

Members Newsletter



John Hunt stands down as SADA President

After more than a decade on the Board and the past six at the helm, President John Hunt has announced his decision to step away from the board, allowing him to concentrate on family and new business ventures. [More](#)

Robert Brokenshire takes the helm at SADA

The South Australian Dairyfarmers Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Robert Brokenshire as President of SADA. Robert is a dairy farmer from Mount Compass and former member of the South Australian Parliament. The Brokenshire family currently milk 440 jersey cows and maintain a Jersey Stud breeding from a fourth-generation herd. [More](#)



At SADA we want
To understand what
your connectivity
frustration are?

So the team can better assist
you with solutions for all your
connectivity issues. Please
give us a call to answer some
quick questions.

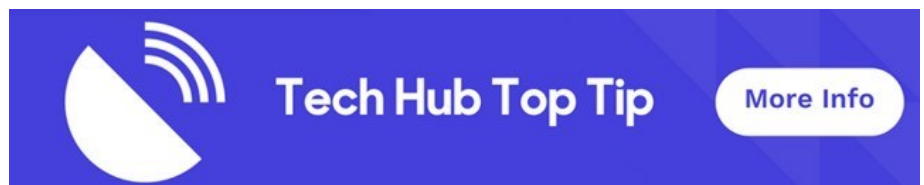


In addition to the work SADA is undertaking in this space, the ACCC is seeking public contributions to the **Regional Mobile Infrastructure Inquiry**.

The purpose of the Inquiry is to:

- inform future Government policy decisions on the provision of regional, rural, remote and peri-urban mobile telecommunications services
- investigate the feasibility of providing temporary mobile roaming during natural disasters or other emergencies.

More information about the Regional Mobile Infrastructure Inquiry is available at the [Project Overview](#) page, the [Ministerial Direction](#) page, and the [Public Consultation](#) paper.



New service to help connectivity woes

Regional Australians frustrated with their phone or internet connection can get help more easily following the [Regional Tech Hub launching a book in service](#).

The team provide free, independent personalised connectivity assistance, answer questions, and offer advice on internet and mobile options.

Spring clean your devices

Doing a clean-up of your devices can ensure your device works better for longer. Most operating systems have built-in software that automatically looks for and cleans up temporary or "junk" files. This can restore a lot of disk space over time. You can also look for third-party software that can help clean and maintain your hard drive.

[Regional Tech Hub website](#) and click on the link for your device.

DairySA 2023 Central Conference

WEDNESDAY 22 MARCH 2023

Bridges Event Centre
Murray Bridge Racing Club

With less than 4 weeks to go
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\$17.3 billion

Figure 1. Composition of the 2021-22 primary industries and agribusiness revenue (\$ million)



South Australia's primary industries are a vital contributor to the state. In 2021-22, primary industries and agribusiness revenue increased by 12% totalling \$17.3 billion, while the sector also supported 71,000 jobs.

In South Australia, most dairy farms received below average rainfall for the 2021-22 season. In spring, however, the La Niña event saw increased rainfall over many areas and late autumn breaks in some areas reduced pasture growth leading to increased supplementary feeding. Higher input costs also had a noticeable impact on fertiliser rates and likely reduced production of home-grown feed (Dairy Australia, 2022). Dairy primary production value (the value of milk produced) increased by 0.3% to \$263 million in the year reflecting a 2% decline in milk volume and a 2% increase in the farmgate milk price in 2021-22 compared with 2020-21. The value of dairy primary production remains well above the previous five-year average (up 12%). Dairy processing value increased by almost 24% due to greater production of milk powder and cheese, which is also reflected in the increase in cheese exports (up 95% to reach \$31 million) and milk powder exports (up 9% to \$80 million) in 2021-22.

Total Dairy sector value was up 17.4% to \$690 million.



National Mentoring

Program The second round of the National Mentoring Program, part of the Helping Regional Communities Prepare for Drought Initiative, is now open for applications.

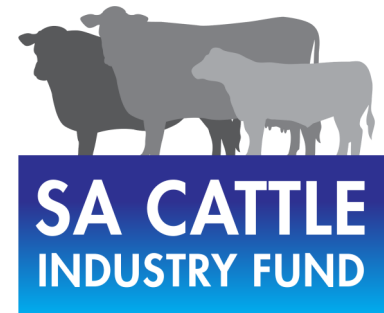
Another 180 places are open in this second round. That's 90 people from all walks of life sharing their experience as a mentor to support someone else to be the best version of themselves, and 90 people from all over rural, regional and remote Australia getting the chance to have a mentor guide them.

