



# AFSA™

## AUSTRALIAN FERTILISER SERVICES ASSOCIATION

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# WELCOME TO THE AFSA NEWSLETTER



### FROM THE CHAIR - Heath Boseley

Hello and welcome the festive AFSA newsletter for 2024.

First of all I would like to introduce myself, Heath Boseley, newly elected AFSA chair. I am a second generation fertiliser distributor and spreading contractor based in Pinnaroo in South Australia. I am happy to take calls from all members or potential members as I would like to hear all the ideas to extend AFSA in 2025 and beyond.

Before we move forward we need to look back and thank those retiring board members for their great compassion, leadership and vision for AFSA. They are Durell Hammon, Emma Greenhatch and Andrew Chivell. Between them, there were many volunteer hours clocked up in meetings, travelling, thinking, as well as critiquing AFSA and aiming to keep our organisation relevant to our members. I would like to personally thank these fantastic people on behalf of our members.

While I am on the thankyou's, I need to extend a big thanks to Shane Dellavedova who has been leading the AFSA over the past few years, his passion for the fertiliser industry is very evident and one I will lean on in this role going forward. Shane organised the recent AGM and trade show at Creswick in Victoria, which was attended by many members and industry personnel.

At this AGM, the new board was elected and I know the new board are excited to move the AFSA group forward and improve relevance with the membership group. The new board members are Heath Boseley (Chair), Amy Wyer (Vice-Chair), Noel Squires (Secretary) Shane Dellavedova (Treasurer), Bruce Hudgson, John Crossling and Pat Dwyer. Please keep an on socials and your inbox for more exciting news from AFSA, including more in the registration and insurance space for spreading vehicles, more connection with members, strengthening the Fertiliser Australia relationship, spreading tyre size and weight handling information and even a few competitions to get involved with. Thanks to Kristin Murdock from Pipeline Media who has been getting the newsletter back out to all members while also updating and ramping up the Facebook page. Please head along, like the AFSA page and share it to like minded industry or research groups to help spread the word on the exciting future of AFSA.

Well, I have avoided it long enough... season 2024 can quickly pass most members by! Although it will be a memorable season for many people - for all the wrong reasons. In my region we have now set new records for kilograms of grain per millimetre of rain however. Here's hoping that season 2025 starts off with great opening rains, wet winter and spring. Fingers crossed 🤞. I would like to wish everyone a great festive season surrounded by family and friends, Catch you next year.

Cheers, Heath



THE NEW CREW (MINUS A FEW!)

### AFSA COMMITTEE 24/25

**Chairperson:**

Heath Boseley

**Vice-Chair:**

Amy Wyer

**Secretary:**

Noel Squires

**Treasurer:**

Shane Dellavedova

**Committee Members:**

Bruce Hudgson

John Crossling

Pat Dwyer

WISHING ALL  
AFSA MEMBERS  
A WONDERFUL  
CHRISTMAS AND  
NEW YEAR!



# AFSA TRADE DAY REPORT

We were pleased to welcome the Groundspread New Zealand Association President Simon Pederson and specialist NZ Spreader driver trainer Jim Laird to the AFSA Trade Day in November.

Simon gave us a great update of the NZ Association and the projects they are currently working on; spreader testing, including product quality member training and staff professional development, OH&S, transport tyre and width regulations. Jim Laird followed on by sharing parts of his detailed training program for spreader drivers, covering accident prevention and the incident recording program used across NZ, product quality specifications and the NZ spreader testing program Spreadmark.

The trade day was supported by the main industry product and equipment suppliers and we greatly appreciate their support. It was a relaxed day with all participants having plenty of time to share information.

We are grateful to have had a wide range of amazing sponsors for the Trade Day including AFAS's primary sponsor, Gallagher Insurance, along with industry specialists Comspread Spreaders, Marnco Fertilisers, Koch Fertilisers, Aussie CTI, Impact Fertilisers, IPL Fertilisers, Ground Spread NZ & Jim Laird training, Active AgriScience, Nutricharge Australia, Southern Spreaders and BioAg Fertilisers.

It was a fabulous industry event which brought many like-minded people together. As outgoing Chair, I would also like to thank everyone for their valued support and wish Heath and his new team all the best into the future.

Thankyou, Shane Dellavedova



## ENTER THE AFSA PHOTO COMPETITION!



### Time is running out to submit your best industry photo of 2024!

Whether it's a breathtaking landscape, a heartwarming moment, or a unique perspective, we want to see it. For inspiration, see Amy Wyer's photo above.

#### How to Enter:

Choose your best industry photo from this year.

Submit it to our Communications Officer at

[kristin@pipelinemedia.com.au](mailto:kristin@pipelinemedia.com.au)

Include your name, contact info, and a short caption about the photo.

The winning photo will receive a Westfield gift card to the

value of \$200. Deadline to enter is December 31st, 2024!

All photos will be shown on our Facebook page so, don't miss your chance to showcase your talent! Start scrolling through your gallery and send us your masterpiece today.

## A WORD FROM GALLAGHER ...

### REGISTER AND SHOP TO GET \$20 IN CASHBACK REWARDS.

Are you looking to reduce financial pressures on your business? Gallagher Business Rewards is here to help!

The new loyalty program from our insurance partner, Gallagher, offers cashback rewards on office supplies, furniture, tech, workwear, business travel, food and much more.

And, just in time for Christmas, you can now earn cashback rewards on gift cards from the biggest and best retail brands.

Delivered instantly via email, you can choose from hundreds of brands including Woolworths, Coles, Myer, Dan Murphy's, Officeworks, Amazon and more.

Combine gift card purchases with cashback rewards to see your savings grow.

PLUS, register for Gallagher Business Rewards before 31 January 2025, make a purchase and get \$20 in bonus cashback rewards!

