



Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC INC)

2026 Awards for Excellence in Southern Australian Livestock Industries

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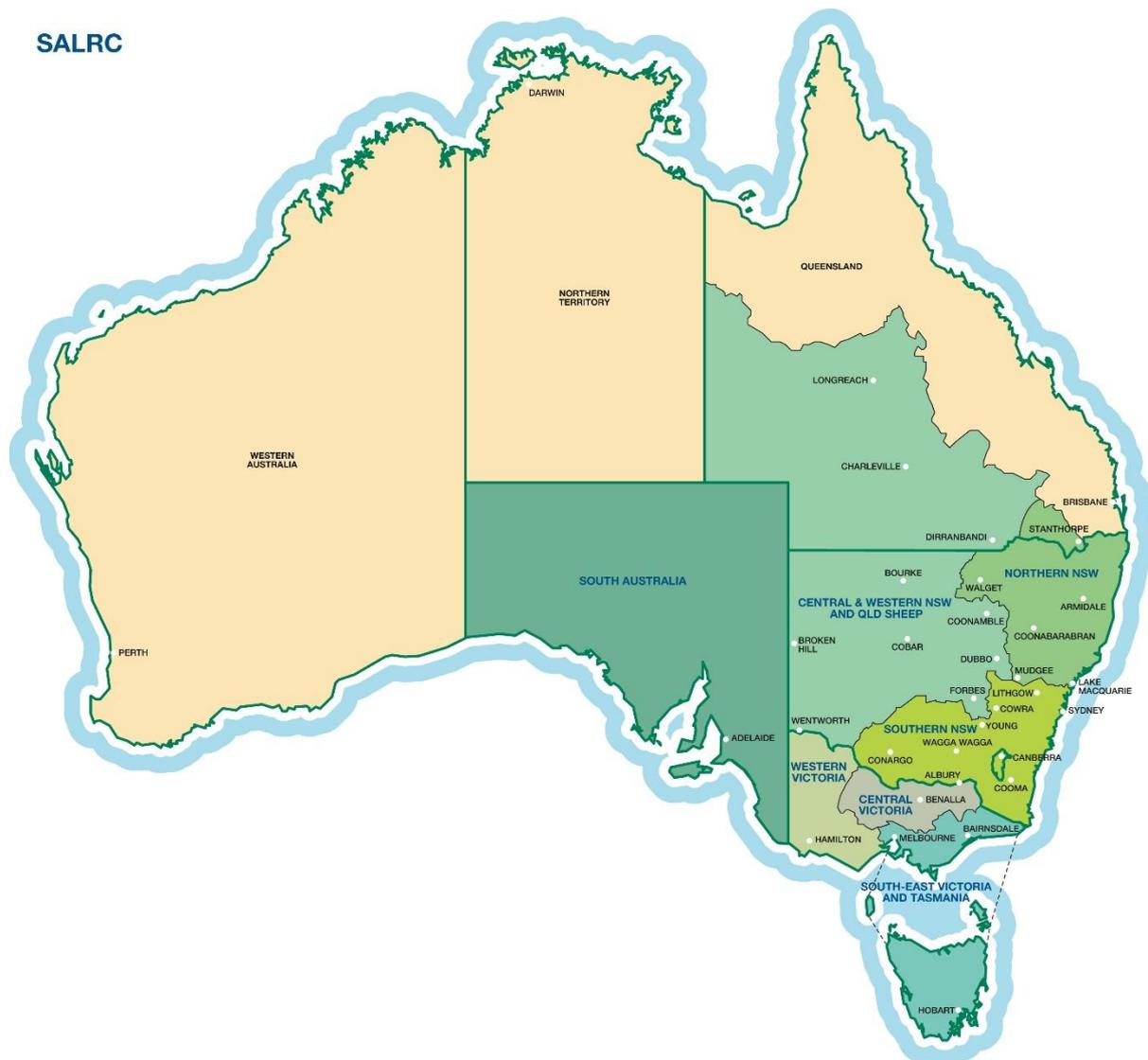
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Background Information

The Southern Australia Livestock Research Council (SALRC) is an independent Incorporated Association and one of three research councils that identify priorities for research and development, extension and adoption (RDE&A) for Australia's livestock industries. SALRC is focused on southern Australian beef and sheep production zones. 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 has seven Regional Committee aligned with the seven beef and sheep production zones in south-eastern Australia (Figure 1). Each committee includes beef and sheep producers as well as research and extension organisations and extension providers. The Regional Committees, each chaired by a beef or sheep producer, work with their local networks to identify on-farm issues, challenges and opportunities facing southern livestock production systems.

