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### **Call for Board Members**

Murray Dairy is seeking applications to fill two Murray Dairy board positions commencing formally in October 2017. These are skills based appointments with a dairy farmer board position and a service provider board position available. Applications close Tuesday 11 July, 2017. To view the position description click [here](#) or for further information contact Murray Dairy on (03)5833 5312 or email [admin@murraydairy.com.au](mailto:admin@murraydairy.com.au)

### **Employment Basics**

Join this workshop covering the basics of employing people correctly in the dairy industry. This workshop is an opportunity to learn or refresh your knowledge on the latest developments in the key areas of employment and staff management, including an overview of the Employment Starter Kit, Payroll, Individual Flexible Arrangements (IFA) and the termination of staff. Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

**When:** Tuesday 27 June 2017  
**Time:** 9.45am- 2pm  
**Location:** Dederang Recreation Reserve

**RSVP** Murray Dairy on (03)5833 5312 or email [admin@murraydairy.com.au](mailto:admin@murraydairy.com.au)  
(this will assist with catering for lunch)

### **Setting up your Season**

These much anticipated sessions will provide an update on key seasonal and commodity outlooks and identify critical decision points for your business along with tools and resources available to assist you in the coming months.

These sessions will be presented by:

- Rabobank Senior Analyst Michael Harvey
- DELWP climate specialist Dale Grey
- GMW water managers Mark Bailey / Andrew Shields

**Date:** Tuesday 18 July  
**Venue:** The Mecure.The Port of Echuca. 465 High St, Echuca.

**Date:** Wednesday 19 July  
**Venue:** TAFE Space, 158 Lawrence St, Wodonga

**Date:** Thursday 20 July  
**Venue:** Sherbourne Terrace, 109 Wyndham St, Shepparton

**Time:** 10.00am- 1.00pm, *Lunch provided*

**RSVP** By Thursday 2 July, 2017  
Murray Dairy (03) 5833 5312 or [admin@murraydairy.com.au](mailto:admin@murraydairy.com.au)

Please indicate which session you will be attending and any special

dietary requirements. Click [here](#) for the event flyer.

### **Occasional Counsellor Workshops**

This practical workshop, The Occasional Counsellor™ facilitated by David Cherry, a Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, is for workers who are not employed in a counselling role but are called upon to give others emotional support. The focus of the workshop is on teaching participants strategies for assisting individuals who are sad, upset, bewildered, confused, angry or suicidal while clearly remaining within their role. All welcome. For event flyer, [click here](#).

**Workshop 1:** Wednesday 23 August, DELWP Office, 1 McKoy St, Wodonga

**Workshop 2:** Friday 25 August, NDHS, 33 King St, Cohuna.

**Time:** 10am- 3pm

### **North East Mentor Farm Project**

**Decisions, Pests and Seasonal Considerations. Tuesday 18 July.** We will start the day on farm at Dederang and then head to the Dederang Hotel for a panel session, this day will offer discussions regarding the season, decisions for the year ahead and outcomes from decision making to date. The panel session will cover topics such as pests, fertilizers and all things agronomic. Click [here](#) to view event flyer.

### **Are you a young person in dairy wanting to develop your decision making and communication skills?**

If you answered yes - we have a workshop for you! Murray Dairy YDN is hosting two dinner workshops for young people in dairy that will allow you to strengthen your awareness and approaches to decision making, communicate more effectively with those around you and improve your overall on-farm operations. Read more about this opportunity [here](#).

### **Have you taken up the operator protection device (OPD) rebate for your quad bike?**

There have been eight quad bike fatalities on farms across Australia in 2017 already. It is important to make your farm a safe place for your employees, your family and yourself. The Victorian Government through the WorkSafe Victoria is encouraging farmers to take part in the \$6 million rebate scheme for approved safety solutions to help reduce quad bike deaths. If you'd like to investigate the rebate, click [here](#).

### **Situation and Outlook June 2017 report released**

With many ongoing challenges remaining in place for our dairy farmers, the 2017 Dairy Australia Situation and Outlook report acknowledges these in detail, along with the National and Global outlook. The report is available at [dairyaustralia.com.au](http://dairyaustralia.com.au)

Check out Dairy Australia's Senior Analyst, John Droppert's recent presentation [here](#).

### **Do you want to know your Cost of Production...?**

Did you know that by completing a **Taking Stock** with Murray Dairy you can have at your finger tips your **cost of production** and know the **break even milk price coming into the new financial year?**

**Taking Stock is a free 1:1 business assessment and support service** using a consultant to assist in the collection and analysis of current financial and physical data with the aim of clarifying future farm business options. This is available to **all levy paying farmers**, regardless of who they supply. Call Murray Dairy on (03) 5833 5312 or click [here](#) to find out more.

This program is supported by the Australian Government and Gardiner Foundation.

### **Regional Network Group Meetings**

These group meetings enable all dairy farming families and the associated dairy service sector the opportunity to contribute to identifying and prioritising future dairy research, development, extension and education needs. The meetings also provide an opportunity for people to hear about current services available to the industry

#### **Meetings will be held:**

**North West** - Monday 17 July at Bower Hotel, Cohuna  
**Eastern** - Tuesday 18 July at Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah  
**Central** - Monday 24 July at Blue Brick Hotel, Kyabram  
**Riverina** - Tuesday 25 July at Returned Services Club, Finley

**Time:** 7.00pm, dinner included.

### **Handy Water Link**

One useful website that enables water owners to run scenarios around the spillable and carryover rules is the Victorian water register [www.waterregister.vic.gov.au/spill](http://www.waterregister.vic.gov.au/spill) calculator.

