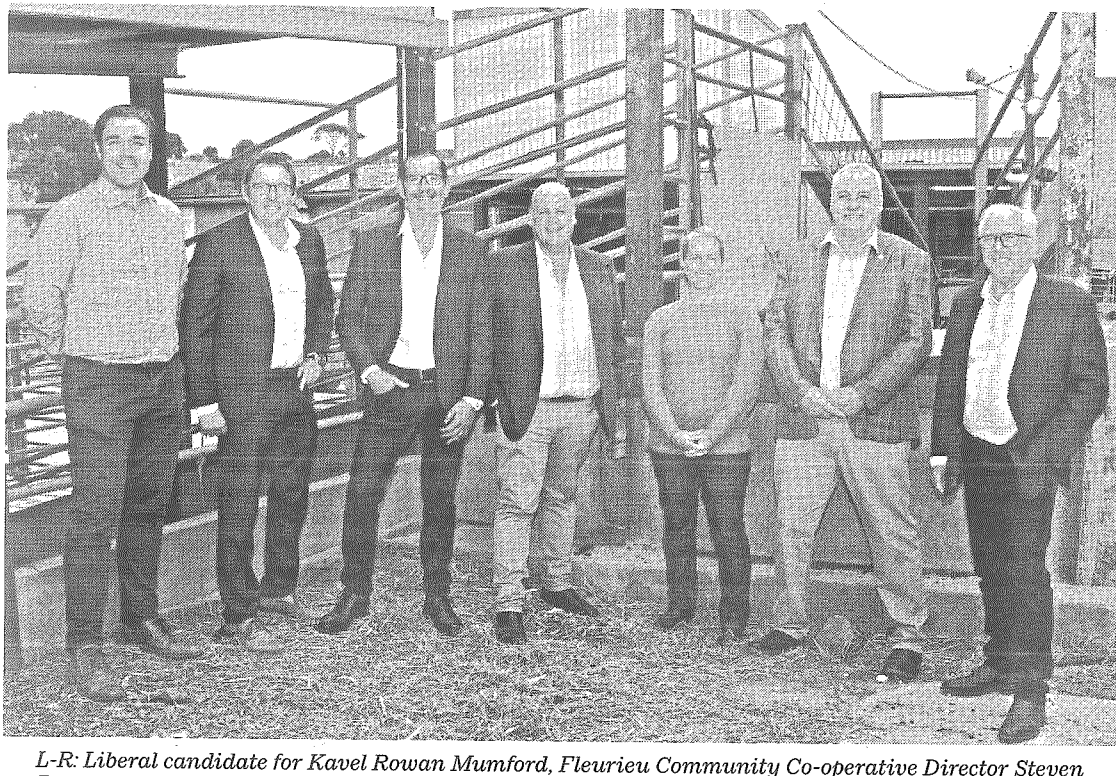


STRATHALBYN ABATTOIR OPERATIONAL AGAIN IN 2022



L-R: Liberal candidate for Kavel Rowan Mumford, Fleurieu Community Co-operative Director Steven Russo, Fleurieu Community Co-operative Director Grant Baker, Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham, Liberal candidate for Mawson Amy Williams, Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick, Fleurieu Community Co-operative Chair David Parsons.

Alexandra Bull

The abattoir at Strathalbyn will open again in 2022 with the Fleurieu Community Co-operative to undertake a \$3.5 million restoration of the site, with the state government providing \$1.5 million towards the project.

The reopened meat processing facility will allow agricultural producers in the region to have their animals processed and sold to butchers, supermarkets and restaurants, with the project expected to create up to 20 ongoing jobs.

Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham said the reopening of a local meat processing facility will

be a big boost for the Fleurieu Peninsula.

"The abattoir at Strathalbyn closed in 2020 and ever since then we have been looking at options for its future," David said.

"By having a local meat processing facility reopen, farmers will have more options to have their produce processed with lower transport costs and the potential to see higher margin local meat products.

"The project will see the repair and upgrade of existing facilities, an investment in new facilities and the implementation of an automated abattoir booking management system to enable operations to commence."

David said that South Australia's regions are a critical driver of our state's economy contributing around \$29 billion per year with just under 150,000 employed in our regions.

Member for Hammond Adrian Pederick welcomed the upgrade and restoration of the abattoir.

"To have the Strathalbyn Abattoir reopen will be a boost for local farmers and a boost for local jobs both during the restoration and ongoing," Adrian said.

"This will have a range of benefits including increased meat quality from less transport, lower costs and the potential to create higher value products."