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### **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.

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

**Time:** 10am - 3pm  
For event flyer, [click](#) here

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

**Decisions, Pests and Seasonal Considerations.** 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.

**Date:** Wednesday 16 August  
**Location:** Hicks Farm, 4198 Kiewa Valley Hwy, Dederang  
**Time:** 10.00am - 1.30pm

RSVP to Murray Dairy - [admin@murraydairy.com.au](mailto:admin@murraydairy.com.au)

### **Successful Winter Cropping**

Are you getting the most from your winter cereals? Join us for an in-crop workshop with Luke Nagle (Advanced Ag) and David Lewis (Lallemand Animal Nutrition), who will discuss seasonal management and ensiling techniques to optimise cereal production and quality. See [here](#) for details

**Date:** Friday 4 August, 2017  
**Location:** 484 Milgate Rd, Echuca  
**Time:** 10:30am - 1:00pm

RSVP to Murray Dairy - [admin@murraydairy.com.au](mailto:admin@murraydairy.com.au)

### **Dairy Farm Monitor Results- save the date, more information to follow**

This event is your chance to come along and hear about the 2016-17 Dairy Farm Monitor results firsthand with a focus on your region.

The Dairy Farm Monitor Project provides a comprehensive financial and production analysis of 75 dairy farms spread evenly across the three dairy regions - South West, Gippsland and Northern Victoria.

Now in its eleventh year, the project is a joint initiative between Agriculture Victoria and Dairy Australia.

This comprehensive report is used by government and industry to inform policy and service delivery to generate economic growth. It also allows farmers within each region to compare their performance, and identify areas for improvement.

**Date:** 14 September, 2017

**Location:** Wodonga

**Time:** 7.00 am

**Date:** 14 September, 2017

**Location:** Shepparton

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Date:** 15 September, 2017

**Location:** Echuca

**Time:** 7.00am

Venues to be confirmed. Contact Murray Dairy for information

### **Opportunity for young farmers to learn farm business management fundamentals**

If you want to strengthen your awareness and approaches to decision making, better communicate with and influence others, and improve on-farm operations – then we have a session for you! The Young Dairy Network is hosting two evening workshops in Benalla and Numurkah, facilitated by Cam Nicholson. Come along for a free meal and hear Cam's insights on how effective decision making and communication are essential to successful farm management. Click [here](#).

### **Creating a resilient, safe and healthy ag community**

This past week has been National Farm Safety Week. To support dairy farmers in the safety space, Dairy Australia has the Farm Safety Starter Kit available. This resource was developed by dairy farmers for dairy farmers and has practical, easy to use resources to get your farm safety system started or improve the existing system. Download or order yours today. Click [here](#).

### **YouTube - DA Transition Diet Milk Fever Risk Calculator**

Effective pre-calving transition nutrition sets cows up for healthy, fertile, productive lactations. A key to success is to design a nutritionally sound, low milk fever risk pre-calving transition diet. Dairy Australia's easy-to-use Transition Diet Milk Fever Risk Calculator can help you with this. Click [here](#) to view a short video on how to use this tool.

For best results, springers should be fed the pre-calving transition diet for a full 3 weeks, using accurate due calving dates.

For resources and tools on Transition Cow Management, click [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:**

**Central** Monday 24 July at Blue Brick Hotel, Kyabram  
**Riverina** Tuesday 25 July at Returned Services Club, Finley

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

### **Plan2Farm**

Your farming future is in your hands with Plan2Farm. Plan2Farm is a program that considers all areas of your farming business so the pathway to your future is clear.

You will be supported every step of the way. Through a guided process, Plan2Farm will help you make more informed decisions about your farming business to improve your business resilience. Our Workbook Advisors will work with you to develop or refine your long-term farm vision, and to guide you through the actions required to achieve this vision.

