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ALFA DIARY

16 – 18 February

MPM Session 2 - Sydney

24 & 25 February

ALFA Council

3 March

Pen cleaning, manure and environmental management online workshop - Session 1

10 March

Pen cleaning, manure and environmental management online workshop - Session 2

17 March

Pen cleaning, manure and environmental management online workshop - Session 3

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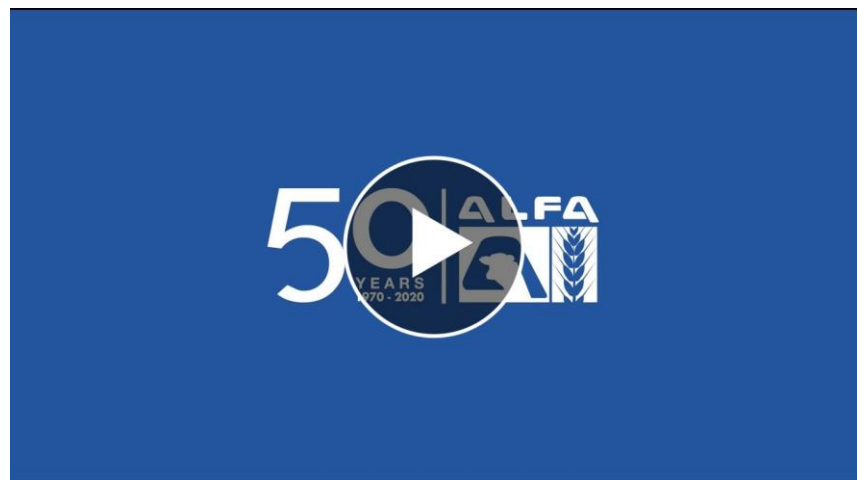
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Happy New Year!

The ALFA Council and Secretariat sends best wishes to members and friends for a very happy and prosperous 2021.

National celebrations for ALFA's 50th Anniversary

Friday 18th December 2020 marked 50 years to the day that the Australian Lot Feeders' Association came into existence, and members around the country celebrated the milestone with team morning teas or bbqs. If you missed the video on the day you can view it below, along with some photos from celebrations around the country.



Congratulations Molly Sage - 2020 Young Lot Feeder of the Year

Molly Sage from JBS Beef City Feedlot in Queensland was announced the winner of the 2020 Young Lot Feeder of the Year Award, proudly sponsored by Performance Feeds, during ALFA's 50th Anniversary event.

Molly has won \$5,000 funding towards a study trip/further study, along with a grain fed beef industry scholarship to attend the ARLF's TRAIL program for emerging leaders.

From an original pool of 13 entries, six progressed to the second judging round where they undertook a formal interview with the judging panel, followed by presenting to the ALFA Council on their essay topic. The final three; Kailen Hodgson, Teys Charlton Feedlot, VIC and Louise Rush, TFI Iranda Beef, SA; and Molly Sage, JBS Beef City Qld remained to vie for the top award.



Molly with her team at JBS Beef City Feedlot on ALFA's 50th anniversary.

RMAC announces new CEO

The Red Meat Advisory Council Board has announced the appointment of Mr Reith Parker as the new Chief Executive Officer for RMAC.



Mr Parker has most recently been an Advisor to the Queensland Office of the Leader of the Opposition; a role requiring extensive stakeholder engagement and industry relationship management.

Prior to this Mr Parker gained experience in economics, trade and industry affairs with Sheep Producers Australia. He also has an academic background in agriculture, focussed on regulatory risk in ruminant livestock industries.

Mr Parker takes over from Mr Ron Cullen, who acted as interim CEO since previous RMAC CEO, Ms Anna Neelagama left the role in early August.

New NVDs now in effect

Feedlots are reminded that livestock now cannot be sold without the most up to date National Vendor Declaration (NVD) forms. As of 1 January 2021, only the updated versions of all NVDs (0720) will be accepted for cattle, sheep and goats. There is no cost for the new NVD books until 30 June 2021.

LPA accredited producers, feedlots and value chain stakeholders who use the eNVD platform can automatically access the updated versions.

More information is available via the flyers at the end of this newsletter, or visit the Integrity Systems website at www.integritysystems.com.au/on-farm-assurance/national-vendor-declaration-nvd/

Horizon Scholarship applications close this Friday.

Applications for the 2021 AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship Program are closing this week. Students entering their final two years of an undergraduate degree who are passionate about the future of Australian rural industries are encouraged to apply.

