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SADA's 2022 State Election Priorities

SADA will advocate for several key policies in the upcoming 55th South Australian election, which scheduled for 19 March 2022.

These election policies have been developed after extensive consultation with SADA members, industry and government and were created to get the best for our industry.

Skills Fund

SADA recommends the provision of a \$4 million package (over 4 years) to enable SADA to recruit and work with an appropriate training provider to enable competent staff to be trained in the dairy industry in South Australia.

Stamp Duty Rebate Scheme

SADA recommends to government for dairies that are purchased and:

- Returned to commercial production within a year of purchase, or
- Which are purchased and generate a 10% increase in farm income from the date of purchase where a commercially operational farm is purchased, are granted a complete stamp duty rebate two years after purchase. In such cases the land must remain in primary production.

Support for the Murray Darling Basin Plan

SADA calls upon all parties to reaffirm and maintain their commitment to the continued roll out of the Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Methane abatement/capture

The South Australian government has expressed a target of 50% reduction in emissions by 2030.

This ambitious target will be assisted by support for expanded trials surrounding this important energy source.

- A funded position (to be funded at a cost of \$100,000 per year over two years) to assist farmers in measuring, planning and reducing their emissions, such as supporting farmers with modelling, planning and reducing emissions to net zero by 2030.
- Funding a trial program to establish a fully functioning CAL system (methane capture and generation) to operate as a proof of concept by committing \$300,000 to demonstrate feasibility to other dairy farms in South Australia and throughout the rest of the nation.
- Funding of a further \$200,000 to support the further roll out of dung beetle technology on dairy farms in SA.

Traceability Scheme

The South Australian Government supports the expansion of the ongoing SADA Traceability project with an injection of \$750,000 to bring a functional traceability system to the marketplace for not only South Australia but Australia.

Mental Health Support

SADA calls upon the SA Government to assist with the ongoing roll out of critical mental health triage by supporting SADA's work in this space through providing \$60,000 per year for the next three years.

[View the full SADA 2022 State Election Policy Document](#)

Vale Frank Beauchamp

Francis Todd 'Frank' Beauchamp

Born 3 January 1932.

Passed away peacefully
29 December 2021

Aged 89 years.

Image courtesy of the Stock Journal



Former SADA President Frank Beauchamp passed away peacefully on 29 December 2021. Mr Beauchamp was born into a dairy industry family in early 1932. His grandfather started the milk-processing co-operative Beauchamp Brothers, which later became AMSCOL.

After Frank left school in 1950 he began working at AMSCOL, beginning his time with the company testing milk before eventually becoming managing director before it was taken over in the mid-1970s.

After finishing his tenure with AMSCOL in 1985, Frank and his wife Judith purchased a dairy farm in Mypolonga, eventually milking 300 cows.

After spending almost a decade as farmers, the couple returned to Adelaide and Frank took on the manager's role at herd-improvement group HISCOL.

Following 10 years there, he tried retirement for six months before becoming president of the SA Dairyfarmers Association in 1995.

While he was in that role the dairy industry underwent deregulation.

His work representing the interests of all South Australian dairy farms through this tumultuous time - coupled with his tremendous efforts building relationships between processors and producers over the years - were arguably Frank's most vital contributions to the industry.

Frank will be remembered as a great bloke, a fair leader, a gentleman and champion for the SA dairy industry.

Insurance cover you can tailor to suit your farm

Our rural insurance allows you to tailor a package to suit you,
from hobby farmers to large farming operations
and major primary producers



Good people to know.

Did you miss any of our updates? [Register Here](#)

Managing COVID-19 in the dairy industry

The SA dairy industry, like many food sector industries is currently being seriously impacted by the effects of COVID-19 on workforce availability.

SADA is working closely with PIRSA and SA Health to manage these impacts as best we can.

