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Murray Dairy Business Forum - REGISTRATIONS OPEN

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.

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:

Shepparton Today Wednesday 13 September - dinner at the Parklake. 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm

Moama Thursday 14 September - breakfast at the Bowls Club. 7.30 am -10.00 am

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

Develop Livestock Feeding Plan

Positions still available: 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.

Rochester area Tuesday 10 & 17 October

Kyabram area Thursday 2 & 16 November (note date change)

Cobram area Wednesday 8 & 15 November

Successful Winter Cropping-Ensiling Cereals

Are you getting ready to ensile whole crop cereal silage? Careful monitoring of the crop to pick optimum harvest time and adapt management to sudden changes in the season is critical to getting

the highest quality product possible in the pit. Check out the [Accelerating Change website](#) for technical resources and key reminders, as well as an agronomic wrap up of growing winter cereals.

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.

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 session](#) 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

Click [here](#) to access event flyer for dates and locations

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](#)

Soils Compaction Workshop - Congupna, Tuesday 19 September.

This workshop using and soil pits will look at the link between sub soil compaction on irrigated soils and productivity in the Goulburn Valley. Presenters, James Hogan (Queensland DAF) and Nick O'Halloran (Agriculture Victoria), will cover:

- Sub soil compaction – identification, causes and costs
- Soil manipulation for deeper roots
- Economics of soil improvement
- Maintaining the benefits

For event flyer, click [here](#).

Pain relief for disbudding

There has been a noticeable increase in the use of pain relief when disbudding calves. This trend is backed up by research that shows using pain relief not only reduces pain and recovery time, but also avoids a growth check so farmers can wean their heifers earlier. Click [here](#) to see new article from ADF regarding this.

Alpine Valleys Dairy- attracting more young people to agriculture

The Alpine Valleys Dairy Inc have been working with NELLEN in Wodonga to attract government funding to support local schools implement agricultural programs into their curriculums, which we see as a key to growing our local dairy industry.

If you're in this area and are interested in potentially employing a school leaver via a traineeship, NELLEN would love a **letter of support** to go with their application for funding. Click here for [Letter of support template](#) and [Background Purpose](#).

For more information contact Bev Hoffman at NELLEN 0448 003 092.

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.

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.

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 the following locations:

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.

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.

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.

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 or by emailing farmersfund@vff.org.au

Applications close on 30 September 2017.

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.

36 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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