The AgriFutures Horizon Scholarship is a collaboration between many of the Research and Development Corporations (RDC's) to provide eligible university students with a \$10,000 bursary over two years and plenty of opportunities to develop their leadership skills and expand their networks. As part of the Program, students also attend an annual four-day professional development workshop and complete two weeks of industry work placements.

For more information and to apply visit www.agrifutures.com.au/horizon



Manure workshop - Registrations now open

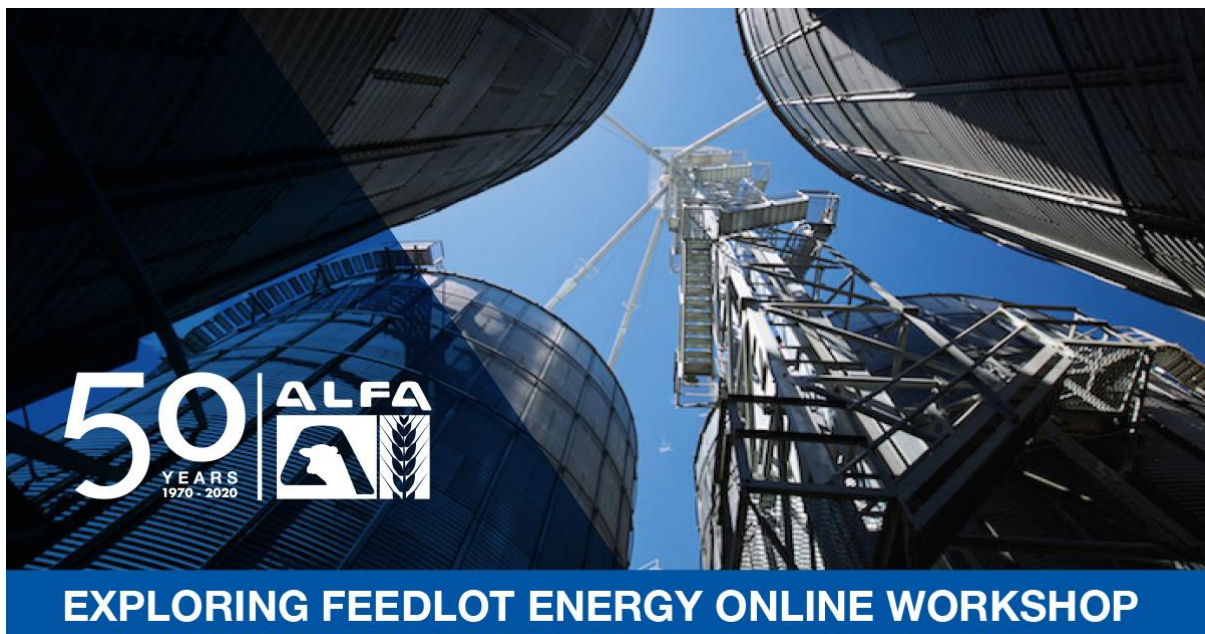
Off the back of popular demand, ALFA has developed a brand new workshop covering Pen Cleaning, Manure & Environmental Management and will deliver it online in March 2021.

This workshop will benefit anyone involved in:

- Managing manure, effluent, and its environmental impact
- Feedlot maintenance
- Feedlot planning and operations
- Farms and farming operations
- QA management
- Animal and human welfare
- Ensuring feedlot upkeep and pen maintenance

The topics will be covered over 3 x 2-hour lunchtime training sessions and will include a number of feedlot case studies.

For full workshop details including topics, presenters and dates, and to register visit the ALFA website: www.feedlots.com.au/workshops



Ready to maximise your feedlot's energy efficiency?

Looking to understand how you can improve your feedlot energy and water use efficiency? ALFA, in conjunction with MLA, will be running an online workshop in March that will focus on exploring feedlot energy and the technologies available to improve water and energy usage and efficiency on feedlots.

For full details and to register visit the ALFA website: www.feedlots.com.au/workshops

Livestock Leaders workshops seeking participants

An initiative of industry research and development corporations MLA and LiveCorp, Livestock Leaders is a professional development workshop aimed at building capacity of current supply chain champions involved in agricultural production to be future leaders, influencers and advocates of the Australian red meat industry.

This workshop aims to give agricultural advocates the tools to increase their leadership capacity and build connections with other influencers.

