



Dairy NSW Snapshot – February 2017

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For further information on Dairy NSW sponsored events, click on the following link and advance to the date on the calendar to view further details: [Dairy NSW Event Calendar](#). Contact details for our staff is found on our [Website](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Value of effluent to your dairy business - truths, tips & trade-offs – live podcast 3 February 12 noon EDST

Listen from your phone or other device while working or having lunch. Scott Birchall who is an expert on effluent design and distribution systems will be joined by farmer Jason Bake from Bonville, near Coffs Harbour NSW. **Phone 1800896323 (landlines) or 03-86488889 (mobiles).** **Participant code 4475208820.**

“Tales from Cotton” Smarter Irrigation for Profit coach tour from Tamworth – 8-9 February

Dairy NSW is offering **\$100 to pay for the coach tour and a maximum of \$400 towards the cost of travel to and from Tamworth** including additional accommodation – if needed in Tamworth prior to joining the tour. Experience first-hand how the cotton industry is using water

saving and energy efficiency technologies to irrigate. The tour leaves Tamworth at 8.30am on February 8th and returns by 3pm on February 9th. Enquire with [Marguerite White](#) 0447500415

Mid North Coast Women in Dairy Cheese making with Marook Farm – Harrington Function Centre 9 February

Come along to a day of cheese making with Marook Farm from 10.30am. RSVP [Megan Nicholson](#) 0427567347

Nutrient workshop – Making more from what I have – Hannam Vale, 10 February

Interested in making more from what you've got? Learn from Scott McDonald about using alternative methods as a nutrient source to manage soil organic matter. RSVP [Col Freeman](#) 0404434297

Australian Dairy Conference 2017 – Adelaide, 14-16 February

Don't miss the 15th Annual Australian Dairy Conference to be held at the National Wine Centre of Australia. For more information, visit: www.australiandairyconference.com.au

NSW Nitrogen Use Efficiency – Reducing loss, growing more feed – Club Taree 16 February

Enjoy a buffet breakfast while listening to Dr David Rowlings and Matt Thompson on reducing loss and growing more feed. For more information, contact [Peter Beale](#) 0427007468.

Barrington Women in Dairy Calf Rearing Information Workshop – Gloucester 23 February

Dr John House will provide information and respond to questions about nutrition, feeding, colostrum and immune development along with other calf rearing topics. Meet at 10am at the Gloucester Country Club. RSVP [Wendy Fraser](#) 0429383505

Mid North Coast Women in Dairy luncheon, Wingham 3 March

Mandi McCleod will be the guest speaker at a luncheon to be held at the Wingham Golf Club. She is an inspirational and motivational speaker who will talk about empowering women in rural industries. RSVP [Megan Nicholson](#) 0427567347

DATE CLAIMERS

Herd-17 biennial conference – Bendigo, 22-23 March

If you are interested in dairy herd improvement, don't miss Herd 17, the dairy industry's biennial conference to be held at Bendigo, 22-23 March 2017. To register, click on this link

<https://www.ivvy.com/event/HERD17/> or contact [Laura Calder, Holstein Australia](#) 0398357627

Dairy NSW Members' Council for regional leaders – Camden 4th April

Dairy NSW Members' Council will be held in Camden on 4 April.

Grassland Society Pastures Update – Tocal 18 May

Neil Griffiths NSW DPI will be running a Grassland Society Pastures Update at Tocal on 18 May.

OPPORTUNITIES

Dairy NSW seeking expressions of interest from young farmers

The NSW Young Dairy Network (YDN) connects local young farmers and service providers within the dairy industry to regional and Dairy NSW Regional Development Program opportunities to learn, develop professionally and socialise with other young people involved in dairying.

We are offering an opportunity to contract individuals to help Dairy NSW coordinate its YDN activities in the southern and inland sub-regions. For a description of the role, click: [HERE](#) and contact [Greg Duncan](#) 0477044047

2017 Diploma of HRM

The 2017 Diploma of HRM program commences in March. Information including program format, dates, costs and the application form are available on [The People in Dairy](#). If you know farmers, colleagues or contacts that might be interested in the program, please encourage them to contact [Sally Roberts](#).

YDNA Support to attend HERD-17 Conference

YDNA is offering registration, accommodation and some travel support for two young dairy farmers to attend the HERD-17 conference in Bendigo from 22nd-23rd of March. To get an application, contact [Di Gresham](#) 0428086769 before 22nd February.

Invitation to participate in a trial involving an online energy monitoring platform

Object Consulting is looking for suitable dairy farms interested in being part of a trial involving an online energy monitoring platform – at their expense. They are keen to understand how their technology can be applied in agriculture. Contact **Andrei Bobylev 02-94593300 or 0415339544**.

Invitation to participate in a trial involving RingersID tags

RingersID is offering farmers an opportunity to participate in a trial involving NLIS standard electronic identifications tags. They seek 300 dairy cattle for their audit before the tags can be released to market. For more information, contact **Allen Colburt 0488480826**

RESOURCES

NSW DPI Rural Assistance Authority – Loans at a glance

The NSW RAA has a quick reference guide for helping farms choose the right loan for your need. For more information on Loans at a glance, click: **HERE**.

Dairy Australia's Milk Production Report

Dairy Australia's "milk production reports" contain a monthly update on national, state and regional milk production, fat and protein. For the latest milk production summary, click: **HERE**

Dairy Australia's International and National Grain Report

The hay and grain report is commissioned by Dairy Australia to provide an independent and timely assessment of hay and grain markets in each dairying region. The report is updated 40 weeks per year. For comprehensive and regionalised reports, click: **HERE**

HAVE YOUR SAY

ACCC Dairy inquiry – NSW public forum

The ACCC invites dairy farmers to participate in a public forum as part of the ACCCs Dairy Inquiry. The purpose of the forum is to hear directly from dairy farmers about competition and fair trading issues that affect them.

Tuesday 7 February 2017, 12pm-2pm, Club West, 116 Edinburgh Drive, Taree, NSW

For more information, contact **Amy Bellhouse 03-92901997**

AMS – Extension strategy interviews

Dairy Australia will be investing in an extension strategy for Automatic Milking to drive successful adoption. To gain an understanding from farmers, they are interested in conducting a series of interviews with farmers who:

1. Recently invested in conventional milking equipment after considering AMS
2. Recently invested in conventional milking equipment without seriously considering AMS
3. Are considering investing in AMS in the coming couple of years.

To participate, contact **Dr Nicolas Lyons 0401 650 073**

Survey for farm advisers

If you provide information, advice or support to farmers relating to their decision making and productivity, you are urged to complete a survey related to agricultural extension services in Australia. Results will be used to shape future agricultural extension services. The survey closes on February 13th. To complete the 15-min survey, click [HERE](#).

NEWS

New National Framework – Bovine Johne's Disease

The new Framework recognises the key role producers have in the management of diseases on their property. For more information visit **Primary Industry Agriculture**.
