

Media Release



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Talking to Horsham and Charlton farmers about farm safety

The Victorian Farmers Federation Making Our Farms Safer (VFF MOFS) team is encouraging locals around Horsham and Charlton to attend farm safety briefings to learn about workplace safety later this month.

The farm safety briefings will provide an overview of the safety requirements on farm, with specific advice tailored to the Horsham and Charlton farming commodities. The events will also include presentations from Energy Safe Victoria (ESV) Commission Chair Marnie Williams and Work Practice Advisor Rob Oldfield.

The farm safety briefings will take place at:

- Horsham Golf Club, 28 June 2021, 6pm
- Charlton Bowling Club, 29 June 2021, 12pm

Ms Williams said she was looking forward to the briefings as a chance to promote important messages from ESV's Look Up and Live campaign, which has raised awareness about operating machinery working around powerlines for almost a decade.

“Anyone operating machinery such as cranes, crane trucks, tipper trucks or other farm machinery must look up because incidents like these are preventable if the proper precautions are taken.”

“The community needs to be aware of powerlines before starting any work, particularly

in rural and regional areas where single bare powerlines are often hard to see.

VFF President, Emma Germano, who will also be in attendance at the upcoming farm safety briefings, said that farm deaths and injuries are preventable and the VFF will do everything with Victorian farmers to manage and mitigate those risk.

“Above all, we must prioritise the safety of our employees, our families and ourselves”

The MOFS project is being delivered in partnership with the State Government of Victoria.

To register for the Horsham Farm Safety briefing, complete the registration form online at www.trybooking.com/BRTXU

To register for the Charlton Farm Safety briefing, complete the registration form online at www.trybooking.com/BRTXY

For more information on ESV’s Look Up and Live campaign go to www.esv.vic.gov.au

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