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Your Levy at Work

Dear All,

Board and Staff members of Murray Dairy wish you and your loved ones a Merry and safe Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

The Murray Dairy office will close for Christmas and reopen Tuesday 2 January, 2018.

This fortnight's edition contains the following:

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Events, Courses, Training and Support

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

If you employ staff, then ensure you prepare for the public holidays

Dairy Australia has pulled together the key information to help you plan for the upcoming public holidays including information on: public holidays for your state, entitlements for working (and not working) on a public holiday and can you require employees to work on a public holiday. Click [here](#) to read more.

Humane Euthanasia of cattle workshop

These workshop aim to:

- Update the skills of stock handlers who have responsibilities for the routine or emergency euthanasia of sick, injured and unsaleable cattle.
- Give participants up-to-date information on best-practice methods of humane euthanasia of cattle with a special emphasis on new standards and guidelines that apply.

Presented by: Keith Fletcher - Rochester Vet

Join us on **Wednesday 17 January 2018 from 9.30am – 2.30pm at the Campaspe Golf Course, 56 Kerlin Lane, Rochester.** Cost \$100.

RSVP to Ross Read 0438 906 613 by 12 January 2018. Morning Tea & Lunch provided

DairySage Mentoring Program

Have you considered being a mentor to someone in the dairy industry?

Murray Dairy YDN is running a mentoring program in February to assist people from the dairy industry establish and formalise meaningful and rewarding mentoring partnerships. If you'd like to see the younger generation learn and progress, then we want you! Click [here](#) for information on the program.

Fundamentals of Farm Management

Free workshop for young people (18 – 40 year olds). Do you want to make more effective decisions and better influence others in your work? This collaborative workshop will delve into two fundamental concepts that will allow you to strengthen your awareness and approaches to decision making, better communicate with and influence others, and improve on-farm operations. The workshop will cover:

- Decision making – what is a decision, types of decisions and approaches
- People – beliefs & values, personality types and working with different personalities
- Pulling these fundamentals of farm management together to operate more effectively.

WORKSHOP 1: Date: Wednesday 31 January 2018 North East

WORKSHOP 2: Date: Thursday 1 February 2018 Lockington

RSVP to Murray Dairy 03) 5833 5312

Murray Dairy and Dairy Australia have re-energized the Farm Business Management offering:

Following the piloting of an all new Farm Business Management courses last year the opportunity now exists to enrol in re-written, re-focused and a re-energized offer.

Farm Business Fundamentals is for farmers wanting to:

- Have accurate information when you need it
- Understand what makes cash and drives profit
- Make profitable operational decisions
- Improve cost control
- Manage risk and increase resilience
- Create a farm recording system that works for you

For dates and locations for this course [click here](#).

Dairy Farm Business Analysis is for farmers want to:

- Assemble Analyze and interpret Farm Management Data
- Enter data and analyze farm performance using Dairybase
- Understand whole farm approach
- Key elements of analysis
- Setting Key performance indicators
- Monitoring and improving profit, cash-flow and over all farm performance

For dates and locations for this course [click here](#).

To register call Murray Dairy on 03 5833 5312 or email admin@murraydairy.com.au

Soil Moisture Monitoring Info Sheet

Are you thinking about installing a soil moisture probe? To get more out of your investment, check out this new resource, developed by AgVic, supported by Murray Dairy's Accelerating Change Project. Click [here](#).

Planning Winter Cereal?

Are you planning on sowing cereals this Autumn? Good preparation is the key to success and that starts now. Accelerating Change have developed resources to assist you, click [here](#) for the timeline reminder and click [here](#) for further information on this topic.

Check with your agronomist for advice on best fit for your farm.

International Dairy Week- Seminars

A great line up of speakers have been engaged for the regular IDW Seminars for 2018. Murray Dairy will present the following two speakers

1. Wednesday 24 Jan, 2.30 pm Peter Havrlant, Development Officer, Dairy at NSW DPI will speak on ***Bobby Calves – Industry Opportunity or Threat?***

2. Thursday 25 Jan, 12 noon, Kira Goodall, Issues Management and Government Relations Manager at Dairy Australia will speak on ***Maintaining Our Social Licence to Operate.***

For more detail click [here](#)

Dairy farmer feedback needed for animal health monitoring and preparedness study based on farmer-led partnerships

Participation involves the completion of an online questionnaire (around 30 mins) that includes questions on animal health monitoring, preferred communication methods and information sources.

Researchers from Charles Sturt University, Australian Bureau of Agricultural Resource Economics and Sciences and CSIRO are working on this study as part of a Rural Research and Development for Profit project* aimed at improving surveillance, preparedness and return to trade from emergency animal disease incursions using Foot and Mouth disease as a model.

You will not be identified in any reports produced and will have the opportunity to go into a prize draw to win a \$50.00 retail gift voucher.

Click on the [link](#) to start the survey.

Australian Dairy Conference 2018

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

Young people in dairy – win a ticket to the Australian Dairy Conference

Would you like to attend Australia's premier dairy event? Well you can! Murray Dairy YDN is sponsoring two young farmers or farm employees to attend the event plus \$500 towards accommodation and travel. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn, meet people and experience a national dairy conference. Click [here](#) to apply!

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.

Power of Women in Dairy

Hats for Hope in 2018 at International Dairy Week.
Tuesday 23 January 2018, 7pm - 9.30pm. Click [here](#) to see event flyer.

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.

With best regards from the Murray Dairy team.

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