



# SADA Newsletter

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### SADA AGM

SADA recently held its 2017 Annual General Meeting at the Glandore office. There were three Board positions up for election which were filled by John Hunt, Nick Brokenshire and Rick Gladigau. SADA would like to announce the re-election of John Hunt as the President with Nick Brokenshire as Vice-President and Rick Gladigau as Treasurer. With John as President this creates a vacancy for a dairy farmer from the South East to join the board. If you're in the South East and want to contribute to your industry please give Andrew (0419 037 569) a call to discuss, or contact SADA on 8293 2399 for further information.

The SADA Annual report will soon be available on the SADA website [www.sada.asn.au](http://www.sada.asn.au) and we encourage you as members to have a read. We welcome any feedback you may have. Hard copies are available if you would prefer so please contact the office and we will send one out to you.

### ROYAL SHOW WRAP-UP

#### Do Dairy

Dairy had a great presence at the show this year. We had five amazing people dress as Do Dairy 'Cows' taking photos with the public and handing out information flyers. The cows were a great success with lots of interaction with show patrons. Thursday 7 September was 'Do Dairy' day and all volunteers of the show wore 'Do Dairy' t-shirts and handed out flyers with information about all our SA producer partners. We again got great feedback about the information provided with the general comment being ... "oh great, now I know what to look for when I am at the dairy cabinet". Special thanks must go to Mandy Pacitti and Karen Altmann for all their inspiration and efforts in supporting 'Do Dairy' and all of the show activities. Maybe the greatest thing is that their work will have a legacy with many of the initiatives likely to last for many shows to come.



#### SADA Show BBQ

The 2017 Royal Adelaide Show BBQ was again a great success, The SADA team cooked up storm feeding approx. 300 hungry dairy farmers and their children, which we know they appreciate. Thanks to Jo and Chris Gilbert for giving up their time year after year to organise and cook, and to our other helpers Rene and Kerry. Special thanks to WFI and Fleurieu Milk for their ongoing support.

### SADA BABY

SADA would like to congratulate Board Member Nick Brokenshire and his partner Emma on the birth of their daughter 'Mia'. We wish them well during this exciting time.



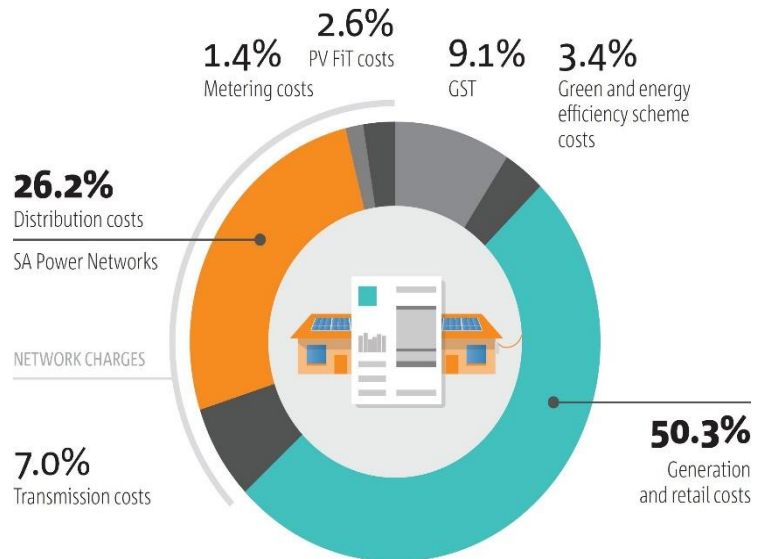
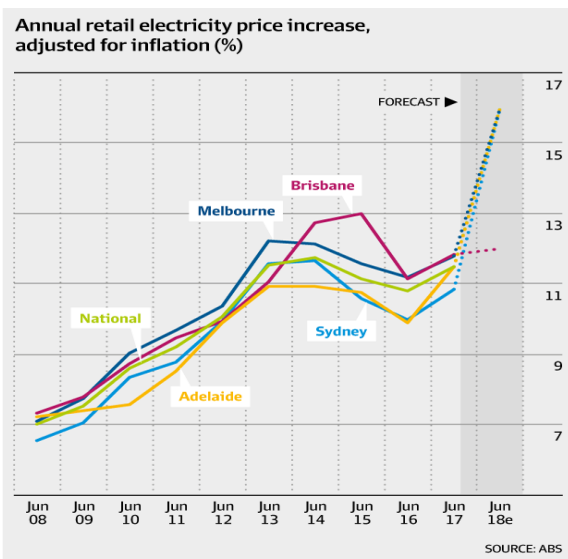
# OUTLOOK FOR POWER PRICES

There is little comfort for power consumers in the coming year with South Australia paying the highest prices for electricity in the world. Power prices will continue to climb in the current financial year but by way of cold comfort there may be a light at the end of the tunnel.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has forecast a peak in prices of just under \$150 per MWh in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2018. This is \$30 more the price at the time of this newsletter.

The **good news** is that with the exception of a couple of peaks the long-term picture out to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021 prices will contract to just over \$100 per MWh.

The **bad news** is that throughout that whole period the SA will maintain the highest prices within the National Energy Market. Consequently, retailers are continuing to offer better prices for customers that lock into long term deals.



## Running your business is about to get easier

With energy prices generally on the rise, achieving savings could be a significant bonus worth investigating.

Make It Cheaper can help you make better choices with bills. In one quick phone call Make It Cheaper can; compare gas and electricity prices, calculate potential savings, figure out which plan meets your individual needs and switch your current energy provider.