Rapid Antigen Testing

- SA Health is facilitating the ordering of RAT tests for our sector, in recognition of the critical function we all play in food security. The RAT Request form is available from the SADA office for businesses who are struggling to obtain RAT resources.
- All businesses using RAT on site are reminded to report test results to SA Health to contribute to the surveillance monitoring or by completing the online [Rapid Antigen Test Reporting Form](#). SA Health is working on providing an updated online system in coming weeks to allow the bulk upload of negative test results, to allow further ease of use.
- From Thursday 13/1/22, SA Health plan to provide free RAT tests at major testing clinics to people identified as close contacts. This rollout will begin in major sites in Adelaide before being rolled out across the state. We will provide further detail on this process via our website as it becomes available. This is expected to allow for greater capacity within our state-wide testing resources, allowing quicker processing times for symptomatic tests through the regular PCR channels.
- Also from Thursday, people that record a positive RAT result will be taken to be COVID positive and will not need to seek a confirming PCR test. All positive RAT



results must be [reported to SA Health](#) to connect you to health services, and ensure the health care system is aware of community spread.

Return to work protocols

- SADA AND PIRSA is committed to working closely with SA Health to develop industry protocols that allow critical business functions to continue to operate. PIRSA and SA Health will be working on industry protocols in the coming days that allow close contacts to return to work in line with the [AHPPC interim guidance](#) issued on Monday 10/1/22.
 - An Emergency Direction is scheduled to be published by the end of the week that will detail the process to facilitate close contacts returning to work to complete highly critical business functions. This will be updated on the SADA website.
 - In the interim, if any business has any immediate and highly critical issues that will result in a high impact on service delivery, they can contact the SADA office and we can work with PIRSA and SA Health to facilitate emergency exemptions.
 - We will continue to work closely with you all to ensure information is communicated in a timely and effective manner as we work through these changes. We will communicate the new process and requirements as soon as information is available.

Critical services matrix

All businesses are reminded to refer to the guidance for [COVID Exposure in Critical Services and Infrastructure](#) for identifying contacts within your workplaces. We will communicate any changes to this document should they occur.

Livestock Underpass Grants Scheme

Livestock underpass grants are funded by the Regional Growth Fund to provide financial assistance to eligible livestock primary producers, abattoirs and saleyards to establish livestock underpasses linking farming properties (or abattoir or saleyard) that are crossed by public roads. A total of \$3 million in grants is available for the construction and installation of livestock underpass infrastructure.

Read the [guidelines for details](#)

Applications close at 5 pm on 30 June 2022 or when funding has been exhausted, whichever comes first.

2022 CENTRAL CONFERENCE

LEADING THE FIELD

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 16 March 2022

Conference

BRIDGES EVENT CENTRE
MURRAY BRIDGE RACING CLUB

Post conference

BRIDGEPORT HOTEL, MURRAY BRIDGE

2022 DairySA Central Conference: Leading with Dairy 16 March 2022, Murray Bridge

CONFERENCE VENUE: Conference: 'Bridges Event Centre', Murray Bridge Racecourse, Brinkley Road. Post conference events at the Bridgeport Hotel, 2 Bridge Street, Murray Bridge.

DairySA together with the Central Conference Reference Committee are thrilled to be presenting the 2022 DairySA Central Conference in March in Murray Bridge.

A line up of engaging speakers will cover topics designed to challenge your thinking across all aspects of dairy farming today, including:

- how to capitalise on your investments to future proof your business
- a 'warts and all' dive into succession challenges
- the resilience factor of your people and how to get the most from your labour force
- dedicated 'Tech Time' showcasing dairy technology
- diversifying the farm – benefits and challenges of agritourism, plus much more!

These events are valuable networking opportunities and gives you the chance to reconnect with suppliers, colleagues and industry members.



Woolworths Dairy Innovation Fund

Applications open for Woolworths dairy innovation grants

Woolworths is calling on Australia's dairy farmers to share their plans for on-farm improvement, with grants of up to \$100,000 available through the latest round of Woolworths' Dairy Innovation Fund.

The second round of the \$5 million Woolworths Dairy Innovation Fund is now open and seeking applications from farmers for grants to support on-farm projects that deliver innovation, efficiency and seasonal resilience.

If you would like to discuss an idea or apply, we're here to help. Contact us on 8393 2399.