



The 2015-16 Livestock SA committee members: outgoing treasurer Steve Radeski, Adelaide Hills, with Allan Piggott, Moorlands, Bill Nosworthy, Sheringa, vice-president Joe Keynes, Keyneton, Penny Schulz, Field, president Geoff Power, Orroroo, Andrew Clarke, Oodnadatta, Andy Withers, Naracoorte, and Jack England, Kingston. Absent: Jamie Heinrich, Parndana, and Richard Halliday, Bordertown.

## Successful board election results at AGM

**Vice-president Joe Keynes and board members Andrew Clarke, Bill Nosworthy, Penny Schulz were re-elected to the Livestock SA board last month, along with new member Jamie Heinrich.**

Jamie is a stud and commercial sheep producer on Kangaroo Island, and at 27 is the youngest member on the Livestock SA board.

The results were announced at Livestock SA's AGM & Update and South Australian Cattle Producers Forum at Hahndorf last month.

Livestock SA Chief Executive Officer Andrew Curtis acknowledged and thanked producers Gillian Fennell, Tom Hampton and Steve Radeski for their nominations as part of the election process.

"We would especially like to thank Mr Radeski as the outgoing treasurer of Livestock SA. His support and views have been invaluable, particularly his agribusiness experience, as ANZ State Agribusiness Manager for SA, NT, WA and the Western Districts of NSW," he said.

Mr Curtis said it had been a successful 12-months for the organisation, with highlights including the launch of the SA Sheep Industry Blueprint earlier this year. Funding will also cover the development of a beef cattle blueprint in the coming year.

Other highlights included helping those affected by the Pinery fire on 25 November, Livestock SA called for donations of fodder and for those who needed assistance. Livestock SA established a depot at Roseworthy Campus following an offer from Professor Wayne Hein for use of the facilities. Over six months, nearly 60 producers were provided with about 1900 bales of hay (of varying sizes).

Funding from the SA Sheep Industry Fund and Australian Wool Innovation was used

for the creation of WoolTAG tool boxes, which were officially presented to students who had completed their shearing or wool classing courses at an industry day at Gilles Plains TAFE on 11 December.

A successful display was also held at the Yorke Peninsula Field Days for the first time, with Livestock SA taking up a joint site with Grain Producers SA in the PIRSA tent. Over 50 new members were signed up and producers provided comments on priority issues for Livestock SA's focus.

Mr Curtis said the AGM was attended by about 100 producers and industry stakeholders, with about 26 percent of members returning votes from a growing membership of 2886.

"It is an indication of the strong support for the independent advocacy work that Livestock SA does on behalf of producers, which helps us continue to move forward with confidence," he said.

"It's particularly encouraging to see continued growth in memberships, I would encourage anyone who is not yet a member to sign up."

**DIARY DATES**  
November 10

Meat & Livestock Australia  
AGM and producer forum.  
Adelaide Hills  
Convention Centre,  
145a Mount Barker Rd,  
Hahndorf.



## From the president

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**GEOFF POWER**



**Congratulations to the successful board members who were re-elected in the recent AGM at Hahndorf, vice-president Joe Keynes and board members Andrew Clarke, Bill Nosworthy, and Penny Schulz, along with new member Jamie Heinrich.**

We have very strong board representation, and I look forward to their ongoing involvement in Livestock SA for the next two years.

It's particularly great to see strong representation from young and upcoming producers, with Jamie at 27 the youngest member on our board. Besides his recent election to the board, Livestock SA would also like to congratulate Jamie on recently being awarded a 2017 Nuffield Scholarship, with his research to focus on attracting and retaining young people in the sheep

industry. A key issue for the livestock, and agricultural, industries. This scholarship was provided by PPSA with funding from the E W Stevens Trust.

Livestock SA would also like to thank outgoing treasurer Steve Radeski, for the integral role he has played from the outset of our organisation, he will be missed.

