



# AG CHAT

*Connecting sustainable communities*



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of South Australia

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As we approach the festive season, we would like to share a brief update and extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to the Ag Bureau community.

South Australia's agricultural industry has experienced exceptionally challenging seasons in recent years, driven primarily by widespread and prolonged drought conditions, record-low rainfall across several regions.

As at late 2025, there is cautious optimism in parts of the state following more favourable rainfall forecasts. However, sustained and widespread rainfall will be essential to support meaningful recovery from the extended dry period and to restore soil moisture profiles.

During this period, Ag Bureau is working closely with partner organisations to support its members by providing access to information, resources, and practical assistance to help manage dry conditions and build long-term resilience.

Connecting Communities events have been held across the state, fostering local unity, connection, and peer support within rural communities / Ag Bureau branches. Funding remains available for Ag Bureau branches to apply for grants to host a Community Resilience Event. These events are designed to strengthen local networks and support community wellbeing during challenging seasonal conditions.

Applications close on 31 January 2026, with all successful events required to be delivered by December 2026.

For further information & application details, please visit:  
[www.pirsa.sa.gov.au/drought](http://www.pirsa.sa.gov.au/drought)

# SEASON'S GREETINGS & REFLECTIONS

Ag Bureau Chairman Bevan Oster reminds us that Christmas is a time to pause and spend with family.

In that spirit, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who continues to make a difference in life on the land—from those working tirelessly in food and fibre production, to those running rural businesses and keeping a close eye on the weather forecast. Each of you plays a vital role in sustaining our rural communities.

Ag Bureau itself is experiencing significant pressure in continuing to deliver these services due to a high number of unpaid memberships. Membership subscriptions are critical to the organisation's ability to operate and to continue supporting members at both a branch and state level, especially with Insurance.

All branch executives have been provided with a list of outstanding memberships. We respectfully ask members to support Ag Bureau by promptly paying any outstanding fees. Your contribution is essential to the ongoing viability of the organisation and ensures that Ag Bureau can continue to support you and the broader agricultural community.

As we head into the festive season, let us take a moment to focus on what matters most: our families, our staff, and those within our networks. Farming can be a tough game, but it is the people around us who keep us going.

I am looking forward to serving on the Board in 2025 and supporting farmers to do what they do best—farming.

On behalf of the Ag Bureau, I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

*Bevan Oster*

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Chair, Ag Bureau



# NEW OFFICE FOR AG BUREAU

Our office has now officially relocated to the Fleurieu Peninsula, marking an exciting new chapter for the organisation.

We extend our genuine appreciation to Rural Business Support for their dedicated service to Ag Bureau over the past 10 years. Their support has been greatly valued and instrumental during that time.

We are also pleased to welcome Jody Martin as our new Administration and Office Manager. Jody will manage all office-related enquiries moving forward.

**Please note that all of our contact details have changed.**

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