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## SADA NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022

### Could you be a Board Member on the South Australian Dairyfarmers Association board?

SADA has become a very diverse organisation operating a number of different aspects being the State Farming Organisation (SFO) arm for the National industry advocacy body Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF). Strong connections with Dairy SA and Dairy Australia to ensure dairy farmers are well connected and up to date with the changing environment across the entire supply chain. In 2012 we launched SADA Fresh . . . Since then, we have evolved to become much more, the complexity of the organisation brings with it governance requirements and statutory compliance obligations that reach far beyond just attending meetings.

The SADA Board has the important responsibility of setting and reviewing the Associations strategic direction and to help ensure a strong future organisation for our members and the entire supply chain. The SADA Board oversees existing and potential risks, together with industry compliance across all areas of the business.

SADA is committed to a long, prosperous future and we plan to continue to grow and develop our services to meet members needs in the future.

To find out more about joining the SADA Board, visit [www.sada.asn.au](http://www.sada.asn.au) phone: 8293 2399 or email: [sada@sada.asn.au](mailto:sada@sada.asn.au)

## Nominations for the SADA Board are now open.

Vale Ken Smith 15 August 2022

We sadly acknowledge the passing of an old board Member and much valued dairy member in South Australia, Ken played a very active role for in the Dairy industry. From Meadows, Ken was the founding Chairman of DairySA when it was formed out of the Research and Extension Association for Dairy Development (READD). READD was a subcommittee of the [SA Dairyfarmers Association](http://www.sada.asn.au), chaired by David Kuchel. Along with Hans Van Dyk, Ken was passionate about the promotion and progression of the SA dairy industry. Ken was a member of the Cattle Advisory Board and was a big influencer on the Enzootic Bovine Leucosis and Bovine Johne's Disease campaigns, which have contributed to the disease-free status of SA dairy herds. He was a founding member of SA Milk Haulage, which pioneered joint milk collection in SA as well as a central milk testing laboratory based at Flaxley Research Station. Ken brought people together and helped them collaborate for the greater good, plus he advocated strongly on behalf of dairy farmers. He caused things to happen.



Are you passionate about our local landscape and supporting sustainable growth and productivity in our community?

Landscape boards support local communities to manage soil, water, pests and biodiversity.

### Applications are now open for people interested in joining the Limestone Coast Landscape Board.

We're looking for experienced, respected and passionate leaders with an in-depth knowledge of land management and established community networks. Suitable applicants will empower our community to sustainably manage our region's landscape; our land, water, pest plants and animals, and biodiversity. If you think you have what it takes to be a board member or someone you know might be interested please send them to [www.landscape.sa.gov.au](http://www.landscape.sa.gov.au) to nominate for a position.

**Applications close 30 September 2022.** If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact the Limestone Coast Landscape Board on 8429 7550 or Landscape Services SA on 8463 6074 or email [landscapeservices@sa.gov.au](mailto:landscapeservices@sa.gov.au)





- Submission to the Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee [Inquiry into the adequacy of Australia's biosecurity measures and response preparedness](#). - submission no 75.
- Written feedback provided to the ACCC's *Regional Mobile Infrastructure Inquiry: Consultation Paper*.
- Convened the PPSA Bushfire Management and Prevention and Prevention Committee.
- Reviewed the draft code of conduct for mineral explorers in SA, and related assessment tool and management templates developed by the Department for Energy & Mining (DEM).
- Finalised PPSA's water policy principles and commenced drafting of a PPSA climate change statement. Taskforce meetings to be held on taxation reform and climate change.
- Response to chemical spray drift in

the mid-north has been referred to PPSA for consideration after an industry workshop held in the Clare Valley.

- Introductory meeting held with the Deputy Premier, Hon Susan Close MP to discuss PPSA NRM work program and cross-commodity issues.
- Met with Brent Finlay, Chair, Chair of both the Future Drought Fund Consultative Committee and the Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs Advisory Committee.

A meeting with PPSA and SADA and the negotiating team of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra on the Australia-European Union Free Trade Agreement (A-EUFTA)

As background, a GI is a name used on a product that has a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are essentially attributable to that origin and once

protected, generally, the GI name may not be used except by producers who meet the relevant rules around producing the GI product. 'Champagne' is a well-known example of an EU wine GI.

As you may also be aware, the EU, consistent with its approach with other FTA partners, has sought the [protection of certain EU GIs](#) as one of its key objectives in the A-EUFTA. If Australia were to protect EU GIs under the FTA, we would have to amend our laws to accommodate a [new GI protection system](#) - which could also be used to protect Australian GIs. We've heard interest from some Australian stakeholders, such as in the bushfoods industry, in creating Australian GIs should Australia establish a new GI protection system. Aside from GIs, an update on other aspects of the negotiations, including goods market access opportunities for exports to the EU.

## Scarlett



We're so excited to announce the arrival of Scarlett Ashleigh Wheeler, born 10/08/2022. Congrats to Ash and Tim, another champion for our team.

Scarlett Grinter - joins our team as an under graduate from Adelaide Uni doing her Ag Science degree. We welcome Scarlett from a third generation dairy farm in Cobram Victoria.



### 1 November 1935 Dairymens Association Meeting

- Myers rejects to purchase milk under standard price.
- A poisonous weed killer deputation was knocked back due to a compensation claim with the Thebarton Council
- No member sell milk on a wholesale basis to any person or company except under contract.
- All meeting shall be convened upon the requisition in writing of 10% of membership of the branch.
- Moved to appoint an executive body, consisting of President, Secretary and 5 members.
- Adopted the Constitution, Rules and Incorporated the Dairymens Association.