Plan2Farm is backed by an Alliance group with representatives from the North Central, Goulburn Broken and North East Catchment Management Authorities, Murray Dairy, Goulburn Murray Water, and the Victorian Farmers Federation. In partnership, the group will deliver the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, and Regional Development Victoria's multi-million dollar funded Plan2Farm program to 600 farmers. If you're a dairy farmer and would like Murray Dairy to guide you through your Plan2Farm program please click [here](#) to register.

### **UDV Ladies Day Bus Trip**

**Join in for a ladies day out. Great fun, even better company.**

**Destinations:**

**Barham Avocados** - Meet with Katrina Myers & learn about her farming journey

**Farm 253, Koondrook** - Cheese making demonstration & lunch using local produce

**Date:** Friday 28th July

**Time:** 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Cos: Free for all dairying ladies**

**RSVP:** Monday 24 July to Peter Costello, p: 0428 870 746 e:

[pcostello@vff.org.au](mailto:pcostello@vff.org.au)

Click [here](#) for event flyer

**UDV Dates of Note:**

Join UDV to hear **John McQueen** speaking about milk price announcements, contracts and the code of practice. **Claire Miller** will cover the MDB Plan-history, current and future and **Daryl Hoey** answering political water questions

Tuesday 25 July, 12pm Milawa Hotel- John McQueen and Daryl Hoey speaking.

Tuesday 25 July, 7pm Dederang Hotel- John McQueen and Daryl Hoey speaking.

Wednesday 26 July, 12pm Eskdale Hotel- John McQueen and Adam Jenkins speaking

Wednesday 26 July, 7pm Corryong Hotel- John McQueen and Adam Jenkins speaking.

For more information and to RSVP please contact Peter Costello on **0428 870 746**

**People in Dairy**

Award rates increased from July 1, 2017. All work performed from July 1 onwards must be paid at the increased rate. ESKi updates are also available to reflect the changes in pay rates.

For more information visit the [People in Dairy website](#)

**Dairy Youth Travel Scholarship**

The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) Dairy Youth Travel Scholarship provides a recipient with a bursary of up to \$10,000 and the chance to travel on an escorted agricultural tour or to visit dairy regions in Asia, New Zealand or the USA to gain insight into agricultural and food industries. Applications close on Friday 18 August. Click [here](#).

**NCDE/Murray Dairy Courses (2 Days)**

**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.

Are you interested in attending a **Cups on Cups off** in any of the following areas: **Milawa, Katandra, Strathmerton, Tatura, Kerang or Shepparton**? If you are keen, then call Murray Dairy on (03) 5833 5312 to let us know.

If enough participants are interested, then these courses will run during late August and September.

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

These one day workshops, presented by Jamie McNeil will run from 9:00am - 3:00pm.

**Date:** Tuesday 1 August, 2017 **(Now FULL)**

**Location:** Agriculture Vic Offices, Corner Annersley St and Ogilvie Av, Echuca (entrance is on Annersley St)

**Date:** Wednesday 2 August, 2017 **(Now FULL)**

**Location:** Numurkah, Venue to be confirmed

**Date:** Thursday 3 August, 2017

**Location:** Kiewa, Venue to be confirmed.

Contact Murray Dairy on (03) 5833 5312 or [admin@murraydairy.com.au](mailto:admin@murraydairy.com.au) for Expression Of Interest or for more information

### **Women's Health Night**

**Gather Your Friends....**You are invited to come along to a FREE and FUN evening that CELEBRATES ALL women in Gannawarra. Wednesday 26 July 2017, 7pm - 9pm, Northern District Community Health, 33 King Edward Street Cohuna

Click [here](#) to view the event flyer.

### **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](#)

### **Dairy farmer at Le Tour**

After the 16<sup>th</sup> stage our cycling Belgian dairy farmer Frederik Backaert (race number 202) has dropped to 137<sup>th</sup> position as the race heads to the Alps. He is two hours 43 minutes 27 seconds behind the leader.

**With best regards from the Murray Dairy team.**

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