



Livestock SA president Richard Halliday and chief executive Deane Crabb at the organisation's display for LambEx 2014 in Adelaide last month.

> Call for national cattle reps

Livestock SA is calling for nominations from its members to represent South Australia on the Cattle Council of Australia's sub-committees.

CCA has four sub-committees that are responsible for providing policy advice on animal health, welfare and biosecurity; marketing, market access and trade; industry systems and food safety; and research, development, extension and sustainability.

Nominations should be forwarded to Deane Crabb before Friday, August 29, providing a resume and a brief reason for nominating.

> **Send nominations to Livestock SA chief executive officer Deane Crabb, dcrabb@livestocksa.org.au or contact the office.**

> South East support for Livestock SA

The new South East region of Livestock SA has elected Peter Stock as chairman, Lachlan Grundy as vice-chairman and Tom Dawkins as secretary.

The group met last month and passed several motions for Livestock SA to pursue including South East drains, unconventional gas extraction, a transaction levy for cattle, and 'fit-to-load' rules. SE region members will meet with the Livestock SA board shortly to discuss these key issues for the region.

The Monthly Update

With
RICHARD HALLIDAY



Livestock SA is ready to host its first Annual General Meeting on Friday, August 29.

We will announce results of our first election of board members, which shows the industry is engaged in what we are doing and what is happening across the state.

The AGM will be held at Roseworthy Campus and will be followed by the Sheepmeat Council of Australia Sheep Producer Forum (see more information attached).

To update from last month, Livestock SA received \$275,000 from the State Government for water and wild dog issues in drought areas of SA's Far North. Since then, the Federal Government added a further \$275,000 for the same areas of work. An extra \$10 million in concessional drought support loans will go some way to help those producers in most need of assistance.

Livestock SA's Northern Region chairman Colin Greenfield, board member Geoff Power and Livestock SA chief executive Deane Crabb are working through the best way forward for affected producers

and how to allocate money for their maximum benefit.

July was filled with events demonstrating the industry's progress and great position. Firstly, Livestock SA was part of the National Wild Dog Action Plan launch in Armidale, New South Wales. The plan showcases the industry's willingness to collaborate and develop a framework to work on an ever-present and national industry threat.

The LambEx 2014 conference was held in Adelaide for the first time – the organising committee is to be commended on the program of speakers, issues addressed and the logistics of the event. It was outstanding.

It was the first real outing for Livestock SA, in which we hosted Sheepmeat Council of Australia and WoolProducers Australia. Credit goes to Deane, our communication contact Deanna Lush and to the board members who manned our stand for pulling together a display relevant to our livestock producer members. I received many positive comments from producers on our work so far and shows that producers want a voice ... so we must remember to roll up our sleeves and have a crack!



Candidates announced for Livestock SA board

Livestock SA has received seven nominations for five board positions, meaning members will be able to vote on who represents them at the upcoming annual general meeting next month.

There are up to 10 positions available on the board and five continuing board members – president Richard Halliday, Geoff Power, Alexander MacLachlan, Andy Withers and Jack England.

Nominees for the remaining five positions include:

- > Andrew Clarke, Allandale Station, Oodnadatta.
- > Jean Evans, Upper Sturt.
- > Joe Keynes, Lorelmo Keyneton Station, Keyneton.
- > Bill Nosworthy, Lake Hamilton Station, Port Lincoln.
- > Steve Radeski, Adelaide.
- > Penny Schulz, Schulz Livestock, Field.
- > Robyn Verrall, Keith.

Mr Halliday says it is fantastic to see so much interest in Livestock SA and the organisation's work on behalf of cattle, sheep and goat producers.



"Only members can vote so I encourage any livestock producer who is not yet a member to contact Livestock SA or visit the website for a membership form," he said.

Ballot papers and profiles of each candidate have been included in the August newsletter mail-out to all members. Votes must be returned to Livestock SA before 5pm on Monday, August 25. Successful nominees will be announced at Livestock SA's AGM (see details below).

> Your ballot paper is included with this newsletter. Contact the Livestock SA office on 08 8297 2299 with questions.

New pastoral award rates

On July 1, there were several changes to wages, superannuation and casual loading for producers employing staff under the Pastoral Award.

The changes were effective from the first full pay period after July 1 and include:

- > A 3 per cent wage increase, approved by the Fair Work Commission.
- > Adjustments to allowances.
- > An increase in the superannuation contribution from 9.25pc to 9.5pc.
- > An increase for some businesses in the transitional casual loading from 24pc to 25pc. This applies only to workplaces which were bound by a State award before January 1, 2010, such as the *Pastoral Industry (South Australia) Award* and *Wine and Spirit Industry (South Australia) Award*. These paid a casual loading of less than 25pc.
- > The casual loading remains at 25pc for other employers.

The changes have been summarised by Livestock SA's legal services provider Mediation and Employment Relations Service (MERS) and is available at www.livestocksa.org.au or from the office on 08 8297 2299.

Have your say at the *Livestock SA* AGM

Friday, August 29, 2014

ROSEWORTHY CAMPUS TAVERN

followed by

the Roseworthy Tour and Sheepmeat Producer Forum

On the agenda

- > Update on Livestock SA activities
- > The plan for the next 12 months
- > Announcement of new board members
- > Producer feedback ... issues that affect you

