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Murray Dairy Business Forum - REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

The Murray Dairy Team look forward to seeing you at our annual flagship event, which this year will see:

- **Mick Keogh** – Executive Director of Australian Farm Institute- "the changing face of Australian Agriculture"
- **Mandy Johnson** – Author, facilitator and business woman - "inspiring people skills"
- **Mike Stephens** – Senior Consultant - "becoming the CEO for your farm business "
- **Peter Davidson** – Rescue paramedic - "Inspiring stories from the Sydney- Hobart Yacht Race"

When: Thursday 19 October 2017

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

You can [register online](#) today or fill in the [registration form](#) and send it to Murray Dairy at 255 Ferguson Road, Tatura. 3616.

How did 2016-17 Stack up against previous years in the dairy industry ?

Come and find out at the 2016-17 Dairy Farm Monitor event:

Wodonga on Wednesday 13 September - breakfast at Huon Hill

Shepparton on Wednesday 13 September - dinner at the Parklake

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

Young Dairy Discussion Group Riverina

Would you like to join a local dairy discussion group?

If you want to progress your dairying knowledge and skills while mixing with other dairy people in your local area, then come along for a pub meal and a chat as we discuss getting a young dairy discussion group started for the Riverina area. Click [here](#) to see group flyer about the next event.

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. Click [here](#) to register.

Regional Network Group Meetings

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

The **Eastern** Murray Dairy Sub region will meet on Tuesday 5 September at Shamrock Hotel, Numurkah at 7.00pm (*dinner included*)

Bio-Security and Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) requirements.

There are new requirements for livestock producers to have a bio - security plan and comply with LPA regulations when selling livestock. To inform dairy farmers of their responsibilities, Ag Vic and Murray Dairy are running 6 information sessions in September across the region.

The new requirements have been established to maintain the integrity of Australia's food safety, maintain access to markets and protect the livelihood of producers.

Information will be provided on

- The new online learning modules
- Property Risk assessments
- Safe and responsible animal treatment
- Stock feed, fodder crops and pasture treatments
- Preparation for despatch of livestock
- Biosecurity
- Animal welfare

Locations and venues to be advised.

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 (*lunch included*)

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

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

Incredible Opportunity for Women in Dairy

Australia's Legendairy Women's Network is offering **three** women in the dairy industry the chance to participate at the 2017 Australian Women in Agriculture Conference held in Brisbane, QLD 22nd and 23rd September. Click [here](#) to apply.

Incalf Symposium

Dairy Australia invite you to to attend the [InCalf Reproduction Symposium 2017](#). This event is designed for all people interested in herd reproduction performance on Australian dairy farms, including veterinarians, artificial breeding advisors, factory field officers, herd improvement representatives and other dairy industry professionals.

When: Monday, 30 October 2017 9:00 am - 5:30 pm

Where: Melbourne Museum, 11 Nicholson Street, Carlton. Melbourne, VIC

Australian Dairy Conference 2018

The 2018 **Australian Dairy Conference** is set to be held in Melbourne in February.

Click [here](#) of the latest information.

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.

Women's Health Week Free Wellbeing Session

Mindfulness session, learn self massage, receive a goodie bag, help to make & eat a delicious snack. Free raffle ticket on arrival and child friendly.

When: Tuesday 5 September 2.30pm -3.30pm & Friday 8 September 10am - 11am

Where: Primary Health, Numurkah District Health Service

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

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. Call Murray Dairy on (03) 5833 5312 to secure your place. This course will be held in the following locations:

Tatura

When: **Wed 13 Sept**, 9.30 am - 2.30 pm (*lunch provided*) and **Thur 14 Sept** 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Where: DEDJTR, Board Room, 255 Ferguson Rd. Tatura

Whorouly

When: **Tue 19 Sept** 9.30 am - 2.30 pm (*lunch provided*) and **Wed 20 Sept** 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Where: Whorouly Rec Reserve, Memorial Park Drive, Whorouly.

Shepparton

When: **Wed 27 Sept** 9.30 am - 2.30 pm (*lunch provided*) and **Thur 28 Sept** 9.30 am - 12.30 pm.

Where: William Orr Campus, GOTAFE.

Farm Gate Entrepreneurism Workshop

Got a great idea or want to diversify? Want to take control by developing an alternate income stream? This dynamic one day workshop starts your entrepreneurial thinking about different ways to create your own product, brand and market, and build a viable business.

Hear from farm producer entrepreneurs and find out the lessons learned along their journey.

This workshop is targeted at dairy farmers and other food producers, and is built around the Unit: BSBSMB201 Identify suitability for micro business. It is the first step to building your new business model with further study in the Certificate IV in New Small Business.

Click [here](#) to see the workshop flyer.

Certificate IV in New Small Business

Got a great idea for a new product or service to give you a new income? Learn how to grow your idea into a viable business.

This course starts with a dynamic one day workshop focusing on farm gate entrepreneurism where you will learn from people who have created their own branded products, running successful businesses. The course continues with a series of online webinars and workshops, leading you

through skill development in planning your business, finances, marketing, online presence, managing risk, and building client and industry networks.
Click [here](#) to see course flyer.

Find New ways to make profits from your farm.

Do you feel like you are working harder and harder to make a living from your farm? Register now for a 'more profitable farming' workshop near you. Find out more by visiting www.rdamurray.org.au or contact Ms Casey Bootsma, Executive Assistant on 02 6058 0600 or Casey.Bootsma@rdamurray.org.au

Murray Darling Basin Authority Information Session

8 September, 2017

12.30pm, The Cube, 118 Hovell St, Wodonga

The Murray Darling Basin Authority (MDBA) would like to invite you to a public information session. The session will provide details on the Sustainable Diversion Limit (SDL) adjustment mechanism process and projects. Senior executives will provide a presentation and you will have an opportunity to ask questions on other Basin Plan implementation concerns in your area. MDBA staff and representatives from other agencies including the Victorian Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) will be available to discuss your key areas of interest. To RSVP email engagement@mdba.gov.au or phone 1800 230 067 for more information. For more information click [here](#).

Very Fast Break

The [latest edition](#) of this seasonal update is now out.

BoM

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

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) has released a [Water Information Dashboard](#) which will provide national up-to-date coverage of water storage levels and water market information.

The Dairy Forecast Service

The [Dairy Forecast Service](#) site gives concise information relevant to your area.

Events, Courses, Training and Support

Please see the [Murray Dairy Events calendar](#) for all dairy related events, training and courses happening throughout the region.

48 Days until the Murray Dairy Business Forum.

19 October, 2017.

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

[Register Now.](#)

With best regards from the Murray Dairy team.

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