**Price Fixing Committee:** On the motion of Mr. Brabham, seconded by Mr. West that "there shall be appointed each year in the first week of December a milk price-fixing committee and that it shall consist of delegates from each District producing milk for sale as wholesale milk. It was further resolved that the number of delegates from each District shall be in proportion to the number of members in the district, in the same ratio as delegates elected to the Central Council. The committee with the aid of the General President and General Secretary shall discuss prices with the wholesale milk buyers and subsequently submit the result of their discussions to the Central Council for their approval.

# Around the grounds

- Andrew and Elf attended the PIRSA FMD and LSD workshop at the Marion Hotel. This all day event was designed to bring all potentially impacted parties together under the one roof and discuss and prepare the response in South Australia in the unfortunate event of an outbreak of either disease. The workshop was useful in fleshing out matters that would need to be dealt with in the event of an outbreak. Following this John and Andrew joined an ADF National Council virtual meeting to meet with the Australian Inspector General of Biosecurity and to discuss a range of biosecurity issues arisen out of the current heightened FMD & LSD concerns.
- Andrew and Elf met with officers from PIRSA on a number of topics, not least of which is traceability and how that current work in the area of traceability could assist with other government needs including tracing animals in the event of a livestock disease outbreak.
- Elf assisted a processor with questions regarding the declaration of prices in accordance with the expectations of the National Dairy Industry Code. The matter was resolved to the satisfaction of the processor in question. **SADA continues to provide advice to both farmers and processors regarding the operation of the code in an effort to reduce/eliminate conflict before they start.** SADA's advice in this regard has been well received by all parties in avoiding such conflicts, however, SADA will not publicly provide more detail due to the confidential nature of milk supply contracts.

- Andrew met with officers from Lactalis to discuss current arrangements with SADA Fresh milk
- Nick and Ben, together with Andrew and Elf attended the SA Dairy Awards Gala Dinner where Nick and Ben presented three awards.
- Hunt, Andrew, Elf and Scarlett, (the intern), held a meeting of dairy farmers in the South East to primarily discuss employment and biosecurity issues facing farmers in the district. The meeting was attended by 12 people, and a couple of babies.
- Elf spoke to the EPA regarding the EPA's proposed Milking Shed Effluent Code of Practice. The intent of dealing with the EPA is to keep the Code as unintrusive as possible within the boundaries of the legislation. EPA and SADA will continue to co-operate in the development of the Code.
- Elf attended the Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam Market Insights and Networking Session organised by Austrade and the South Australian Government in Adelaide. These markets are beginning to open up again and SADA Fresh is taking its first tentative steps in re-establishing some of its outreach.
- Andrew and Elf met with SADA members who are dependent on Lower Murray water to discuss issues that are of significance to them. With the changes in both State and Federal Governments to Labor Governments there have been a number of policy statements that will have an impact on the availability of water along the Murray Darling Basin. The meeting was also to hear members' position and policy expectations of SADA in

representing their issues.

- Andrew and Alison met virtually with SDFO EOs from WA, Tas and NSW to discuss dairy matters pertinent to each state. Key discussion related to FMD preparedness at the need to work within our organisations and States to ensure we have capability to provide Livestock Liaison Officers should Response Control Centres be established.
- Andrew attended an Agribusiness, Food and Wine/Beverages Industry Skills Council meeting where the key topics of discussion were the SA Skills Commission Strategic Plan (which has been condensed from four years to two years at the request of the new government), Higher Education Apprenticeships and Traineeships, and Skilled Migration pathways currently available and supported by the South Australian government.
- Elf met with Australia's Finest to sort out a number of issues regarding SADA Fresh Cheese. SADA Fresh is now ready to advance to the next stage of approaching Foodland to introduce the cheese in that chain. Costings to be prepared next week. Elf met with Australia's Finest to sort out a number of issues regarding SADA Fresh Cheese. SADA Fresh is now ready to advance to the next stage of approaching Foodland to introduce the cheese in that chain. Costings to be prepared next week.
- On behalf of both SADA and PPSA, Andrew met with officers from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to receive an update on the Australia-EU FTA. A key issue for discussion was the EU's request for GI protection including for feta and parmigiano reggiano. SADA had previously written to the



**BEST OF THE BEST**  
CELEBRATING OUR UNITED DAIRY INDUSTRY

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the 3 finalist at the Gala Dinner, Sam Martin for Best Young Farmer, Jake Connor for Most innovative Farmer and Perrin Hicks for Best Relationship with a Processor. All while we enjoyed some of the finest local produce and network with industry peers and friends we encourage all farmers to look at the dairy industry as a source of inspiration as we develop SA to rank amongst the worlds finest.



### Best Young Farmer - Sam Martin

Sam has spent the last 2 years changing over to TMR feed pad system. In planning the transition he visited 10 farms to get the best advice. He said "everyone was very welcoming and open to help out, the Dairy industry is a very exciting industry and I love what I do". Sam is looking forward to sharing what he's learnt and embracing the challenges. He lists his top three challenges as being, lack of vet support, land prices and workforce.

### Most Innovative Farmer - Jake Connor

Jake (and Michael) Connor's technology harvests information in such a manner which will enable information collection for the supply chain pathways of the future, namely, blockchains and distributed ledgers. These innovations attached to his collars and robotic technologies will mean that Nakita Dairies will be the go-to model for traceability of dairy products into the future.



### Best Relationship with a Processor - Perrin Hicks

Perrin believes the core values of La Casa del Formaggio align with his own family business practices. They are always open and give me the opportunity to speak with the board, fair negotiations on opening prices, regularly visit and is across all farm projects, for example our new Underpass development. The local sponsorships add to the appreciation of the loyal family owned and operated business partnership.