Figure 1: SALRC Region



SALRC Awards

The SALRC Awards were established to recognise and celebrate excellence across the southern Australian red meat and livestock industries. The awards highlight individuals whose work has made a meaningful contribution to research, development, extension, communication and the practical adoption of innovation on farm. People whose work has directly supported improvements in the productivity, profitability and long-term sustainability of the Southern Australian red meat and livestock sector.

A key focus of the SALRC Awards is the encouragement of emerging leaders. By identifying and rewarding younger professionals who demonstrate exceptional capability and commitment, the awards provide early-career individuals with valuable recognition and momentum as they build their careers. SALRC places strong emphasis on ensuring that nominees and recipients reflect the diversity of the industry, drawing from a broad and representative pool of talent across regions, roles and backgrounds.

Collectively, the SALRC Awards serve to elevate outstanding contributors, inspire innovation, and reinforce the importance of leadership and excellence in shaping the future of the industry.

- There are FOUR SALRC Award categories:
 1. Livestock Producer;
 2. Scientist/researcher;
 3. Communicator/extension specialist;
 4. Young achiever (35 years or under).
- SALRC Awards are open to any individual (not necessarily 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 2026 Conference Dinner in Wagga Wagga (NSW) on 21 October 2026.
- Nominations must be from a third party (that is, individuals cannot self-nominate). Nominations must be made on the official nomination form (refer to page 4) and emailed to the SALRC Executive Officer by 5 pm on 20 July 2026. Nominators should address the selection criteria (see page 4) thoroughly.
- SALRC Awards will be presented at an event coinciding with the SALRC biennial Livestock Conference.
- SALRC Award recipients are expected to attend the award presentation and be advised in sufficient time to make necessary travel plans. The SALRC Executive Officer will make travel arrangements for recipients to attend the presentation. SALRC will provide assistance with travel costs if required.
- The SALRC Governance Committee, comprised of producers, scientists, and extension/communication specialists, will conduct the selection process and decide on the award recipients. Their decision is final.
- The SALRC Governance Committee reserves the right to re-allocate a nominee into another category if deemed appropriate.

2026 SALRC Awards – Selection Criteria

The four SALRC Awards are assessed against core selection criteria, outlined in Table 1. All award categories draw on these criteria, with the Young Achiever Award recognising an emerging leader from within one of the three fields.

Nominees must have demonstrated excellence in their area of expertise and must have either lived in, or spent a substantial period contributing to, the SALRC regions. Their achievements must be relevant to the region.

Overall nominees will be assessed on the extent and impact of their contribution to the Southern Australian red meat and livestock industries based on the:

- value of work to the Southern Australian livestock industries
- work carried out above and beyond normal duties
- standing of the individual in the Australian livestock industries
- degree to which the individual has been a change agent
- degree to which the individual has been an industry leader / mentor

Table 1: Selection criteria for the four SALRC Awards

<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 southern 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 livestock industry within SALRC’s footprint. 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 within SALRCs footprint. 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 southern 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 relevant Producers, Scientist/Researcher or Communication/Extension category will be used to assess the nominee’s potential leadership qualities.
<p>Key dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations close 20 July 2026 & award recipients notified by 1 August 2026 • Award to be presented at SALRC Livestock 2026 Conference Dinner on 21 October 2026 – Wagga Wagga, NSW

2026 SALRC Awards - Nomination Instructions

Nominations close 20 July 2026

Directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete the nomination form• Prepare a thorough response to the selection criteria• Email completed nomination form and selection criteria response to the SALRC Executive Officer by 5 PM (AEST) 20 July 2026: Email: info@salrc.com.au
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 2026 Dinner in Wagga Wagga (NSW) on 21 October 2026.
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

For more information about the SALRC Awards, please contact:

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