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## **REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR FARMSAFE CONFERENCE 2022**

As Farm Safety Week draws to a close, Farmsafe Australia have today announced that registration for the Farmsafe Australia 2022 National Conference have opened. Titled 'Farmsafe Conference 2022 - 'Recipe for Averting Disaster', the event will be held in September.

Felicity Richards, Chairperson at Farmsafe Australia, believes that the yearly conference is a vital element of the farm safety agenda and reinforces the importance of keeping safety front of mind when farming.

"Farmers don't want to hear about safety from bureaucrats, they want to understand the practical decisions that other Aussie farmers are making that can be applied to their own farms. Our yearly conference is the best way for us to being these farmers together so that we can learn from peers and industry leaders," Ms Richards said.

Events at the conference will include a panel titled '*How Can We Make Training and Certification More Accessible (and Practical) for Farming?*' as well as discussions on child safety and mental health with leading experts.

"At this year's event, the Farmsafe Australia team are focussing on many of the intangible risks onfarm, including the blurred line between the home and the work environment, the current labour shortages and resultant stress on workload, fatigue management, complacency, and mental health."

This Farm Safety Week, Farmsafe Australia has worked to shine a light on the many intangible factors that impact farm safety across Australia.

"Every farmer understands the unique risks that come with working on their own farm. Taking one extra moment to weigh up factors such as fatigue, mental health or complacency is a first step towards creating a safer environment."

'Farmsafe Conference 2022 - 'Recipe for Averting Disaster' will take place on 14 and 15 September, at the Pialligo Estate in Canberra, ACT.

To sign up to attend Farmsafe Conference 2022 - 'Recipe for Averting Disaster' this September head to <u>farmsafe.org.au/farmsafe-conference-2022---recipe-for-disaster</u>

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