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Season Update: A Tough Start, but Gaining Ground

Swan Brothers has battled a slow and unpredictable start to the season, but with 42,000 hectares now spread and operations back in full swing, the team is pushing ahead despite ongoing supply challenges — *continue on page 2.*



Winter Market Holding Strong Across the Region

The Coorong and Murraylands property market remains strong this winter, with steady buyer demand, tight stock levels, and rising rental pressure across the region — *continue on page 4.*



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SWAN BROTHERS SEASON UPDATE

*Written by Michael Greenwood
Swan Brothers - Fertiliser Manager*

It's been a challenging and unpredictable start to the year for Swan Brothers. Our spreading operations have initially been slow, running at only 30% capacity until early June, with some weeks covering only 500 hectares and others jumping to over 5,000 hectares.

Despite the rocky start to the season, the team has now spread an impressive 42,000 hectares so far this year, including 15,000 hectares in the past 3.5 weeks alone.

On the trucking side of things, Scotty began the year on a long interstate trucking run, but we are glad to have him back in the region, providing his usual high quality fertiliser deliveries.

After a long, dry summer, the Coorong region has finally received a decent and widespread break, followed by scatted rainfall across most of the region.



However, the season has been late to start and combined with a statewide delay in committing to Urea tonnes, supply is expected to be tight. Ongoing conflict in the Middle East has only added to these challenges.

As we push ahead, we ask everyone to spare a thought for the farmers, particularly in the Mallee, who continue to face extremely tough conditions due to limited rainfall.



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DAVID AND JAKE HOLMES

A DECADE OF DEDICATION: CELEBRATING DAVE AND JAKE

Last month, we hosted a special celebration at the Sheoak shearing shed with the Swan Group team and friends, coming together to recognise some important achievements within Swan Agri Business.

The afternoon was all about recognising and thanking David and Jake for an impressive 10 years of dedication and hard work.

A decade in any job is no small feat, especially in agriculture, where the conditions are tough, the days are long, and the work never stops.

Over the past ten years, both Jake and David have played a big role in helping Swan Agri grow and evolve, and this was a chance to properly acknowledge that contribution.

We also took the opportunity to wish Jake well as he heads off on a new adventure in Naracoorte.

We marked the occasion with a great feed, perfectly cooked Thomas Farms steaks, quality BBQ meats, and fresh salads from Lakeside Quality Butcher. As well as enjoying a warm fire.

All the best Jake on your new adventure, and here to another 10 years with David!



KERRY, DAVID, JAKE AND CRAIG

COORONG REALTY MARKET UPDATE

Written by Adam Hurle
Coorong Realty - General Manager

As we move into the winter months, the regional South Australian property market continues to show resilience, with steady interest across both residential and rural sectors. Here's what we're seeing in the Coorong and Murraylands for June and July:

MARKET SNAPSHOT

Buyer Demand:

There is sustained buyer activity from both locals and out-of-town purchasers looking for lifestyle change, affordable acreage, and investment opportunities. Properties in towns such as Tailem Bend, Meningie, Murray Bridge, Coonalpyn and Tintinara continue to attract attention, particularly well-presented homes and income-producing rural land.

Stock Levels:

Listings remain tight, with many vendors choosing to delay sales until spring. This is keeping upward pressure on prices, particularly for entry-level homes and lifestyle properties under \$500,000. If you're thinking of selling, now is an ideal time to beat the spring rush.

Rental Market:

The rental market remains under pressure, with high demand and low vacancy rates. Well-maintained 3-bedroom homes are leasing quickly, often with multiple applicants. Weekly rents have edged up in due to strong demand.



LOCAL HIGHLIGHTS

Tailem Bend: Continued growth linked to activity at The Bend Motorsport Park and strong local employment. Demand for investment properties remains strong.

Meningie: Lakefront and lifestyle properties are drawing increased interest from retirees and work-from-home buyers. Water views remain a premium.

Murray Bridge: Strong infrastructure investment and population growth are driving demand in both residential and industrial sectors.

