

Easter greetings



The Dried Fruits Australia Board and staff wish you a safe and happy Easter. Our office will be closed from Good Friday, reopening on Tuesday 18 April.

We hope this year's harvest is going well. Some great submissions for our **Harvest 2017 photo competition** have been coming in and we look forward to seeing more snaps by our creative growers.

If you spot a good photo opportunity, be sure to enter the competition before it closes on Friday 28 April. More information can be found on the [DFA website](#).

Subscribe to DFA YouTube channel

Dried Fruits Australia has launched a YouTube channel with the release of our dried grapes industry promotional video.

The high-quality video, produced by Mediastorm, showcases our world-class industry and everything that contributes to its success – the produce, growers, processors and marketers, and our region.

Subscribe to the [DFA channel](#) to view the video and be notified when we add more content.

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Campaign launched to save tax concessions

The farm sector is calling on Treasurer Scott Morrison to preserve instant write-off provisions for small business in the upcoming Federal Budget.

Currently, all small businesses can immediately depreciate capital investments of \$20,000 or less. Farmers can also immediately depreciate expenses for Landcare activities, fencing, water and fodder storage upgrades.

These provisions have helped producers looking to build and upgrade farm infrastructure, but without action in the budget they will end on 30 June 2017.

To join in the campaign, visit www.farmers.org.au/savethewriteoff.

Mildura leadership program

Growers keen to take their leadership skills to the next level might be interested in a local program delivered by experienced facilitators from SuniTAFE and PwC.

The three-day program will run from 3–5 May 2017 at SuniTAFE's Mildura campus and costs \$2,250 per person.

For more information, contact Ross Humphreys on 03 5022 3790 or at rhumphreys@sunitafe.edu.au.

Bring ideas to life

Learn how to increase the odds of success for your innovations at an upcoming Melbourne workshop.

The one-day workshop has been developed for people looking to expand their business through best practice innovation tools, collaboration and intrapreneurial behaviour.

It will be held on 3 May 2017 at Monash University's Clayton Campus and costs \$350 +GST.

Contact Rod Heath on 03 9905 8445 or at rod.heath@monash.edu for more information.



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