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ALFA DIARY

19-22 April
Easter Long Weekend

25 April
ANZAC Day

1 May
ALFA Annual Recognition
of Excellence Program
Launch

15-16 May
MPM Program Session 2,
Sydney

22-23 May
ALFA Council Meeting

30 June
Last day of 2018-19 ALFA
Membership Year

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ALFA 2019/20 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All ALFA Feedlot, Associate and Student Members should have now received their membership renewal letter for the 2019/20 Membership year.

Thank you to those that have already renewed their membership. If you have not yet received your renewal notice, please let ALFA's Membership Manager - Madie Hamilton know via email at madeleine.hamilton@feedlots.com.au and it can be resent to you. Or alternatively, call the office on (02) 9290 3700 and Nat in our friendly accounts team can help you.

ALFA operates under a direct membership model and so it is extremely important to us that we continue to fulfil our duty as the peak national body for the Australian cattle feedlot industry and deliver value to our members. ALFA's four main roles are to represent the cattle feedlot industry; responsibly direct the expenditure of the grain fed cattle transaction levy; improve the industry through standards, training, events, leadership, awards, careers development and employment facilitation; and provide a high-quality membership service to you, our members.

The current membership year will conclude on 30 June 2019. After which, the new 2019-20 membership year will commence on 1 July 2019 and we are looking forward to bringing value to our members through exceptional representation, events, information and training.

ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP (AMS) SELF-LEARNING MODULES

Lot feeders will soon have access to free online learning modules to help them develop antimicrobial stewardship plans for their feedlots.

The modules, developed by MLA in consultation with ALFA, will be launched later this week on the ALFA and MLA websites to complement the release of the Antimicrobial stewardship guidelines for the Australian cattle feedlot industry. An email will be sent directly to lot feeders soon inviting them to register for the online learning modules.

In the meantime, the AMS Webinars, delivered by ALFA & MLA, with the support of Zoetis, were delivered over the last fortnight and the recordings are now available for members to view online or download:

- [AMS Webinar – Part One \(click to view/download\)](#)
- [AMS Webinar – Part Two \(click to view/download\)](#)

PROVIDE INPUT INTO GRAIN FED LEVY MARKETING AND R&D INVESTMENT

Feedlot Managers and owners are invited to participate in ALFA's annual survey regarding the proposed grain fed levy investment for FY 2019/20. Closing date for feedback is Friday 19 April 2019.

[Click here to take the survey online](#)

A QUICK SNAPSHOT FROM RMAC ON THE BUDGET OUTCOME FOR AG

Key agrifood initiatives & impacts

The ag value adds were pre-announced and were mostly focused on extreme weather support. This includes:

- \$6.3 billion in loans and support for drought affected farmers
- \$3.3 billion in drought support measures

These key areas, aside budget, had some small but significant wins for the industry:

- Beef Australia received funding \$3.9 for their 2021 event
- An increase in the luxury car tax write off for primary producers
- The pre-announced \$30 million for the Agriculture Stewardship Program was confirmed
- Up to \$4.8 million allocated for National Leadership for Agricultural Innovation + development of a National Agricultural Workforce strategy

The highly controversial Biosecurity Levy is now flagged to commence 1 September 2019 - a major blow for Departmental income totalling around \$20,000,000; and equally not re-funded is the Leadership in Agriculture Industries Fund.

THE WOLF BEEF BLING AND BOWTIES BALL IS BACK – GET YOUR TICKETS



Join the Women of Lot Feeding (WOLF) for the not to be missed WOLF major networking event of the year – the Beef, Bling and Bowties 2019 Ball on 18 May 2019. Flyer and further information can be found on the [Women of Lot Feeding Facebook page](#).

[Click here to purchase tickets.](#)

STEVIE-LEE WAYMAN RETURNS FROM TRAIL INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Stevie-Lee Wayman of Kerwee Lot Feeders Pty Ltd was awarded an industry scholarship from ALFA and MLA to attend the Australian Rural Leadership Foundations 'TRAIL' program. She has just returned from the two-week program held in Canberra, ACT. We asked her how she found the experience...

"It was a life changing experience for me, gaining knowledge and tools to apply to my everyday life."

"By coming into the program with an open mind, it gave me the opportunity to learn and improve myself as a leader not only in my workplace, but also in my community."

“The program at times is both mentally and physically challenging and sometimes confronting, pushing you out of your comfort zone to achieve things you never in a million years thought you would do!”

“I will cherish each and every memory I made along the way and also the amazing people that I met and drew inspiration out of to better myself.

Stevie-Lee says she “would strongly recommend this program to any up and coming leaders in all industries.”

Stevie-Lee is pictured in the back row, second from the left.

If you are interested in applying for the industry scholarship to attend the TRAIL course, go to the [ALFA website here](#) for more information and to apply. Two scholarships are awarded annually.



LATEST ALFA LOTFEEDING JOURNAL OUT NOW

All ALFA Members should have reviewed their copy of the latest edition of the Lotfeeding Journal in the mail last week.

If you need to update your postal details or amend the number of copies you receive, please email Madie Hamilton at ALFA at madeleine.hamilton@feedlots.com.au with your old information and the new information and this will be updated for you in time for the next edition.

In the meantime, you can [view the current edition online via the ALFA website here](#).

GET TO KNOW THE 2019 MPM PARTICIPANTS

[Click here](#) to read about two of the young guns on ALFA's MPM Program this year:

David Duncan (pictured above) - Livestock Manager at Teys Australia's Condamine Feedlot in Queensland.

Brooke Flanagan (pictured bottom left) - Gunnee Feedlot Livestock Supervisor.

Throughout the year we will be bringing you profiles on all the participants - so stay tuned!

TIME TO CELEBRATE

[Click here](#) to read Madie Hamilton's column in the May Edition of the Lotfeeding Journal and featured on The Land online to find out what the cause of celebration is for lot feeders in 2019...



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