of our team, led by Andrew Curtis. It is humbling to have people who care about our industry as much as our SADA team does - it is a pleasure to be fortunate enough to have the role of President of this organisation.

Finally, I place on the record my sincere thanks to my fellow board members who continue to go above and beyond when it comes to representing the interests of our fellow farmers in South Australia.



All About Effluent

SADA Policy Officer John Elferink was recently invited to travel to the South East with the State's Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) to discuss the development of the next iteration of the Dairy Shed Effluent Management Policy.

The purpose of the trip was to visit farms with the EPA and other farm provider groups to help inform the EPA how best to manage on-farm effluent and how to develop the EPA's policies so that they reflect practical outcomes for dairy farmers.

John has been consulting with the EPA for about the last 12 months in relation to this issue and SADA is very grateful for the opportunity to collaborate. SADA is looking forward to future collaboration with the EPA.



SADA ladies visit Jurlique

SADA's Dairy Action Plan Officer Ash Pulford and Office Manager Alison Amber join about 40 other women from across the dairy industry at the Dairy SA Ladies Day Out.

Employers, managers, employees, service providers and other dairy industry members were given an insight into how cosmetic brand Jurlique runs its farm and what goes into its luxury skin care products.

The business was founded by Ulrike and Jurgen Klein more than 30 years ago, starting out in Nairne, before moving to Mount Barker Summit to now being based in Biggs Flat, with a factory in Mount Barker.



On the 105-acre property, botanicals and special trees are grown alongside crops such as hay and beans.

Attendees were shown the property's gardens, greenhouses, biodynamic and organic processes, drying room and cellar door. They were also provided samples of the range of beauty products, honey and teas produced on-farm.

After the farm tour, the ladies continued on to lunch at The Haus in Hanhndorf, where they had a chance to network, catch up with friends and colleagues and share stories.

2021 DAIRY COCKTAIL FUNCTION

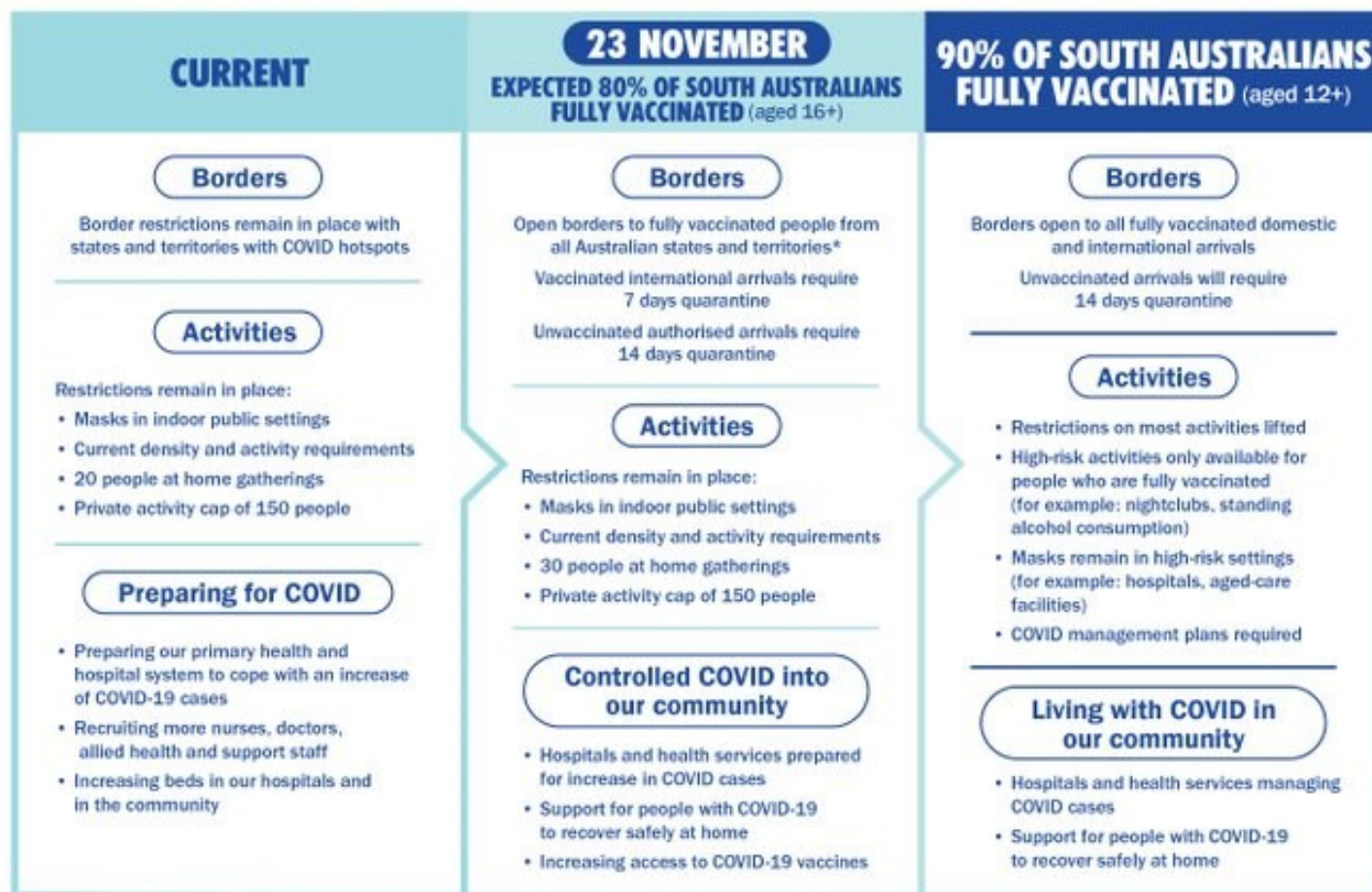
The SADA team celebrated 2021 with the organisation's annual Dairy Cocktail Function at MYLK Bar on Flinders Street. Industry leaders and politicians joined SADA board members and staff in acknowledging the work done by all members of SA's dairy Industry. Bring on 2022!



Around the grounds

- The new CEO of PPSA was announced. SADA congratulates Caroline Rhodes on her appointment. Caroline was formerly the CEO of GPSA.
- The SADA and Livestock SA teams participated in a team building session at the Arkaba Hotel on October 27.
- Ash was invited to be a part of the BAHWAC committee and provided an update about the traceability project. Having an on-farm dashboard could work in the livestock industry to report on biosecurity, animal health and welfare as well as sustainability targets.
- Andrew and Warren Jacobs attended the PPSA NRM Committee meeting.
- Ash attended the MLA Updates: IMPACT series webinar focusing on supply chain innovations. The series will run weekly for five weeks focusing on pressing issues in the industry and looking at the 2030 sustainability goals.
- Elf completed SADA policies for the 2022 State Election. The policies deal with issues of Stamp Duty, Traceability, Water Policy (Both South East and Murray Darling), Methane Capture and a Skills Fund for the dairy industry.
- Nick and Elf created a 2022 State Election Priorities Communications and Engagement Plan outlining key dates to roll out communications to Ministers, political parties and media releases.
- Elf and Ash met with Australian Stock Feed representatives to discuss relationships between SADA and stock feed suppliers, as well as their potential input into the beta trial of the traceability project.
- Elf met with Jayant Keskar, who has led the methane study on a SA farm. Discussions included the next steps in developing a functional on farm model for methane recovery from effluent. SADA is now working communicating with the farmer about feasibility of a power generation system generating power exclusively from effluent methane.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COVID-READY PLAN



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