### **Carry Over Options Explained**

Want a clear understanding of carryover rules? Click [here](#) to view this youtube clip by Peter Lawford from Waterpool- he makes it all crystal clear! Peter, takes us through some of the carryover options you could consider coming up to June 30. He also discusses the current season and the risks involved in carrying over water in the event of a spill.

### **Are you a young farmer, dairy worker or new to the dairy industry and looking to join a local discussion group?**

If you would like to join a group or start a group in your area, we can help. Discussion groups allow people to further their skills and knowledge in

dairy alongside other young farmers & new entrants. To express your interest in joining a group like this, contact YDN Coordinator - Sarah Thompson on [saraht@murraydairy.com.au](mailto:saraht@murraydairy.com.au)

### **Farmers Fund supports resilience and sustainability**

Dairy farmers can apply for grants of up to \$10,000 for programs, training or infrastructure that enhance productivity, build resilience and stimulate sustainable growth. The Farmers' Fund grant is available to dairy farmers in South Eastern Australia including Victoria and areas of southern New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. The Farmers' Fund is owned and managed by farmers through the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF). For more information click [here](#).

Contact **VFF** 1300 882 833 or [farmersfund@vff.org.au](mailto:farmersfund@vff.org.au)

### **Legendairy Capital update**

Eight regional communities from have been named as the LEGENDAIRY Capitals of their dairy region. Each is in the running for the national title of Australia's LEGENDAIRY Capital 2017. The regional capitals for 2017 are:

1. Poowong (Gippsland)
2. Cohuna (Murray Region)
3. Hannam Vale (New South Wales)
4. Mount Schank (South Australia)
5. Beaudesert (Subtropical Region)
6. Ringarooma (Tasmania)
7. Cowaramup (Western Australia)
8. Simpson (Western Victoria)

Dairy Australia's award-winning LEGENDAIRY Capital program is a nationwide celebration of Australia's regional communities, designed to instil pride and recognition, and put regional and rural towns 'on the map'. Each finalist will receive \$2500 for a project that will benefit the local community. In September, one of the eight Capital finalists will be announced as Australia's LEGENDAIRY Capital for 2017.

For more information visit: [www.legendairy.com.au/dairy-talk/capital-2017/media](http://www.legendairy.com.au/dairy-talk/capital-2017/media)

### **DairyBase News**

As the end of the financial year approaches, Dairy Australia has a range of resources and programs to help farmers review farm business performance over the past 12 months and plan for the next.

- Log in to [DairyBase](#) and create a data set and using physical and financial numbers for 2016/17 (For those not yet on DairyBase visit [dairybase.com.au](http://dairybase.com.au))
- Then, [download Dairy Australia's Standard Chart of Accounts](#) and use it to set accounts for the new financial year

- Complete the [Farm Business Management self-assessment](#) that will provide an indication of current skills and practices, and suggestions for further training.

Farmers and farm manager as reminded that new pay rates apply from the first pay period on or after July 1. For more information visit [The People in Dairy website](#).

### **NCDE/Murray Dairy Courses**

**Cups on Cups off (CoCo)** is a two-day training course designed by Dairy Australia and delivered by the National Centre for Dairy Education (NCDE) to help dairy farmers achieve best practice in milk harvesting, with an emphasis on detection, treatment and prevention of clinical mastitis.

**Milawa area** - please call Murray Dairy if you are interested in attending a course at or near Milawa.

**Strathmerton, Tue 27 June 9.30am- 2.30 (lunch provided) and Wed 28 June 9.30 - 12.30 pm.** Click [here](#) for more information

**Tallangatta- Mon 17 July 9.30am- 2.30 (lunch provided) and Tue 18 July 9.30 - 12.30 pm**

### **Accredited Training to Identify Risk and apply Risk Management Process to Calf Rearing.**

These will be one day workshops running from 9:30 to 3:00pm. 1 August, Kerang, 2 August, Numurkah, 3 August, North East Region. Location TBC. Venues TBC. Contact Murray Dairy for more information.

### **BoM**

BoM is regularly updated and the newest seasonal forecasts are now available. Click [here](#).

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has announced that they have released a [Water Information Dashboard](#) which will provide national up-to-date coverage of water storage levels and water market information. This dashboard allows you to compare water levels and volumes for more than 300 publicly owned lakes, reservoirs and weirs.

### **The Dairy Forecast Service**

The Dairy Forecast Service can be found [here](#). This site gives concise information relevant to your area.

Key features include:

- National Overviews
- 7 day Outlook toggle on the My Site page
- Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) weather observations

### **Events, Courses, Training and Support**

Please see the Murray Dairy Events calendar for all dairy related events,

training and courses happening throughout the region. Click [here](#)

Cows are red-green colorblind. In a bullfight, its the waving of the cape that attracts the bull not the red color

With best regards from the Murray Dairy team.

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Murray Dairy