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**Funding Boost for SA Pork CRC Industry Placement Program**

Funding of $500,000 from the South Australian Government to the Roseworthy, SA based Cooperative Research Centre for High Integrity Australian Pork has been welcomed by Pork CRC CEO Dr Roger Campbell, who said the money was a boost to its existing successful Industry Placement Program (IPP).

“Our IPP, where we place Pork CRC supported graduates with industry, in particular with our participants, is a partnership where funding and training is shared,” he said.

“Young people get a start in industry and industry benefits from their enthusiasm and injection of fresh ideas and knowledge, which is often cutting edge science.

“It’s been a win-win for everyone concerned and we’re very appreciative of the SA state government for recognising this and stepping in now to further advance the initiative.”

Pork CRC has supported five IPPs to date and the new funds will help enhance the competiveness of the SA pork industry and provide significant opportunities for graduate and postgraduate students to contribute to what is a vibrant industry.

Pork CRC IPP recipients and their IPP employers, so far, include Dr Rebecca Athorn, Rivalea Australia, Tracey Muller, CHM/SunPork, Dr David Lines, APFG/SunPork Farms, Amy Suckling, Craig Mostyn Group and Vanessa Morris, Chris Richards Group.

Announcing the 2015-16 mid-year budget funding of $2 million across four SA headquartered CRCs, SA Science and Information Economy Minister, Gail Gago, said it would build local capability, leverage private investment and help create more jobs.

For Pork CRC it would expand what she described as “a very successful industry placement program that helps employ graduate or postgraduates in pork production.”

“Each CRC has indicated between $250,000 and $1.25 million in new cash funding could be forthcoming from CRC participants or other industry partners,” Ms Gago said.

Dr Campbell applauded Minister Gago for the initiative.

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**APSA 2015 Turpin Plush Huser Rikard-Bell Ralph Morrison Lines.jpg:** Dr David Lines (right), a current Pork CRC IPP with SunPork Farms in South Australia, presented at the lactation and welfare session at the November 2015 Australasian Pig Science Association biennial conference, along with other Pork CRC supported presenters Diana Turpin, Kate Plush, Julia Sophia Huser, Charles Rikard-Bell (session chair), Cameron Ralph and Rebecca Morrison.