Coorong District: Acreage and small farming properties are seeing renewed interest from hobby farmers and tree-changers seeking affordable rural retreats.

THINKING OF SELLING OR INVESTING?

Now is the time to plan your move ahead of the traditional spring surge. Whether you're upsizing, downsizing, or just curious about your property's value, Team Coorong are here to help.

Contact Adam Hurle from Coorong Realty today for a free, no-obligation market appraisal.



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BACKYARD AT SUNSET VIEWS

NEW HOLIDAY RENTAL: SUNSET VIEWS

Looking for a high-end escape that blends comfort, style, and unforgettable scenery?

Introducing Sunset Views, a stunning two-storey holiday home located near the picturesque Wellington Marina. Perfect for large families or groups, this spacious retreat comfortably sleeps up to 12 adults and offers everything you need for a relaxing getaway.

The home features five bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, and generous indoor and outdoor living spaces. Upstairs, enjoy the open-plan kitchen, lounge and dining area that opens onto a balcony with fantastic views of the water and golden sunsets. While downstairs includes four additional queen bedrooms, a sofa bed, kitchenette, and shared bathroom.

Outside, you'll find plenty to keep everyone entertained with a private putting green, Bocce court, BBQ area, and fire pit.

Just over an hour from Adelaide and 10 minutes from The Shell V-Power Motorsport Park at The Bend, Sunset Views is the perfect base for exploring the River Murray, Coorong National Park, and Lower Lakes.

Sunset Views offers a premium holiday experience for those who want to unwind in comfort and soak in the best of the Murraylands.

Book your stay now and enjoy luxury, leisure, and those unforgettable sunset views.



SUNSET ON THE DECK AT SUNSET VIEW



NARELLE HINCKS AND ADAM HURLE



ADAM GETTING DUNKED

LIVING OUR VALUES: SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

At a recent Coorong Cats home game in Tintinara, Swan Group's commitment to families and communities was on full display.

As part of the Kiddy Cats Carnival, Swan Earthmovers Business Manager Narelle Hincks and Coorong Realty General Manager Adam Hurle stepped up to volunteer in the dunk tank, braving the freezing cold, all in the name of entertainment for the young ones in our community.

Their willingness to get dunked brought plenty of laughs and smiles to local kids and families.

It was fantastic to see our team leading by example and supporting the next generation in our community, living out the Swan Group values where it counts most.



SHARON HARD AT WORK IN THE COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY

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SWAN EARTHMOVERS UPDATE

*Written by Narelle Hincks
Swan Earthmovers - Business Manager*

The past month has seen a noticeable increase in civil construction activity across the Coorong and surrounding regions, with higher demand for roadworks, driveway construction, and shed pad development.

Swan Earthmovers continues to supply high-quality materials to support this demand, with ample stock of DIT Specification PM2-20mm material currently available at Chapman's Pit. Our team is remaining productive at Chapman's Pit to ensure consistent availability of product for bulk orders, local contractors, and ongoing projects.

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for tenders have also seen a marked increase as businesses and councils finalise works programs in line with end-of-financial-year planning.

Our long-standing council contracts have delivered a stable workload over the past three months, particularly through on-site pit crushing operations. These partnerships continue to support regional infrastructure upgrades.



Pugmill service enquiries have also risen steadily, driven by the need for moisture-conditioned materials and the incorporation of stabilisers to meet specification requirements.

Swan Earthmovers remains committed to supporting South Australian infrastructure with reliable service, and industry-compliant material supply.

For more information on material availability, pugmill services, or to book in a project, please contact Narelle or Jack.



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STOCKPILES AT A RECENT JOB SITE



GRADER IN ACTION BUILDING FARM TRACKS



THE DOZER ON THE MOVE TO BRINKWORTHS

PROJECT UPDATES

ROAD TRACK CONSTRUCTION AND CRUSHING

Swan Earthmovers recently completed a 3.4-kilometre track construction project, showcasing our heavy machinery capabilities alongside on-site material crushing.

To construct the new tracks, the crew crushed oversized rubble sourced directly from the farm's pit.