- Applications open: 1 February – 3 April 2023
- Program start: June 2023
- Duration: 12 months
- 12 x one-on-one mentoring sessions
- Virtual learning sessions covering effective communication, personalties and self-awareness, leadership and more.

Funding to purchase energy efficient equipment upgrades for small and medium businesses

Opens 6 March—Closes 19 April 2023

The Australian Government is providing grants worth between \$10,000 and \$25,000 to small and medium businesses to upgrade or replace inefficient equipment to improve their energy efficiency and reduce power use and bills. It is expected that there may be a high level of interest for this grant opportunity, and it may be oversubscribed. This is a demand driven grant opportunity. Grants will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis until the funding is exhausted in each jurisdiction.



Call for Applications SA Cattle Industry Fund

The South Australian Cattle Industry Board invites applications for project funding that will provide benefits to the State's beef and dairy cattle industry. Projects are to be delivered within the 2023-24 financial year. Project funding will be drawn from the SA Cattle Industry Fund.

For more information about funding guidelines and how to apply, visit: [CIF - Apply for Funding](#).

Applications are due by COB **31 March 2023**.

EOI for Cattle Industry Fund Board Members

South Australian livestock producers are encouraged to consider expressing their interest in joining the SA Cattle Industry Fund Boards. The Industry Fund Boards are responsible for providing recommendations to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regions as to the expenditure for the Funds.

Expressions of interest are open for the following positions:

- 1 cattle producer (beef or dairy)
- 2 independents with a knowledge of the cattle industry

All terms are up to 3 years. To nominate, candidates must submit an expression of interest on or before 5pm on **Friday 31 March 2023**.



A podcast dedicated to finding out more about our AgriFood system, from the people involved in it.

Join us each **Wednesday** as we dive deep into the journey that have Humans of Agriculture.



AUSTRALIAN
DAIRY
CONFERENCE



ADC
RETURNS
TO THE
DAIRY

CALENDAR WITH ITS LARGEST CONTINGENT

The Australian Dairy Conference (ADC) has once again established itself as the premier event on the dairy industry calendar with an almost-capacity delegation. More than 550 plus dairy industry delegates will gather in two weeks in Hobart in a record-breaking contingent for the farmer-led organisation.



600
NATIONAL
DAIRY
MEMBERS

DESCEND ON HOBART

“ADC is an event for farmers, by farmers, with both the Board and the Programming Committee (appointed annually) made up of strong farmer representation making ADC one of the most unique and independent models to bring the issues that matter to farmers most to the fore,” said Tom Acock, ADC President.

Toolbox Talks PODCAST
for Australian Farmers
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Farmsafe Australia Podcast “Toolbox Talks” has launched.

Free to stream on [Spotify](#) and [Anchor](#) platforms, Toolbox Talks focuses on farm culture, and how we can all contribute to making our farms, and our farmers, safer! Tune in each week as Dr Richard Franklin explores the important topics facing Australian farmers, families, and the agricultural community. This week’s podcast is an interview with Glen Cook and is a great listen.



PRIMARY
PRODUCERS
SA



Some of the NFF committee work PPSA is involved with in February includes:

- **Sustainable Development and Climate Change Committee** meeting, 3 February, issues covered include the Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units, the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act update, COP15 Convention on Biological Diversity outcomes, AASF briefing, and National Reconstruction Fund update.
- **Telecommunications and Social Policy Committee**, 16 February, agenda topics included the 2023 TSPC workplan, on-farm connectivity program, NFF draft telecommunications policy and an overview of social policy including Indigenous engagement.
- **Trade Committee**, 22 February, key outcomes were presented from NFF President Fiona Simson's recent trip to the UK and EU with the Minister for Agriculture, Senator Murray Watt; developments in Australia's bilateral relationship with China were discussed; as well as EU FTA negotiations, following the conclusion of the latest negotiating round in Canberra.
- **Workforce Committee**, 23 February, issues covered included IR reform, the Workplace Sexual Harassment Prevention Program and ag apprenticeships.



January 1940

Total Members 1158 increase of 252 members from 1938.

Mr Gormile was appointed as acting Secretary: 2/10p.w. Col Nelson Son be appointed for work in the office: 1/10p.w. This was bought about by Colonel Nelson being appointed to the command of the 3rd Light Horse Regiment. He would be in camp for 30 days.

January 1941

In January of this year, the heavy rains caused severe floods, and in the Murray area some swamps were as much as 12 feet under water. Many of these dairymen were prevented from de-pasturing their cattle on the swamps for quite a considerable period, and in some instances the fodder that they had conserved and placed in stacks on their land had been swept away, they were therefore without means of feeding their cattle.

