

Join DFA research tour

World-class research and development is critical to the future success of the dried fruits industry. Some of our biggest steps forward have come from growers adopting and adapting new ideas generated by some of the best researchers in the world.

Dried Fruits Australia will lead a tour across the border next week to look at some of the industry research programs being conducted by the CSIRO, University of Adelaide and University of South Australia.

The tour, made possible with funding from Hort Innovation, will leave Mildura early on Friday 15 December. We will return the next day via the Riverland, visiting a couple of dried grape properties on the way home, and aim to be back by mid-Saturday afternoon.

If you're interested in coming along, please contact DFA consultant field officer Stuart Putland by Tuesday 12 December at projects@driedfruitsaustralia.org.au.

Participants will need to cover their own accommodation costs.

Mark King elected to NFF board

Dried Fruits Australia chair Mark King has been elected to the National Farmers' Federation board.

It is the first time someone from a horticulture industry has been appointed to a director role. The move comes as the NFF looks to establish a horticulture council.

Mr King, who was asked to put his hand up for the role, said horticulture would now have more of a voice in Canberra. He said he would draw attention to issues such as the Murray Darling Basin Plan, workplace relations, biosecurity, and marketing.

During the NFF annual general meeting, president Fiona Simpson was also elected for a second term. [Read more](#) about the AGM.

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