Make It Cheaper has already helped several SADA members with their energy requirements and successfully managed to secure a new energy contract on behalf of L F & J M Cleggett.

"It was a very easy process. I would recommend SADA members to take up on the opportunity." - Lyndon Cleggett.

**FOR FREE ENERGY ANALYSIS**

**Call** the SADA Members Hotline directly on **02 8077 0006** or

**Visit** the website to upload a recent energy bill [www.makeitcheaper.com.au/landing/sada](http://www.makeitcheaper.com.au/landing/sada)

## **VIRTUAL FENCES UPDATE**

Virtual fencing is an electronic based fencing system that will soon enable farmers to create virtual boundaries within their properties to manage stock. The system uses collars that deliver a mild electric current, (much less than a prod or fence), to prevent the cow walking past a virtual boundary. Before an electrical pulse is delivered the cow hears an audible warning that informs them that they are going to receive a pulse.

Up until recently the use of such collars for any purpose were completely forbidden. However, after lobbying by SADA, led by Board Member Sharon Joppich and a letter sent to the Minister, the rules have been relaxed to allow for research in the field.

“This research is important to enable the development of this technology as it will improve the prospects and costs for farm management.” Sharon Joppich said.

“Animal welfare issues are high on SADA’s agenda and the animal welfare outcomes of this sort of technology are good” she said. It is understood that the CSIRO will be taking advantage of the change in rules, trials are soon to be conducted in South Australia.

As the technology is fine-tuned SADA will continue to lobby for its commercial application in South Australia.

## **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE (AND RELATED INDUSTRIES) DAY**

By 2020, half of the world’s population will be on Australia’s northern doorstep, representing unparalleled opportunities for Australia’s economy, especially our dynamic farm sector. Last year, Australian farms surpassed \$60 billion in farm gate income. The National Farmers' Federation has a vision to grow this figure to \$100 billion by 2030. The story of agriculture is not just about farmers. Agriculture supports 1.6 million jobs from the city to the bush, in areas like retail, logistics, processing and many more. For this reason, 21 November 2017 has been declared ‘National Agriculture Day’. Launched by Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce on 4 September 2017 ‘National Agriculture Day’ is aimed at raising the level of awareness of the extraordinary contributions that are made to our nation by industries including the dairy industry.

## **MOVING AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AT NIGHT**

With silage season almost upon us, now is a good time to think about permits. Since 1 September 2016, farmers and operators of agricultural machinery or combinations (including contractors) are able to apply for a permit (called an exemption) to move at night in Zone 3 (Adelaide Hills) and Zone 4 (Country SA).

Eligible vehicles, machines and combinations are those allowed under the South Australian notice Oversize or Overmass Agricultural Vehicles Driven on Roads and the Code of Practice.

The permit is for three years and is issued by DPTI under delegation from the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator. It enables travel at night between farm blocks or parcels of land being worked by a farmer or operator – but not over longer distances at night between agricultural regions. While most councils have approved night movement of machinery, some councils have not or are yet to provide their response. A list of current council approvals is available online.

The permit will enable farmers and operators to move agricultural vehicles and combinations up to the following sizes:

- Zone 3 (Adelaide Hills): up to 3.7 metres wide and 19m long
- Zone 4 (Country SA): up to 4m wide and 25m long. Farmers and operators who are not certain which zone applies to their location should refer to the SA Code of Practice for Oversize and Overmass Agricultural Vehicles at <http://sa.gov.au/transport/agvehicles>

## FOOD INNOVATION CENTRE

The South Australian Food Innovation Centre has been established to maximise future opportunities for South Australia's food and beverage industry by supporting innovation and encouraging commercialisation of new ideas and products.

Innovation is essential to thrive in a rapidly changing world, but it has not always been easy for South Australian food businesses to find or access appropriate experts, programs or resources to support innovation activities.

The South Australian Food Innovation Centre is a single point of entry for South Australian food businesses to access the leadership, technical expertise and advisory services they need to solve problems, grow profits, and invest in innovations that can benefit their business.

### *Foundation partners:*

A coalition of industry leaders, state government agencies, universities and research organisations have joined together to establish the centre, making it easier for businesses to find and access appropriate experts, programs and resources to solve their problems and develop solutions that are fit for market.

The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society, Primary Producers SA, the CSIRO and the Economic Development Board are also supporting and contributing to the collaboration.

Initially the South Australian Food Innovation Centre will provide a virtual single enquiry point for food businesses to access:

- existing innovation capabilities
- technical and advisory support services
- advice on the government support programs and resources provided by the foundation partners.

The establishment of the South Australian Food Innovation Centre is a direct result of the State Government's economic priority, Premium Food and Wine Produced in our Clean Environment and Exported to the World.

Dairy businesses unsure about what services they need to access can contact the South Australian Food Innovation Centre, where the Centre team will be able to advise and connect them with the right partner.

Phone: (08) 8226 0109

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## NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

SADA congratulates former SADA board member and dairy farmer James Stacey on being awarded a 2018 Nuffield Scholarship in Darwin this week.

James, supported by Primary Producers SA, one of three South Australian recipients, will investigate management practices used to combat urban growth in productive agricultural regions, and strategies to maintain profitable farming businesses in this environment.

We wish you well for the next twelve months.



SADA CEO Andrew Curtis and Nuffield Scholarship Recipient James Stacey



# Insurance for dairy farmers

With WFI Rural Plan you can tailor an insurance package to meet your needs as a dairy farmer. It can also be extended to include a range of domestic insurances, all in one integrated package. For more information about WFI Rural Plan contact your local WFI Area Manager.

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**Good people to know.**

