



Primary Producers SA's Rob Kerin, Livestock SA's Colin Greenfield, Billa Kalina Station, and Minister for Agriculture Leon Bignell at meetings with pastoralists in the Far North in June.



> Going to LambEx?

Catch up with the Livestock SA team at its booth at LambEx 2014 from July 9-11. Livestock SA will host representatives from Sheepmeat Council of Australia, WoolProducers Australia and the Livestock Biosecurity Network.

Drop in and say g'day!

> What's new?

Have you seen Animal Health Australia's latest Stock Health Monitor? It is a bi-yearly newsletter about avoiding, managing and controlling livestock production diseases such as OJD. The latest edition includes a story with LSA president Richard Halliday. View it online at www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/publications or call 02 6232 5522.

Livestock SA administers drought support for northern pastoralists

Livestock SA is consulting with Far North pastoralists on how to best allocate \$275,000 in drought support from the State Government.

The funding commitment includes money to install new water infrastructure and for wild dog control.

Minister for Agriculture Leon Bignell and Primary Producers SA's Rob Kerin visited the Far North in mid-June. They met with pastoralists at Lyndhurst and Oodnadatta and representatives of the Pastoral Board and South Australian Arid Lands NRM Board at Glendambo, and toured Cowarie Station.

Livestock SA northern regional chairman Colin Greenfield, Billa Kalina Station, says the organisation is working its way through how to administer the funds, which are available for 2014-15.

He says the organisation will continue its lobbying efforts to the Commonwealth Government and Agriculture Minister Barnaby Joyce in the hope of accessing federal funds to complement the state's contribution.

"We expect to have more information in the next two to three weeks on how the money will be used and what drought-affected pastoralists can do to access it," Colin said.

Other issues raised by pastoralists during Mr Bignell's visit included sustainability of pastoral properties such as diesel power generation, the cost of educating children, retention of young people on properties both to take over and as employees, and the need for legislative changes for road train access on some roads.

"We also raised the prospects of long-term commitment to drought support so that every time pastoralists get droughted-out somewhere, we don't have to go through the same process."

> Details: More information on availability of support will be provided to pastoralists as soon as possible.



Call out for board nominations

Livestock SA is calling for nominations from producers to be board members of the organisation, starting at its annual general meeting on Thursday, August 29.

Producers must be Livestock SA members to be eligible for nomination and be able to commit to quarterly board meetings in Adelaide. Board members can also influence national policy through peak councils including Sheepmeat Council of Australia, Cattle Council of Australia and WoolProducers Australia,

There are up to 10 positions available on the board and currently nine members at present. Four members are up for re-election at the AGM, if they choose to renominate, including Andrew Ogilvie, Mark Turnbull, Penny Schulz and Jean Evans. Continuing board members include Richard Halliday, Geoff Power, Alexander MacLachlan, Andy Withers and Jack England.

If more nominations are received than positions available, Livestock SA members will be able to vote by postal ballot. More information on the need for a vote will be available once nominations have been received.

Nomination forms are available at www.livestocksa.org.au or by contacting the Livestock SA office.

Nominations close at 5pm on Thursday, July 17. Forms must be returned to chief executive officer Deane Crabb, phone 08 8297 2299, fax 08 8293 8886 or dcrabb@livestocksa.org.au

Tips for moving stock on roads

By **CHARLES MOUNTAIN**
RAA SENIOR MANAGER – ROAD SAFETY

In South Australia, there is no legislation that covers traffic control requirements for livestock owners moving stock along road reserves and there is no reference to the task in the Australian Road Rules.

There is a series of guidelines available from the State Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure for 'stock on road' signs. These signs, with bold, black lettering on a yellow background, can be placed temporarily on roadsides to warn drivers of the hazard.

The signs are to be placed so that they are visible for at least 200 metres by approaching motorists. They should be 250 metres ahead of stock to allow motorists enough time to react and slow down before reaching the mob or herd. As stock move along the road, signs may need to be relocated but it is best that

they not cover a distance of more than 5 kilometres at a time.

While it is not a legal requirement to display 'stock on road' signs, they are a simple measure that can increase the safety for you, your stock and motorists. The signage does not provide full legal protection – farmers are still responsible for stock movement at all times.

Farmers should do what they can to help drivers travel past stock. Some motorists might not have travelled through moving stock before, so any direction and advice could be helpful, such as suggesting they drive slowly to avoid scaring stock, indicating that they pass on either the left or right side of the road, or to watch out for working dogs.

If farmers move stock along or across a road on a daily basis, they can apply to their local regional DPTI office to install a permanent stock warning sign. It is also possible to apply for permanent signage for roads that are unfenced, where a regular crossing point for wandering stock can be proven.

The Monthly Update

With
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Livestock SA registered its 1000th member late last month – proof that there is plenty of interest in what the organisation is working on and its aims and goals for the future.

It is an exciting time for the organisation. The Livestock SA board met in June to start planning our first AGM and election – set for August 29.

We've also been busy with more grower meetings, this time travelling to Karoonda and Cleve to speak to producers and gain feedback on issues concerning them and their communities.

WoolProducers Australia held its June board meeting in Adelaide, which included its first grower strategic planning

meeting. This was very successful and Livestock SA was able to provide its input on the future direction for WoolProducers.

We were also part of Primary Producers SA's June meeting and were able to communicate our views and the effects of the continuing drought in the Far North. We were pleased to have the listening ear of Minister for Agriculture Leon Bignell who travelled to northern SA with PPSA chairman Rob Kerin to meet pastoralists.

Mr Bignell announced Livestock SA will administer \$275,000 in government funding to help drought-affected pastoralists. It is a small amount but it is a start. With SA showing its commitment hopefully some federal funds will become available. We will continue to work with both levels of government and try and gain more support for pastoralists still working through drought conditions that persist in northern SA.

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Livestock SA AGM

Sheepmeat Council of
Australia Producer Form

**THURSDAY,
AUGUST 29, 2014**

Roseworthy campus.
10am start