Expressions of interest are currently being sought for the following upcoming workshops.

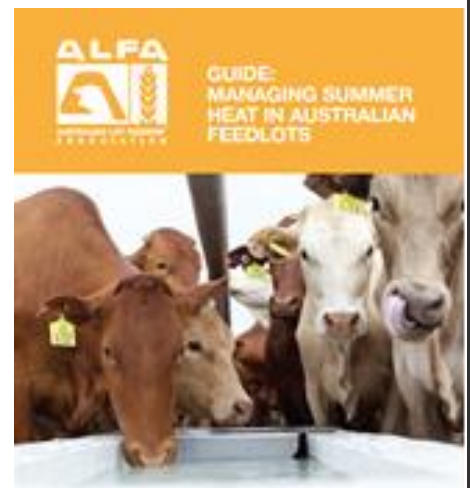
- Southern QLD - 1 & 2 Feb 2021 [Register your interest here](#)
- NT - 23 & 24 March 2021 [Register your interest here](#)
- VIC - 14 & 15 April 2021 [Register your interest here](#)
- Northern QLD - 29 & 30 April 2021 [Register your interest here](#)

New ALFA Guide: Managing Summer Heat In Australian Feedlots

To support feedlots in identifying the early signs of heatload and suitable management practices to combat heatload events, ALFA has developed a *Guide: Managing Summer Heat in Australian Feedlots*.

This guide was posted to feedlot members before Christmas and additional hard copies are available by request through the ALFA Office. Alternatively, a digital copy is available through the [Resources page](#) on the ALFA website.

Feedlots are encouraged to review the guide and consider action plans in anticipation of any possible heatload events. For further support or advice, please call Jeff House, Technical Services Officer, on 0419 262 207 or email jeff.house@feedlots.com.au



Have you checked your weather station recently?

It's a good time to think about any maintenance that your weather station may require. Some key points are listed below, and full notes by Katestone are available by [clicking here](#).

- Keep the sensors clean: leaves, spider webs, etc. can obstruct ventilation. If you have a black globe temperature sensor (black metal sphere), other foreign enemies (like dust, mud, bird dropping) can have a negative impact.
- Check that wind sensors (the cups and vane) do not make any noise when spinning.
- Use desiccant to remove condensation from the air inside enclosures (mast, booms, electrical cable, and connectors).
- Check the battery (it should be close to the nominal battery voltage that is stamped on the battery case)
- Inspect the solar panel cover for cracking or crazing, leakage of rain around the edges and dirt.



THANK YOU TO OUR PLATINUM MEMBERS





PEN CLEANING, MANURE & ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ONLINE WORKSHOP

BRINGING THE WASTE MANAGEMENT & UTILISATION MANUAL TO LIFE TO IMPROVE HEALTH & WELFARE OF GRAIN FED CATTLE.

WHO SHOULD REGISTER?

This workshop will benefit anyone involved in:

- ▶ Managing manure, effluent and its environmental impact
- ▶ Feedlot maintenance
- ▶ Feedlot planning and operations
- ▶ Farms and farming operations
- ▶ QA management
- ▶ Animal and human welfare
- ▶ Ensuring feedlot upkeep and pen maintenance

TOPICS & DATES

Delivered over three live-streamed 2-hour sessions. Registration covers access to all three online sessions. If you are unavailable for a live session, a recording will be provided to catch up.

SESSION 1: 3 March 2021 (12-2pm AEST)

- ▶ Pen surface management & its impact on performance
- ▶ Protecting the environment
- ▶ Pen cleaning 101
- ▶ Odour, dust & flies

SESSION 2: 10 March 2021 (12-2pm AEST)

- ▶ Manure handling & storage
- ▶ Manure composting
- ▶ Manure quality & utilisation
- ▶ Pathogens

SESSION 3: 17 March 2021 (12-2pm AEST)

- ▶ Feedlot effluent management
- ▶ Pen surface maintenance
- ▶ Future research
- ▶ Case studies

PRESENTERS

- ▶ Rod Davis
- ▶ Robyn Tucker
- ▶ Joe McMeniman
- ▶ Lot feeder case studies

REGISTRATION FEE

ALFA Member	Non-Member
\$110 pp (inc. GST)	\$165 pp (inc. GST)

Registration covers online access to the webinars, all pre-session materials, and a certificate of completion. Unless prior arrangements are made with the ALFA Office, registrations must be fully paid prior to the first session or access may be denied.

