



Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC INC)

2024 Awards for Excellence in Southern Australian Livestock Industries

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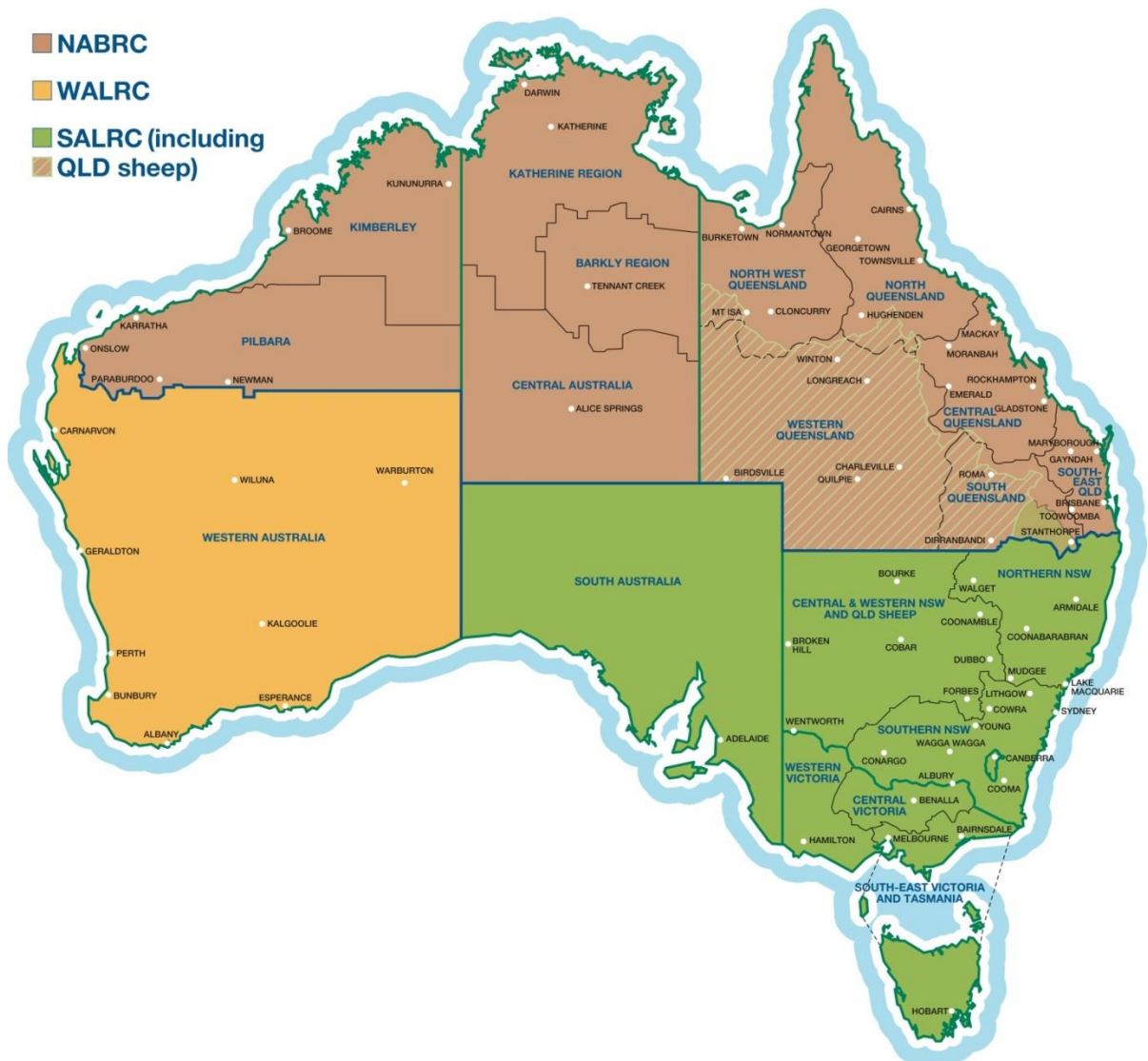
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Background Information

The Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) is an independent Incorporated Association and one of three national advisory councils set up to provide recommendations on research and development (R&D) and extension and adoption (E&A) initiatives and investments in the Australian red meat and livestock industry. SALRC provides this function to the beef and sheepmeat industries of south-eastern Australia, while its affiliate councils, the North Australia Beef Research Council (NABRC) and Western Australia Livestock Research Council (WALRC), provide equivalent roles to the northern beef and south-western livestock sectors, respectively.

SALRC's geographic area is based on seven major red meat and livestock production zones in south-eastern Australia (see Figure 1) including; Northern NSW and SE Qld; Southern NSW; Central and Western NSW & QLD Sheep; Central Vic; Western Vic; Southeast Vic & Tas; and South Australia. Each of these zones is supported by a SALRC Regional Committee, comprising commercial livestock producers and processors, grower networks, RD&A providers and other key stakeholders involved in the delivery, extension and adoption of R&D. The Chairs of the seven Regional Committees in-turn make up the producer representatives on SALRC's Council, sitting alongside senior representatives from Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA), State Departments of Primary Industry (DPIs), CSIRO, universities and other major RD&A providers. At this level, SALRC is led by an Independent Chairman and Secretariat, and supported by a Governance and Management Committee.

