



Exchange Relationship Between the Australian Dairy Conference (ADC) and South Island Dairy Event (SIDE)

South Island Dairy Event (SIDE) are excited to announce a new delegate exchange program with the Australian Dairy Conference (ADC).

The Australian Dairy Conference, held each February, is the premier event for the Australian dairy industry, offering two days of inspiring keynotes, workshops, and networking opportunities, including a Welcome Function and Gala Dinner. Each year, the conference features a farm tour pre- or post-event, further enriching the experience. Rotating between Victoria and other states biennially, ADC ensures it represents and engages with dairy regions across the nation. In 2025 it is being held on the Gold Coast, from 12-14 February.

The New Zealand South Island Dairy Event is renowned as the premier gathering for South Island dairy farmers and rural professionals, with its mission to “empower people in the South Island dairy sector to adapt and manage change”. Held annually in April, SIDE offers an accessible and farmer-focused program, including a Field Day, insightful keynote speakers, interactive panels, workshops, and a lively networking dinner. In 2025, it will be held in Timaru from the 7-9th April.

What SIDE are offering:

SIDE will pay for return flights, transfers, and accommodation to the Gold Coast in February 2025.

ADC will pay for full conference tickets and tour tickets. ADC will provide an exchange mentor to provide the visiting delegates with local information and local insights which will enhance the learning experiences in the lead up to the event and also at the event. This mentor may change with each event to provide local knowledge.

Criteria and How to apply:

Criteria of applicants to include:

- Have attended at least one SIDE event in the last three years
- Work on, or currently involved in a dairy farm in the South Island
- Be a knowledgeable and respectable representative of SIDE while in Australia
- Applicants must have a valid passport for the dates of travel (Feb 2025)

To apply please complete the Application Form before the due date

Key dates:

Applications Open: 25 November 2024

Applications Close: 15 December 2024

Delegates chosen: 20 December 2024

Delegate Obligation:

- Exchanges are required to submit a written or verbal report to SIDE at the conclusion of the Exchange.
 - Applicants should provide a clear description of the ways in which the Exchange will advance the knowledge and practice of dairying in the South Island. The final report will detail the extent to which these have been achieved.
 - Exchange recipients may be required to be involved in a workshop at a future SIDE event.
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More info

<https://www.side.org.nz/>

<https://www.australiandairyconference.com.au/about/the-conference/>

SIDE Application for ADC Exchange

First Name:		Last name:	
Dairy Farm name or Organisation			
Address:			
Phone:			
Email:			
Occupation:			
Employer (if applicable):			
How many times have you attended SIDE in the past five years (and what years?)			
Outline why you want to go on the ADC Exchange. Some things to consider are: (a) How will the Exchange benefit your career in dairying? (b) How will you contribute to SIDE in the future? (c) What are your future 1-3 year aspirations?			
Declaration: I declare that the statements in this application are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct in every particular and I undertake to observe all the conditions of the Exchange granted to me.			
Signature:		Date:	
Name:			