The project utilised key crushing equipment including the Pegson Jaw Crusher, PC450 excavator, and D10 dozer. Additional machinery such as belly dumpers, loaders, rollers, and graders were used to shape and compact the tracks.

This operation highlights our commitment to delivering high-quality earthmoving and crushing services, tailored to meet the unique needs of each client.

CRUSHING AT BRINKWORTHS

Swan Earthmovers has also been hard at work crushing approximately 20,000 tonnes of 40mm rubble at Brinkworth's farm near Millicent, with just a small amount left to complete.

On site, Cody has been learning the ropes under the guidance of experienced operator Graham, gaining valuable hands-on crushing experience.

Meanwhile, Kelly, one of our newest team members, has been picking things up fast, now operating the D10 Dozer.

We look forward to finishing this job strong and continuing to deliver quality results for our clients.



COREY ELLIS WITH THE LOADER

WELCOME TO THE TEAM: COREY ELLIS

A few month ago we welcomed Corey Ellis to the Swan Earthmovers team. Corey brings a wealth of experience from his previous role managing remote supermarkets across the Northern Territory, Western Australia, and New South Wales for Outback Stores.

Over the past decade, Corey and his partner Courtney dedicated themselves to supporting Indigenous communities by overseeing day-to-day store operations, managing local staff, handling deliveries, and maintaining stock control. Often moving to a new remote location every 12 months.

Originally from Victor Harbor, Corey has strong local roots, having grown up and played sport in the area, with family still based nearby.

Before joining us, he spent time working on the production line at Salt Works, gaining valuable experience with forklift operations and bagging salt.

Since starting with Swan Earthmovers, Corey has quickly learned the ropes and gained experience operating a range of equipment, proving to be a valuable addition to the team.

We're excited to have him on board and look forward to the skills and knowledge he brings to our growing business.



SWAN EARTHMOVERS MAINTAINS ISO CERTIFICATIONS IN ANNUAL AUDIT

Swan Earthmovers has once again successfully completed its annual external audit, reaffirming our commitment to industry-leading standards in both safety and quality. The full-day audit reviewed our operations, updated our safety and quality policies, and confirmed our continued certification in two globally recognised ISO standards.

We are proud to maintain certification in **ISO 45001:2018 (Occupational Health and Safety)** and **ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management)** both essential frameworks that guide our day-to-day operations and long-term planning. These certifications are gained through a structured program of internal and external audits conducted throughout the year.

ISO 45001:2018 sets the benchmark for building a safe and healthy workplace. It promotes proactive risk management

and ensures our practices align with regulatory requirements, helping to prevent workplace injuries and illnesses. Maintaining this certification highlights our strong focus on employee wellbeing and safety.

ISO 9001:2015 ensures that we continually improve our systems and service delivery. It drives sustainable quality, enhances operational efficiency, and strengthens customer satisfaction and trust.

Achieving and maintaining these certifications reflects our ongoing commitment to excellence, best practice, continuous improvement, and the delivery of safe, high-quality service.

These standards help us support our team, meet client expectations, and ensure the business is well-positioned for future growth.



KENNEDY TRAILER ON COLLECTION DAY

LONG AWAITED ARRIVAL: NEW KENNEDY TRAILER

Exciting news from Swan Earthmovers — our brand-new Kennedy Low Loader trailer has officially arrived!

Recently picked up by Swan Brothers' Peter from Kennedy Trailers in Victoria, this impressive addition marks a major milestone for our fleet and the crew have been eagerly awaiting its arrival.

Built to handle the toughest jobs, the new Kennedy trailer is a serious piece of equipment: a 4x8 low loader with dolly, capable of transporting up to 100 tonnes.

Its debut job was moving the loader from our depot out to Moonee Hills Road, showcasing exactly why this investment was so important for supporting our operations.

The arrival of this trailer significantly increases our capacity to move heavy machinery safely and efficiently across the region.

A huge thanks to the team at Kennedy Trailers for delivering a top-quality build and to Peter for bringing it home.

We look forward to putting it to work on many projects to come.



