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MPM Program Session 2,
Sydney

22-23 May

ALFA Council Meeting

1 June

ALFA Annual Recognition
of Excellence Program
Launch

7 June

Early Bird Registrations
close - Effective Team
Communication Workshop
Series

30 June

Last day of 2018-19 ALFA
Membership Year

1 July

New ALFA Membership
Year 2019-20 commences

1 July

SMARTBEEF registrations
open and Program release

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ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP E-LEARNING SERIES

Meat & Livestock Australia in consultation with the Australian Lot Feeders' Association has launched an Antimicrobial Stewardship E-learning series for the feedlot industry. Interested feedlot industry staff are now able to register for this series free of charge. Given the broad responsibility for antimicrobial stewardship access has been granted to staff of NFAS accredited feedlots, ALFA members, MLA members, registered veterinarians, feedlot nutritionists, stock feed manufacturers and industry stakeholders.

The series contains 3 online courses:

- Antimicrobial Stewardship
- How-to-Series
- Practical Bovine Post Mortem

The Antimicrobial stewardship series covers key principles of antimicrobial stewardship including steps to implement plans on feedlots with insights from leading feedlot veterinarians, antimicrobial stewardship experts and microbiologists. The How-to-Series is aimed at equipping feedlot staff with practical information to promote responsible use of antimicrobials including diagnostics, treatment administration, interpretation of product labels and record keeping. The Practical Bovine Post-Mortem series takes you step by step through the process of conducting a post mortem, to enable accurate pathology and disease diagnosis. The modules are a great resource for training staff in these areas, but also serve as a great reference tool.

During each course you will be asked to watch videos and read information covering the key areas of antimicrobial stewardship. You will then be required to answer questions relating to that topic correctly before moving onto the next module. If you answer any questions incorrectly you will be required to review the module information and answer the questions again. There is no limit to the number of attempts you may take.

The courses are not designed to be completed in one sitting. You can pause or come back at any time to continue your work. At the successful completion of each course, you will be provided with a certificate authorised by The Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) and Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA).

To register for the series follow three easy steps:

1. Visit <http://bit.ly/AMSLearning>
2. Click CREATE AN ACCOUNT and fill out the required fields. Click SAVE to self-register.
3. Once you have created an account, your registration is required to be verified before you have access to the online courses. Please note this may take up to 5 business days. Once verified, you will receive an email that notify you that access to the courses has been granted. You can then take the courses in your own time.

These details and login instructions can also be found on the ALFA website here: <http://www.feedlots.com.au/events/calendar>



SMARTBEEF

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SMARTBEEF IS COMING TO DALBY IN 2019 – BOOK IN YOUR ACCOMMODATION ASAP

The Australian Lot Feeders' Association (ALFA) is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the Australian Grain Fed Beef Industry's premier technical conference, SMARTBEEF, this October in Dalby Queensland.

As one of the most anticipated events on the calendar, the event will run from 2 – 4 October 2019 at the Dalby Showgrounds. This year's venue presents a number of exciting opportunities which will be reflected in the jam-packed two-day program that includes practical cattle handling and latest R&D technology demonstrations alongside inspiring and engaging speakers and of course an excellent opportunity for industry networking. With the development of this exciting program well underway, we look forward to sharing with you the full program upon its release in July, when registrations will also open.

ACCOMMODATION – TIP IS TO GET IN EARLY

As the event will be held in Dalby, we encourage booking accommodation as soon as possible. ALFA has reserved a number of rooms at various hotels in Dalby for delegates, exhibitors and sponsors that require accommodation. To book, head to our [event website](#) for a full list of hotels and booking instructions. You must call the hotel and quote "SMARTBEEF" to access the reserved rooms.

LOOKING TO SPONSOR OR EXHIBIT?

There are a number of limited sponsorship & exhibition opportunities available at SMARTBEEF 2019.

With the event being held at the Dalby Showgrounds this year – there are great opportunities for outdoor exhibitors and indoor exhibits. [Click here](#) to download the prospectus for more information. Closing date for applications is this Friday, 17 May 2019.

GET SOCIAL

Find out who else is going to SMARTBEEF and join our [Facebook event page here](#) - we will update the event page with news about SMARTBEEF and when registrations go live along with the program and speakers. Don't miss out on being the first to know!

GOT QUESTIONS?

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either our Events Coordinator Fiona Parsons from I'm On It Events at imonit.events@gmail.com or ALFA Manager - Membership, Communications and Capability, Madie Hamilton at madeleine.hamilton@feedlots.com.au.

[Click here to go to the SMARTBEEF Website for full details](#)

Registrations will open 1 July.

NO RELIEF FROM GRAIN PAIN

Domestic feed grain users continue to pay considerable premiums relative to global markets, driven by ongoing production shortages, reports MLA.

Notwithstanding an easing trend in recent months, domestic grain prices remain historically high, challenging profitability for lotfeeders and graziers alike. On the other hand, shifting global trade dynamics - including the emergence of new production regions in Eastern Europe - have contributed to a global supply surplus.

[Read more via MI A News here](#)



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registrations have now opened for ALFA's newest workshop series, designed to upskill your team and build upon your team's interpersonal skills to create effective communication flows and promote a greater team culture.

Feedlot sites are based on teams working well. And we all know the best teams are those that are made up of all different types of people, in terms of skills, backgrounds, ideas and thoughts. However, this can at times pose specific challenges in the workplace when these characteristics clash. That's why ALFA has developed this new workshop series for lot feeders to attend, and anyone else who works in a team environment.

Register one staff member, or the whole team – either way the benefits will be felt throughout the team.

After attending the workshop participants will be able to:

- Identify different personality styles and understand how these can impact on the way individuals prefer to communicate and be communicated with.
- Understand the impact that different personality styles can have on relationships and teamwork and how to get the best out of themselves and their teammates.
- Understand how conflict can arise from personality differences and learn strategies to manage these within a team.
- Use strategies to communicate better with others and work as a team.

Workshop sizes will be limited to 25 people per workshop to allow for maximum interaction and value for each participant.

See below for scheduled workshop locations and dates:

- **Oakey RSL Club, QLD** 9 July 2019
- **Oakey RSL Club, QLD** 10 July 2019
- **Condamine Sports Club, QLD** 11 July 2019

The workshop will run from 8:30am - 4:00pm.

If you would like to organise a workshop on site for your team (it requires a min. 25 people to run) – please email madeleine.hamilton@feedlots.com.au to discuss options.

[Click here](#) to download the workshop flyer

[Click here](#) to download a registration form (*Early Bird rates available until 7 June*)

ALFA 2019/20 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

All ALFA 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. Afterwhich, the new 2019-20 membership year will commence on 1 July 2019 and we are looking forward to continuing to bring value to our members through exceptional representation, events, information and training.

ALFA thanks its Platinum Members for their ongoing support of ALFA and the Industry

