

STATEMENT FROM THE 2019 ORGANISING CHAIRMAN

On behalf of the Organising Committee of the South Island Agricultural Field Days, we wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the families and friends of those victims of the tragic shootings that took place in Christchurch on Friday 15 March.

We acknowledge that the Muslim community are an important part of the agricultural industry and many of us have employees, employers and friends that have been affected by this tragedy.

After liaising with local police and our Health & Safety providers, we have made the decision to proceed with holding the 2019 South Island Agricultural Field Days at Kirwee next week. We have added extra security measures such as installed security cameras and more lighting, and we will work with the police if they have further suggestions.

We will be observing a minutes silence at 12pm on Wednesday 27th March out of respect for those New Zealanders that lost their lives last Friday.

Rodney Hadfield 2019 SIAFD Organising Committee Chairman