



Media Release

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Young farmers to talk water

Murray Dairy's Young Dairy Development Program invites all dairy industry members to "Talking Water" on Monday 1st June – a dinner and discussion focusing on water at the Bower Tavern, Cohuna.

Richard Anderson, the Victorian Farmers Federation Water Council Chairman will provide an insightful discussion on water issues at a local, state and federal level.

Key topics to be discussed by Mr Anderson include:

- Water trading and trading limits (4% trade out limit and 10% non-landholder limit)
- Carryover water;
- Modernisation and what it means for the region;
- Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy;
- What \$300 million in the Federal budget for on-farm upgrades actually means?
- The federal Water Act and its implications;
- The Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Murray Dairy CEO, Natalie Akers said "the water issues facing the dairy industry are vast and complex. The dinner will provide dairy farmers and service providers with the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of current and future water issues that will impact upon their dairying businesses", Ms Akers said.

Talking Water is the first of a series of dinners to be held for dairying community members in North West Victoria. North West Local Area Committee has facilitated the dinners to address the need for farmers, young and old alike to be kept well informed about issues pertinent to the future of dairying in their region.

The evening will commence at 7.00pm for 7.30 pm dinner at the Bower Tavern, King George Street, Cohuna. Cost is \$20 per person for a two course meal, payment on the night. RSVP is essential to Sarah Parker on 0418 883 250 or email yddp@murraydairy.com.au

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