

**Overseas Travel – April to June 2023****Public sector employees – Department of Primary Industries and Regions**

No of travellers	Destination	Reasons for Travel	Total Cost of Travel <sup>1</sup>
1	USA	<p>Travelled to California to attend the VIII Almond and Pistachio Symposium at the University of California, Davis and present outcomes from SARDI almond disease research via oral and poster presentations. Following the conference, visited Californian almond-growing regions and industry personnel.</p> <p>SARDI has contractual obligations to undertake these activities as part of the AL22002 project, “An Integrated Disease Management Program for the Australian Almond Industry – Phase 2”. Following the conference, toured regional California, visiting orchards, offices and laboratories in Chico, Lodi, Bakersfield, Kearney and Riverside and had several meetings with many Californian experts in almond and tree crop diseases. Attendance at the conference and the subsequent meetings provided the opportunity to discuss the most up-to-date research with international experts, exchange ideas, and facilitate opportunities for international collaboration in the future.</p>	11,161
1	USA	<p>Promoted South Australian almond research activities and built partnerships with international collaborators through SARDI’s participation in the VIII International Symposium on Almonds and Pistachios. Secondary benefits included the opportunity to view field trials and research outputs from comparable programs, particularly those established across the Central Valley of California. The travel was supported through SARDI’s Almond Optimisation project (AL21001) and met contractual obligations set by Hort Innovation and the Australian Almond Industry.</p>	10,288
1	USA	<p>Attended the International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions (ICMB) in Baltimore, USA, to deliver a presentation on South Australia’s world leading system for detecting marine pests and pathogens using environmental DNA and how it is integrated with Australia’s domestic ballast water arrangements.</p> <p>Additional objectives were to meet with researchers in marine pest ecology, detection systems and control methods to obtain relevant knowledge to enhance marine biosecurity in South Australia and aid the ability to prevent, prepare for and respond to marine biosecurity threats to safeguard South Australia’s aquaculture industries and fisheries.</p>	7,179

1	Indonesia	<p>The Asia and Pacific Plant Protection Commission (APPPC) surveillance workshop focused on developing capabilities of National Plant Protection Organisations in planning, establishing, and maintaining pest freedom concepts.</p> <p>The opportunity to show case both South Australia’s and Australia’s management of Pest Free Areas (such as the Riverland PFA) allowed for championing South Australian primary industries in a global forum. This also demonstrated to trading partners the strong systems PIRSA maintains in managing the PFA.</p> <p>With the ongoing outbreaks in the Riverland undermining trading partners' confidence in SA PFA, this provided an opportunity to showcase the systems and processes underpinning Australia's robust and defensible fruit fly program.</p>	500
1	New Zealand	<p>Officially welcomed Hawke's Bay as the 12th member of the Great Wine Capitals Global Network on behalf of the network members. Participated in a range of industry events and media interviews, detailing the benefits of network membership and promoting Adelaide, South Australia's credentials as a Great Wine Capital. Travel aligns PIRSA Corporate Plan priority to 'Stimulate Value Growth' through championing South Australian primary industries and regions in local, national and global forums and participating in the Great Wine Capitals Global Network and lead South Australia’s program activities.</p>	2,877

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