KENNEDY TRAILER DEBUT JOB



LUKE AND MONTANA ENTERING NORTHERN TERRITORY

LUKE'S BACK ON DECK

After nearly six months on the road exploring Western Australia and the Northern Territory, Luke Medlow is back home and stepping into his new role as Workshop Manager at Swan Heavy Mechanical (SHM).

His journey took him along some of the most iconic parts of Australia, starting on the Eyre Peninsula and travelling across the Nullarbor, through Esperance, Margaret River, Busselton, and the Karri Valley's famous Dave Evans Bicentennial Tree.

He also stopped in Rottnest Island, before heading north to Kalbarri, Steep Point, Wooramel Station, Exmouth, the Gibb River Road, Lake Argyle, Katherine, and Nitmiluk National Park, finishing the trip with a stop at Uluru on the way home.

From hiking and camping to fishing and four-wheel driving, it was an adventure packed break.

Before his travels, Luke played an important role in getting Swan Heavy Mechanical off the ground, helping establish the business to support the broader Swan Group.

Now that he's back, he's ready to pick up where he left off, continuing to grow SHM and helping expand their services to the wider community.

Luke is your go to contact for booking in repairs, services, and is always ready to lend a hand.



MONTANA AND LUKE AT NITMILUK NATIONAL PARK



COORONG REALTY TEAM WORKING TOGETHER

DEVELOPMENT DAY

This month, the teams from Swan Heavy Mechanical and Coorong Realty came together for a joint development day filled with business development, strategic planning, and team building fun.

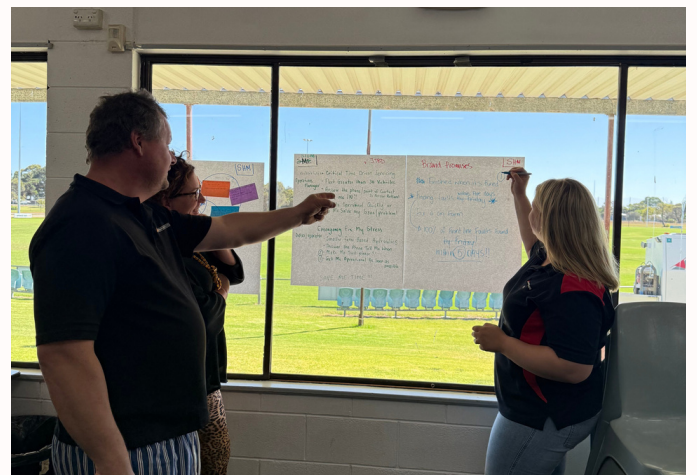
Hosted at the Meningie Football Clubrooms, the day offered a valuable chance to step back from the day-to-day and focus on the bigger picture. Luke, Adam and Brad led a professional development session, diving into business planning, service delivery, and team dynamics.

The relaxed environment encouraged open conversations, new ideas, and collective reflection on the year so far.

Leaders Brad, Adam, and Luke also shared insights from their recent leadership training sessions, sparking discussion around future goals and how to align vision with day-to-day operations.

Despite coming from two very different industries, both teams found common ground, cross-pollinating ideas, strategies, and fresh perspectives.

It was a day of collaboration and connection, reinforcing a shared commitment to continuous growth, for individuals, for each business, and for the communities they serve.



SWAN HEAVY MECHANICAL WORKING TOGETHER

THE KEZWORTH GOLF BUGGY HITS THE GREENS

We're excited to introduce another new addition to the fleet - the Kezworth Golf Buggy.

Designed as a mini version of our mighty Kenworth T909, this buggy is turning heads on the course, rolling the greens with serious style.

The buggy has had a full glow-up, now featuring custom plates, pinstriping, and proudly wearing the iconic Swan hood ornament.

Don't be fooled by its size, this little machine packs all the big truck energy you'd expect.

With its fresh new style, it's ready to take on the fairways and make a statement.



JAC AND KERRY WITH THE BUGGY ON ITS DEBUT ROUND



KEZWORTH AT COORONG REALTY HOLE



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