



Dairy NSW Snapshot – June 2016

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As we approach the end of the 2015/16 financial year, I want to express my appreciation to the Directors of Dairy NSW whose investment decisions have delivered some valuable workshops and opportunities to farmers this year. Also, I hope you will pause and thank the Dairy NSW extension, project and office staff who are passionate and committed to servicing dairy farmers and improving the industry.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Stepping Up, Stepping Back workshop – Bateman's Bay 9-10 June

Plan to attend a 7-hour workshop held over two days on share farming, leasing and other equity options for the Next Gen farmers and those farmers who are stepping back from active farming. Port Macquarie booked out with 27 attendees! Can we do the same for the Bateman's Bay event? Facilitated by Cameron Smith, below are the registration details:

-) 9-10 June Batemans Bay's – Bay Waters Resort for workshop, accommodation and putt putt golf. To register, click: [HERE](#)
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Destination Wagga Wagga 15-17 June

Don't miss out on the following annual events. Dairy NSW encourages you to register for:

-) NSW Farmers Dairy Committee AGM – 9am 15 June
-) Dairy Connect Farmers Group meeting – 10.45am 15 June
-) Dairy NSW Members' Council – 1.15pm 15 June
-) NSW Dairy Industry Forum – 3pm 15 June
-) The Dairy Research Foundation's 2016 Symposium – 16-17 June

To register, click: [HERE](#)

Smarter Irrigation Day – Tamworth 22 June

Between 10am – 2pm, Rex Tout's farm will open his NSW Optimised Irrigation Dairy Farm to demonstrate improved farm profitability through increased water, energy and labour efficiency.

To RSVP by Friday 17 June, click: [HERE](#)

Mid Coast Dairy Discussion Group Field Day – Oxley Island 28 June

Visit James Neal's dairy farm on Oxley Island between 9.30am – 2pm for a Mid Coast Dairy Discussion Group field day. For more information, contact [Tim Brown](#), 0408 667 129.

Farm Safety and Innovation Day – Kempsey 1 July

Beginning at 9am for morning tea and finishing by 3pm, the North Coast LLS will feature a range of guest speakers at the Kempsey Showground representing Safework NSW, Calco Surveyors, Zoetis, NSW DPI and Hastings Co-Op CRT. You will also learn about the development of Paratrooper for managing Parramatta Grass and precision pastures mapping.

To RSVP by 1 July for catering purposes, click: [HERE](#)

OPPORTUNITIES

Applications close 30 June for 2017 Nuffield Australia Farming

Scholarships

Nuffield Australia is looking for a strong field of candidates in industries including grains, dairy, livestock, rice, horticulture, fisheries, chicken meat, eggs, cotton and pork. For a full list of available scholarships click: [HERE](#)

Feeding Pastures for Profit – impact study

Team NSW will be conducting one-to-one interviews with those farmers who completed the Feeding Pastures for Profit program to understand what impact this program has had on your farming practices. Make sure you let Greg, Sheena and Josh know if you would like to participate. Understanding the impact is one way to ensure the program is continually improved.

RESOURCES

Situation and Outlook – June Report

The June Situation and Outlook Report will be launched on 1 June. This report includes the results from the National Dairy Farmer Survey (NDFS). To read the report, click [HERE](#)

Tactics for Tight Times

In some regions of Australia, dairy farmers are facing an unprecedented situation. In response, Dairy Australia has produced a webpage for farmers on activities and supportive resources available to all farmers who are facing challenging circumstances. There are two-minute videos featuring dairy consultant John Mulvany covering five things that he thinks farmers should think about: milk price, monthly cash flow, physical stuff, key financial relationships and breakeven milk price budget; and a video prepared by Chris Hibburt, Dairy Consultant, talking about the four Fs: **Females Feed Finance Friends**.

Click [HERE](#) to see the John Mulvany video

Click [HERE](#) to view the Chris Hibburt video

Click [HERE](#) for practical information on managing people in tight times

Click [HERE](#) for a winter management plan checklist

For more resources, click on the website: [Tactics for Tight Times](#)

For specific support, contact the [Dairy NSW Regional Manager](#) via email or call 0412 825 466

NEWS

Commonwealth Dairy Support Package

A dairy-specific support package was announced earlier this week to help farmers affected by the Murray Goulburn and Fonterra decisions to reduce farm-gate milk prices. Key elements of this package are outlined: [HERE](#)

Legendairy Capital Facebook page

Please share the Legendairy Facebook page where dairy farmers and people living in regional Capitals can share stories and images and showcase the progress of their 2015 community initiatives. It gives dairy farmers a platform to connect and also leads into the launch of the 2017 Australia's [LEGENDAIRY Capital program](#).

Land management and conservation

The NSW Government has released a consultation package which proposes a new system that improves both environmental outcomes and farmers' productivity. The aim is to assess land clearing under a single set of rules, (simplifying the task of farmers in managing their land), conserve biodiversity at a bioregional level, give landholders incentives and ultimately reverse the historical decline of biodiversity in NSW. Drafts of the new Biodiversity Conservation Act and amended Local Land Services Act are on public exhibition and open for submissions for a limited time. To view these, click: [HERE](#)