In the full knowledge of this, and foreseeing that many of these members would be hard placed to adequately feed their cattle, an approach was made (within a few days of the flood), to the Government for fodder and assistance for these dairymen.



Nearly 100 people turned out for the **Murray Bridge Get Together** today. What a great outcome for a strong community that has stuck together. With representation from Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA Power Networks Livestock SA Rural Business Support and many others, to help and answer any questions. A number of important issues were raised by farmers, particularly the processing of grants. Thank you to Thomas Foods International and Foodland Supermarket for feeding us and to the Imperial Football Club for providing the venue and opening the bar.



- Andrew and Lyndon Cleggett met with officers from PIRSA and DA to discuss **BJD management** going forward.
- Andrew and Alison attended the **Humans of Agriculture** presentation by Rural Media & Communicators SA/NT. Providing us with some 'influence' to tell the story of Ag. <https://humansofagriculture.com>
- Elf attended at the office of the **Hon Sarah Game MP** to assist the office in preparing tax policies for Ms Game.
- Elf travelled twice to the **Murray River flood impacted farmers** in making applications for government grants that are available to farmers as a result of the River Murray's events. SADA will continue to assist farmers to lodge grants to recover as much money as possible for members (and in some instances non-members).
- Elf met with **Lulu's Hypermarkets (Saudi Arabia)** at the request of Lulu's to discuss the possibility of supplying cheese and fresh milk to Lulu's. Lulu's asked to see SADA Fresh products after SADA expressed interest in meeting with them when their buying reps were in South Australia.
- Andrew met with Foodland CEO to discuss the **2023 Dairy Awards Sustainability Award** and other matters.
- John Hunt spoke on the Country Hour – [LISTEN HERE](#)
- Andrew participated in an **TAFE Roadmap** for the Future on-line consultation – "Connecting with Industry"
- Elf worked with the EPA on another **effluent management issue** involving a member. The EPA and SADA continue to work collaboratively to ensure that farms are compliant with environmental laws with as little impact or interruption to the farm business as possible.

- Elf attended the **GS1 Woolworths Solution Provider** conference (by electronic means) to hear the latest developments in 2D barcode technology. The meeting incorporated processor and farmer members.
- Elf also corresponded with Business SA including a follow up meeting regarding the introduction of industrial manslaughter legislation in SA. Business SA passed on their thanks to SADA for providing advice on the proposed legislation and the impacts that the legislation represents on all businesses in SA.
- Andrew attended the quarter meeting of the Agribusiness, Food & Wine/ Beverages **Industry Skills Council**.
- Andrew and Elf met with Elders and a delegation from the **Ukrainian Dairy industry** over several days in various locations around Adelaide. Tours were conducted with the delegation as they investigated ways to assist their industry to recover after the war which is currently ravaging the Ukraine. The tours included a tour of the now famous Connor robots and the Fleurieu Milk Company. The Ukrainians expressed their gratitude and asked that that be passed on to the SADA Board.
- Elf met with the **Fleurieu Milk Company** to develop an application for funding to deliver an industry wide needs analysis for making South Australian farmers and processors more export focused. This accords with the South Australian Dairy Industry Action Plan 2019-2024, in which exports are described as a key component of the work of SADA and other industry participants.
- Elf reviewed the **Veterinary Services Bill** which proposes a replacement of the current Veterinary Practices legislation in South Australia. While the proposed legislation is largely benign it does introduce a new offence which could

lead to unnecessary prosecution of farmers. This has prompted SADA to write to the Minister for Primary Industries as well as the Shadow Minister and One Nation MLC, both of whom are veterinarians. SADA will work with the Minister to see if the offending parts of the legislation can be amended.

- Elf continued to assist farmers with processing **applications for grants** arising out of the floods in the lower River Murray. This has led to a number of conversations with departmental staff regarding the demands government are placing on applicants under the scheme.
- Andrew and Tracey attended the **Australian Dairy Conference in Tassie**. With over 600 delegates the conference was one of the best events of its type that Andrew has been to during his career. Some of the take home messages included Without courage, dreams die and methane is part of our positive future. More to following the newsletter

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 Victor Harbour - South Australia
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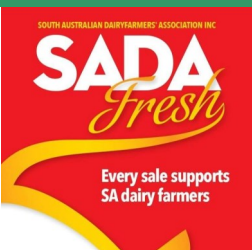
UPCOMING EVENTS

[ABARES Outlook Conference - 7-8 March](#)

[Fleurieu AgFest - March 20](#)

[DSA Central Conference - 22 March](#)

[SA Industry Climate Change Conference - 20 April](#)



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