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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.

TODAY in Cobram 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 an employment workshops in Cobram **today, Wednesday 11 October, starting at 9.45am at the Cobram Lawn Tennis Club.**

This workshop will covers 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.

TONIGHT in Finley 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 held **tonight, Wednesday 4 October at 7pm at the Finley RSC.**

Click [here](#) for details.

Have you seen the Accelerating Change website?

The Accelerating Change project has developed regionally and seasonally relevant information to assist farmers managing their feedbase.

- **Optimise harvest and storage of spring silage** by using the information and tips in our [Cropping resources](#).
- **Prepare for the upcoming season** by reviewing our Summer Cropping Reminders for [Maize](#) and [Sorghum/Millet](#), as well as last year's [Successful Summer Cropping notes](#).
- Have a look at the 2016-17 [Economic Analysis](#) from our project Partner Farms **to see how different forages (including ryegrass, lucerne and sorghum) performed over the irrigation season.**

Whitfield Focus Farm

North East Mentor Farm Project - the final day of the Mentor Farm series revisiting: Managing Soils for Success. Click [here](#) for event flyer.

When: Thursday 16 November 2017, 10 am to 12.30pm

Hosted by : Sheppard's at 4805 Wangaratta-Whitfield Rd, Whitfield, VIC 3733

Dairy Business Professional Development

This event is your chance to come along and find out about Dairy Australia's Farm Business Management offering. Learn about new tools, terminology and increase the value you provide to dairy clients.

Date: Thursday 14 November

Time: 9am - 4 pm

Murray Dairy, 255 Ferguson Rd, Tatura (AgVic Offices)

Click [here](#) for more information.

Dairy Accounting 2017

In Association with Murray Dairy, Sofra Partners are providing you with an opportunity to come along and spend some time Working on the Business & Focusing on the Profits

Date: Wednesday 22 November 2017

Time: 10.00am-3.00pm

Where: 255 Ferguson Road, Tatura (Ag Vic Complex)

RSVP: seminars@sofrapartners.com.au or call Liz on 0358313499

Click [here](#) for event flyer

LPA accredited dairy farmers

Changes have been made to strengthen the Livestock Production Assurance program and further safeguard Australia's enviable status as a world leader in red meat safety, integrity and traceability. If you would like Ag Vic to speak to your group regarding these changes please contact Murray Dairy on (03) 5833 5312.

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.

New Alpine Valleys Discussion Group, EOI setting a solid base for your dairy career

If you are a Farmer or Service Provider in North East Victoria with the desire to gain foundation skills and knowledge, or increase industry and peer contacts then we encouraged you to join. This is your opportunity to participate in a new discussion group with a firm focus on setting you on the right track with in the dairy industry. Click [here](#) for more information

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.

Young People in Dairy - New Zealand Tour Opportunity

An incredible opportunity is available for young farmers to travel to New Zealand to experience the NZ dairy industry. UDV and the Gardiner Foundation fully fund 6 participants from Victoria on this 8 day tour. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity to network, learn and experience dairy in an international landscape. Applications close on Monday 16 October. Click [here](#) for details and to apply.

Have you taken up the Quad Bike Safety rebate scheme of up to \$1,200?

Farmers are eligible to take part in the rebate scheme for approved safety solutions to help reduce quad bike deaths in Victoria. Farmers are able to get up to two rebates of \$600 for operator protection devices (OPD) or \$1,200 rebate on the purchase of a side-by-side vehicle. Don't wait – take advantage of this rebate whilst it is still available. Click [here](#) for details.

Fairley Leadership - applications close 27 October, 2017

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](#)

Gardiner Foundation Tertiary Scholarship Program - NOW OPEN

The dairy industry needs to attract, retain and develop talented people. Scholarships play a vital role in supporting high-potential rural students to gain the skills that will help to drive the industry forward and make their communities vibrant places to live.

Gardiner Foundation Scholarships also now open. Click [here](#) for more information

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.

Celebrating Dairy Women

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

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 on 16 October, 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](#)

Some fun “Did you know?” facts

The average cow chews at least 50 times per minute.

The typical cow stands up and sits down about 14 times a day.

An average cow has more than 40,000 jaw movements in a day.

Cows actually do not bite grass; instead they curl their tongue around it.

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.

8 Days until the Murray Dairy Business Forum.

19 October, 2017.

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Gate 3, Thompson Street,
Shepparton

[Register Now.](#)

With best regards from the Murray Dairy team.

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