



# Murray Dairy eNews

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Wednesday 27 September 2017

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## The Dairy Forecast Service Events, Courses and Training

### **Murray Dairy Business Forum**

Thursday 19 October 2017  
McIntosh Centre (Shepparton Showgrounds),  
Thompson Street, Shepparton.

**REGISTER NOW**

#### **Murray Dairy Business Forum**

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

**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.

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

LPA accreditation is needed for access to NVDs (National Vendor Declarations) which you will need to continue selling stock. Come along to these joint [Murray Dairy /AgVic information sessions](#) to:

1. Understand the changes to LPA requirements and the industry Johnes Disease program.
2. Understand the steps needed for compliance including:
  - Farm biosecurity plans
  - LPA learning modules
  - Record – keeping requirements
  - Animal welfare obligations

**Venue:** Lockington Rec Reserve, Burns St, Lockington

**Date:** Wednesday 27 September

**Venue:** Kyabram Club, 82 Allan St, Kyabram

**Date:** Thursday 28 September

All sessions 11am- 1pm. *Lunch provided*

**For more information from MLA (Meat and Livestock Australia), including templates, click [here](#)**

### **Employment Basics Workshop**

**Do you employ people on your dairy farm? Do you want to ensure you are doing it correctly?**

Murray Dairy is hosting two employment workshops in Dederang and Cobram that cover the essentials when employing someone on a dairy farm. This is a great opportunity to learn more about employing people or to brush up on the details to ensure you are compliant in doing so. Click [here](#) for workshop details.

### **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.

### **Fairley Leadership - applications now being accepted**

With a vision to develop leaders to be catalysts for positive change in the Goulburn Murray community the Fairley Leadership Program might be the just challenge you have been looking for. For more information, [Overview](#), [Q and A](#), and [Application Form](#)

### **Are you a young person living or working in the Riverina? Would you like to join a young dairy discussion group?**

If you are looking to progress your dairying knowledge and skills whilst meeting new people from your local area, then come along for a meal and a chat as we look at getting a young dairy discussion group started for the Riverina area. The meeting will be on Wednesday 4 October at 7pm at the Finley RSC. Click [here](#) for details.

### **ADF seeking nominations**

Nominations for three Business Director positions and an Independent Director on the Australian Dairy Farmers' (ADF) Board are now open. If you wish to receive a nomination form or position description please contact the ADF Office via (03) 8621 4200 or email [operations@australiandairyfarmers.com.au](mailto:operations@australiandairyfarmers.com.au).

## **InCalf Symposium**

Dairy Australia invites you 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.

**Time:** 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](#) for the latest information.



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The hunt is on for the nation's top dairy idea, innovation, tip, product or service.

**WIN FULL Conference entry.**  
Entries close 2 October .

[www.australiandairyconference.com.au](http://www.australiandairyconference.com.au)

## **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 the following locations:

### **Shepparton**

**When:** **TODAY 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.

Call Murray Dairy on (03) 5833 5312 to secure your place

## **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.

This workshop is targeted at dairy farmers and other food producers, and is built around the Unit: BSBSMB201 Identify suitability for micro 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 entrepreneurship where you will learn from people who have created their own branded products, running successful businesses. Click [here](#) to see course flyer.

### **Celebrating Dairy Women "Women Celebrating Dairy"**

Community Leadership Loddon Murray in conjunction with the Central Victorian Rural Women's Network - with funding support from FRRR-Gardiner Foundation and the Hugh DT Williamson Foundation - is planning a special day to ["Celebrate Dairy Women" on Friday 13 October 2017.](#)

The aim of the event is to develop and deliver a day for women who are connected to, or working in, the dairy industry and provide them with the opportunity to focus on themselves, through personal, professional, and creative development

### **Seeking Dairy Farmers with Bright Ideas to Implement On-farm**

The Farmers' Fund applications are now open for grants up to \$10 000.

In just 12 months, the Farmers' Fund has awarded \$1.5m to 119 dairy families in South East Australia. The fund raises money through the sale of Farmers' Fund milk in Victorian located Coles Supermarkets.

Owned by the Victorian Farmers Federation, the Farmers' Fund creates social impact from consumers to on-farm innovation. More information about the Farmers' Fund including an application form can be found online at [www.farmersfund.org.au](http://www.farmersfund.org.au) or by emailing [farmersfund@vff.org.au](mailto:farmersfund@vff.org.au)

Applications close on 30 September 2017.

### **Australian Farm Institute - roundtable**

Registrations are open and partnership opportunities are available for the annual Australian Agriculture Roundtable Conference, hosted by the Australian Farm Institute, held at the International Convention Centre Sydney, on the 9th and 10th of November 2017.

The 2017 [Australian Agriculture Roundtable Conference](#) will be an important networking opportunity for innovative agricultural producers, supply chain leaders, agribusiness, policy-makers and lead researchers.

**Download the [Partnership Prospectus](#) or the [conference flyer](#).**

For any further details, please do not hesitate to contact the Institute [directly](#).

### **Platypus Technical Session**

Join RiverConnect, Goulburn Murray Landcare Network and the Platypus Conservancy for a platypus technical information session on Tuesday 17 October in Shepparton.

The session is targeted towards agency staff and members of relevant community

organisations to develop knowledge about the conservation of this icon species in our local waterways. Click [here](#) to view the event flyer

### **Umoja Night**

The Rotary Club of Numurkah is hosting a dinner to share with you the extraordinary work they have supported in a Kenyan orphanage called Umoja. This is a fantastic initiative that has given vulnerable children a second chance at life. For more information, please see the attached flyer or contact **Kate Hodge on 0417 310 605**, or **Julie Andrew on 0418 641 045**. Click [here](#) for event flyer

### **Focus Farms in the Murray Dairy Region**

The Focus Farms project helps farmers better understand their farm business systems and analyse the impact of on farm development and decision making options including risk management. Want to know more? See reports below or contact Murray Dairy.

#### **The current Focus Farms are:**

- >[John & Elise Pethybridge - Whorouly](#)
- >[Leigh & Sasha Fletcher - Keely](#)

### **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.

## **22 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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