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Your Levy at Work

Dear All,

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Murray Dairy Business Forum Save the Date - please note venue change.

The Murray Dairy Team look forward to seeing you at our flagship annual event, details as follows:

When: Thursday 19 October 2017

Where: McIntosh Centre (Shepparton Showgrounds), Thompson Street, Shepparton.

A great speaker lineup will provide something for every farmer in the Murray Dairy region!

Click [here](#) for more information

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](#)

How did Last Year Compare to Others?

2016-17 Dairy Farm Monitor will be discussed at:

Wodonga on Wednesday 13 September- breakfast at Huon Hill

Shepparton on Wednesday 13 September- dinner at the Park Lake

Moama on Thursday 14 September.- breakfast at the Bowls Club

The Dairy Farm Monitor Project provides a comprehensive financial and production analysis from across Victoria. Click [here](#) to view event flyer.

Develop Livestock Feeding Plan

This two-day course encourages farmers to maximise pasture consumption and use supplements efficiently and effectively to address feed gaps.

Time: 10am - 3pm. *Lunch provided.* Click [here](#) for more detail.

Tuesday	10 & 17 October	Rochester area
Thursday	2 & 9 November	Kyabram area
Wednesday	8 & 15 November	Cobram area

Do you want a consultant to help take your business forward?

Taking Stock is a free 1:1 business assessment and support service providing clarity and advice on your business operation. This is available to all levy paying farmers, regardless of who they supply. Call Lachlan Barnes on 0438 092 352 or click [here](#) to find out more.

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

Plan2Farm

Your farming future is in your hands with Plan2Farm. Murray Dairy is part of the alliance that can guide you through a Plan2Farm program, tailored for your business, click [here](#) to register.

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 28 August at Blue Brick Hotel, Kyabram. 7.00pm, dinner included
North West	Tuesday 29 August at Bower Hotel, Cohuna. 11.30am - 1.30pm lunch included
Riverina	Tuesday 29 August at Returned Services Club, Finley. 7.00pm, dinner included
Eastern	Tuesday 5 September at Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah. 7.00pm, dinner included

Bio Security and Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) requirements.

Agriculture Victoria and Murray Dairy are planning to deliver 6 discussion group days on Biosecurity and LPA requirements over the next couple of months. More information will be available soon.

Dairy Bio Open Day- Hamilton, Victoria

See for yourself how innovations are changing the way we can identify elite pasture performance and deliver better varieties faster. Hamilton is the site where all the large-scale field-based pasture activities happen for DairyBio and it is the best place to see how new innovations will deliver game-changing increases in pasture yield, persistence and quality.

Date: Thursday 7 September

Time: 10am to 2.00pm, includes lunch

Venue: Agriculture Victoria Research, 915 Napier Road Hamilton, Victoria,

Click [here](#) for more information, click [here](#) for the event flyer.

Australian Dairy Conference 2018

The 2018 **Australian Dairy Conference** is set to be held in Melbourne in February. Click [here](#) of the latest information.

Use the right chemicals for the right job

See this article regarding the use of chemicals on farm and further useful information. Click [here](#) .

Calf Day for Kids at Molyullah

Get ready for up and coming shows. Learn about clipping, washing, leading and judging of calves.

When: Tuesday 26 September, 2017
Where: Hill Farm, 183 O'Deas Rd, Molyullah.
Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm Lunch supplied

Contact Anthony Hill on (03) 5766 6410 A/H for more information
Click [here](#) for event flyer

Share a Story with the Invisible Farmer Project.

Invisible Farmer is the largest ever study of Australian women on the land. Funded by the Australian Research Council and using nation-wide partnerships. The Invisible Farmer team is interested in stories that feature Australian women involved in food, fibre, farming and agriculture; stories of women of the land and water. Submit your story or the story of a woman you know [here](#).

Corryong Bricks 4 Kids Day

Kick-off the school holidays with a FREE and FUN Bricks 4 Kidz facilitated Lego workshop. Whilst children play, parents and carers are invited to relax in the *Chill-out Zone* where they can have a chat with representatives from various services, including Upper Murray Health, Murray Dairy, Alpine Valleys Dairy, Ag-Biz Assist and Centrelink.

When: Saturday 23 September, 2017
Where: Corryong Youth Hall
Time: 10am - 4pm

Click [here](#) for event flyer.

Cups on Cups off

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.

This course will be held in **Shepparton** at the William Orr Campus, GOTAFE.on Wed 27

Sept 9.30 am- 2.30 pm (lunch provided) and **Thur 28 Sept** 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Call Murray Dairy on (03) 5833 5312 to secure your place in this course.

Farming Together's monthly news of grants, funding, scholarships and opportunities.

An extraordinary list of numerous and varied **grants and opportunities** are listed with Farming Together - click [here](#)

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](#)

62 Days until the Murray Dairy Business Forum.

19 October, 2017.

McIntosh Centre (Shepparton Showgrounds), Gate 3, Thompson Street, Shepparton

With best regards from the Murray Dairy team.

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