This year, for the first time, we ran a SA Cattle Producers Forum alongside the AGM and Update, which was a great success with strong attendance from about 100 producers and industry stakeholders. We had a wonderful line-up of presenters including Meat & Livestock Australia's Richard Norton, Cattle Council of Australia's Jed Matz, Woolworth's Brett Thompson, Farm Connectivity Specialist Ian Ware and more. We thank the Cattle Council of Australia, Meat & Livestock Australia and WFI Insurance for their sponsorship of the event. I would also like to thank all who presented, and those who attended the forum. It gave us all a really great insight into the future of the beef industry.

Of particular interest was discussion on the prototype of the livestock brands

app, which Livestock SA has worked closely with PIRSA to advocate for, in the wake of the Brands Act 1933 being repealed at the start of this year. The launch of the Davies Research Centre, and the development of the SA Cattle Industry Blueprint were two other very exciting topics, both of which will play a critical future role in ensuring SA remains at the forefront for industry growth and partnerships across the value chain in the livestock industry.

Finally, it has been pleasing to see the Federal Government listen to industry, and soften its stance on Working Holiday Visas, reducing the tax rate from 32.5 percent to the level Livestock SA advocated for, at 19 percent. However, we continue to campaign for the current changes that the Federal Government has made to working holiday visas in northern Australia to be extended to the pastoral zone of South Australia, so backpackers can be employed for up to 12 months by a single employer.

Livestock SA have a busy 12 months ahead, but as usual we always welcome your ideas and thoughts on any policy issue affecting the SA livestock industry. Please contact us on **08 8297 2299** or email [admin@livestocksa.org.au](mailto:admin@livestocksa.org.au)

## Producers asked for feedback on new livestock brands app

**Livestock producers were given the chance to explore a prototype of the Livestock Brands App at the Livestock SA Update & AGM and first-ever SA Cattle Producers Forum at Hahndorf last week.**

Livestock SA and the State Government have been working on a new online system for producers to register brands and earmarks, after the Brands Act 1933 was formally repealed on January 1. As a result, brands no longer need to be registered with Primary Industries and Regions SA.

Since then, and following feedback from Livestock SA, Primary Industries and Regions SA have been working with a group of designers to develop a prototype

app using simple technology and on-farm consultation and testing with stakeholders.

The current prototype has been developed to better assist producers identify a brand and find, or report, a lost animal.

Once complete, the app will streamline the traditional way brands are registered – making it easier for producers to keep a record of their stock.

Livestock producers have been asked to give feedback on the prototype. At the link below is an online feedback form and step-by-step instructions on how to trial four real-life scenarios on the app.

**More information:** View the prototype of the Livestock Brands App at <https://goo.gl/forms/Cflr4FBf0zsd7OT11>

## News In Brief

### Mental health in spotlight

Producers have been asked for their input towards the development of a free, online intervention designed to help farmers better cope with things beyond their control (weather, commodity prices, disease outbreaks, etc.) The project will help to teach farmers new strategies that prevent them from developing mental health issues in the future. Assisting with the project may involve sharing your opinion on the type of resource that would appeal to Australian farmers, or, at a later stage, trialling the website and being involved in its evaluation. You do not need to have mental health issues or be an 'expert' internet user to assist. If you participate, you will be partially reimbursed for your time.

**More information:** Contact Dr Kate Fennell on 08 8302 2137, email [kate.fennell@unisa.edu.au](mailto:kate.fennell@unisa.edu.au) or register your interest online at [bit.ly/farmerproject](http://bit.ly/farmerproject)



- 1 Pictured at the recent Livestock SA Update & AGM and SA Cattle Producers Forum were University of Adelaide Professor Forbes Brien, Roseworthy Campus, with Livestock SA's Richard Halliday, Bordertown and president Geoff Power, Ororoo.
- 2 Livestock SA's Andy Withers, Naracoorte, and SA Sheep Industry Blueprint Manager Stephen Lee.
- 3 Rural Solutions SA: PIRSA's Bruce Hancock and Livestock SA vice-president Joe Keynes, Keyneton.