Figure 1: SALRC Region



The Awards

SALRC is pleased to announce the 2024 SALRC Awards. The awards are important because they identify, recognise, reward and celebrate excellence in the contributions of individuals in the red meat and livestock industries. Specifically, the awards aim to identify individuals who have contributed to research, development, extension, communication and practical application of innovation on farm, to improve the profitability, productivity and sustainability of the Southern Australian red meat and livestock industries.

SALRC considers that identifying and rewarding excellence of younger leaders gives them a kick start in their career and that all SALRC award winners are drawn from a pool of candidates which is diverse and representative of the entire industry.

Nominations must be from a third party (that is, individuals cannot self-nominate).

The SALRC Committee will co-ordinate the nomination and selection process. Below is an overview of the process, timeframe and selection criteria:

- There are FOUR award categories:
 1. Livestock Producer;
 2. Scientist/researcher;
 3. Communicator/extension specialist;
 4. Young achiever (35 years or under).
- The awards are open to any individual (not necessarily only those currently involved with SALRC).
- Nominees:
 - Must have excelled in their individual fields.
 - Must have either resided or spent substantial time in the SALRC region during the time they excelled in their particular field.
 - Are expected to attend the SALRC Awards Presentation, to be held at the SALRC Livestock 2024 Conference Gala Dinner in Albury (NSW) on 21 August 2024.
- Nominations must be made on the official nomination form (refer to page 4) and considered by the SALRC Committee from 14 June 2024.
- Nominators should address the selection criteria thoroughly.
- Awards will be presented at an event coinciding with the SALRC Spring Council meeting / SALRC Conference.
- Award recipients (who are expected to attend the award presentation) will be advised in sufficient time to make any necessary plans. The SALRC Secretariat can make travel arrangements for recipients to attend the presentation. Assistance with travel costs is available.
- The SALRC Committee, which is made up of producers, scientists, and extension/communication specialists, will conduct the selection process and decide on the award recipients. Their decision is final.
- The SALRC Committee reserves the right to re-allocate a nominee into another category if deemed appropriate.

2024 SALRC Awards – Selection Criteria

There are four criteria for all three award categories (young achiever is from one of the three categories). Nominees must have excelled in their individual fields and must have either resided or spent a substantial amount of time in Southern Australia while they excelled in their particular field which must be relevant to Southern Australia and overall will be judged on.

- Value of work to the Australian Livestock Industries
- Work carried out above and beyond normal duties
- The standing of the individual in the Australian Livestock industries
- The degree to which the individual has been a change agent
- The degree to which the individual has been an industry leader / mentor

Specifically the judging panel will be considering:

<p>Producer Award Note: This award is open to all producers. Producer nominees do not have to be associated with a SALRC Regional Committee.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrated commitment to the livestock industry particularly in promoting R & D participation and leadership in innovative project development. 2. Demonstrated implementation of research results in their on-farm operations with quantified benefits. 3. Demonstrated active participation in the R & D process – identification of issues, development of relevant projects, implementation of results and assessment of benefits. 4. Industry leadership / mentoring.
<p>Scientist / Researcher Award</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrated recognition and scientific reputation amongst peers in Southern Australia. 2. Produced research that has had significant impact on the south-eastern livestock industry. 3. Demonstrated effort to ensure research results are applied in the most efficient and beneficial way. 4. Industry leadership / mentoring
<p>Communication / Extension Award</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrated commitment to the industry. 2. Developed and/or applied innovative tools or methods of communication, learning and information dissemination. Any area of “extension” e.g: government or private, radio, TV, print media. 3. Demonstrated impact on farm practice, producer education, community awareness. 4. Industry leadership / mentoring.
<p>Young Achiever (To acknowledge the contribution to RD&E for people 35 years and under in any of the three award categories above.)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrated achievement in the Australian livestock industry. 2. Evidence for recognition as an existing or potential leader in their field. <p>PLUS:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The criteria for the applicable major award category will be used to assess the potential leadership qualities.
<p>Key dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations considered from 14 June 2024 • Award recipients will be notified by 1 July 2024. • Award to be presented at SALRC Livestock 2024 Conference Gala Dinner on 21 August 2024 – Albury, NSW

For more information about the SALRC Awards, please contact:

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2024 SALRC Awards - Nomination Instructions

Nominations considered from 14 June 2024

Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the nomination form• Prepare a thorough response to the selection criteria• Email or post the completed nomination form and selection criteria response to be received by 5 PM (AEST) 14 JUNE 2024: Post: Mike Stephens, SALRC EO, 96 Harbours Road, Yendon VIC 3352 Email: info@salrc.com.au Ph: 03 5341 6100
Important	<p>Please ensure your response to the selection criteria includes sufficient information for the selection panel to consider the nomination and compare it with others in the same award category. To be eligible for an award, candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet the selection criteria listed on the “SALRC Awards” Information document; and• Be available to attend the Awards presentation at the SALRC Livestock 2024 Gala Dinner in Albury (NSW) on 21 August 2024.
Nomination forms:	<p>Please click below to download a copy of the nomination form (includes key selection criteria) for each category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Producer• Scientist / Researcher• Communications / Extension• Young Achiever