Not an ALFA Member? [Apply](#) to take advantage of the discounted rate.

REGISTER NOW

Registrations close 21 February 2021.

MORE INFORMATION

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EXPLORING FEEDLOT ENERGY ONLINE WORKSHOP

UNDERSTANDING THE TECHNOLOGIES AVAILABLE TO IMPROVE WATER AND ENERGY USAGE AND EFFICIENCY ON FEEDLOTS.

WHO SHOULD REGISTER?

This workshop will benefit feedlot owners/operators and feed mill teams.

TOPICS

► Making the Most of Energy Sources

Carl Duncan, Smart Business Hub

- What are the sources of energy on a feedlot?
- Deep diving into the results of a 12-month energy audit of a 20,000 head feedlot. What did they discover?
- Feedlot energy and water usage, how do we stack up?
- Opportunities for energy efficiencies
- The future of thermal energy use technology

► Exploring Thermal Energy & How to Improve Cost Efficiencies

Max Barnes, All Energy Pty Ltd

- Sources of thermal energy
- How to improve boiler cost efficiencies

► Advancements in Boilers & Energy

- Latest technology
- Improving steam flaking efficiencies

Participant resources include:

- Tips & Tools: Feedlot Energy Efficiency



DATE & TIME

24 March 2021 at 1-2:30pm (AEST)

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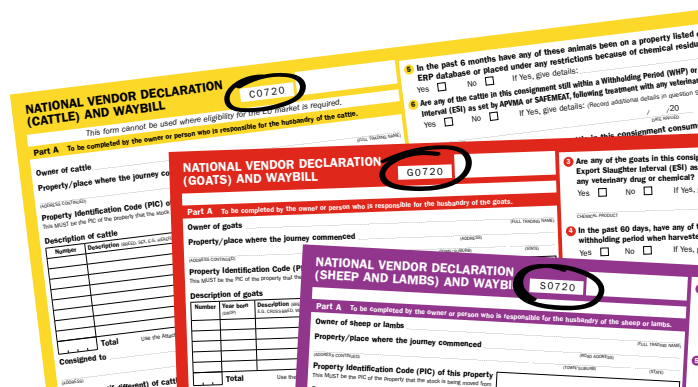
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This workshop was developed in partnership with:





IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LPA NVDs

Updated versions of LPA NVDs for all species, were released on 1 July 2020 – identified by version number 0720. This is now the ‘current’ version

From 1 Jan 2021 – ONLY the current version will be accepted

Moving livestock with non-current LPA NVDs is a breach of LPA Rules and Standards and could affect your accreditation. You must be LPA accredited to be able to access LPA NVDs

eNVD. The faster, easier way to complete livestock consignments. The eNVD system always has the current LPA NVD version and is available online in your LPA account at lpa.nlis.com.au

If you need help accessing the eNVD, please contact the ISC Helpdesk on 1800 683 111

Be prepared. If you wish to use a LPA NVD book make sure you order your new book well in advance, otherwise use the eNVD

Due to high order volumes and postage delays, there is a 6-week turn-a-round for hard copy book orders. Remember to use eNVD if needed.

The fastest way to order a new LPA NVD book is online in your LPA account at lpa.nlis.com.au

If you don't have internet access, you can place an order with the ISC Helpdesk on 1800 683 111

More information is available at www.integritysystems.com.au/nvd



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Need an LPA NVD in a hurry?

From 1 Jan 2021, only current LPA NVDs (version 0720) are accepted. If you need a current LPA NVD immediately, you will need to generate an eNVD.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

Your LPA account login details*

Access to a smart phone, mobile device or computer with internet access *

To create an eNVD yourself. Go to the LPA Service Centre at lpa.nlis.com.au

Your agent may be able to assist you, but cannot complete the eNVD for you.

YOU NEED TO:

Complete ALL sections online and submit digitally OR

Click submit and generate a PDF copy to be printed and filled in manually. Don't forget you will need 3 copies (yours, transporters and receivers) and all must be clear, correct and complete.

More information on eNVDs is available at
www.integritysystems.com.au/envd-help

** Don't have your login details or a smart phone or internet access?
Contact the ISC Helpdesk on 1800 683 111 for help to create an eNVD.*

Please note: Destination PIC is now required on LPA NVDs and is mandatory in WA & TAS
Search for destination PICs within the eNVD system or via PIC search on the NLIS database.



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