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## Upcoming events

For more information about workshops, select the month and day in the Dairy NSW's Event Calendar by clicking: [HERE](#)  
For contact details to Dairy NSW's staff, click: [HERE](#)

### **InCalf farmer webinar: DIY AI – do it right Tuesday 17 March 2015 12:30-1:30pm (AEDT)**

Farmers, farm managers and staff involved in AI and semen handling on-farm will:

- Learn about the recent DIY AI studies in commercial dairy herds.
- Refresh your knowledge of good AI practices prior to the mating period.
- Receive an AI and semen handling checklist to use on your farm.

If you miss it, it will be recorded.

To register, click: [HERE](#)

1. You need to register for this webinar by Mon 16th March. (When registering, provide a mobile number if you would like an SMS reminder just before the webinar starts.)
2. Once you have registered, you will be emailed a web link for the webinar.

## Unpacking the ESKi

Unpacking the ESKi workshops will show you how to access resources to help manage people. The aim of these workshops is to raise awareness to recent changes to the Commonwealth's Pastoral Award 2010 (updated July 2014) and Fair Work Act 2009 using DA's resources:

- [People in Dairy website](#)
- [Employment Starter Kit \(ESKi\)](#)

Dates	Towns	Contacts	Venues
Wed 18th March 2015	Bodalla	Greg	Narooma Golf Club
Mon 20th April 2015	Muswellbrook	Sheena	Muswellbrook RSL
Tues 21st April 2015	Tamworth	Sheena	Tamworth Golf Club
Wed 6th May 2015	Nowra	Greg	Nowra Golf Club

Wed 6th May 2015	Camden	Greg	Camden Valley Inn
Wed 27th May 2015	Taree	Josh	W Taree Bowling Club
Thurs 28th May 2015	Kempsey	Josh	Wauchope Country Club
Wed 10th June 2015	Dungog	Josh	Dungog RSL
Mon 15th June 2015	Wagga Wagga	Greg	Grape and Wine Centre

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## Lameness identification and prevention workshops

Dairy NSW invites all farmer owners and employees to attend a Lameness Identification and Prevention workshop. Karl Burgi will deliver Brundee and Tocal workshops and Stuart Knox will deliver the Taree workshop.

Learn about lameness detection, common hoof problems and their causes. The focus will be on lameness prevention and urgent "lame cow care". There is a practical component to the workshop, so it will be held on farm. These workshops are delivered and funded by Dairy NSW.

Locations	Dates
Brundee	Thursday
Tracey Russel & Bob Herne's farm 630 Greenwell Point Road Contact Greg Duncan	19th March
Tocal	Friday
Tocal Dairy 815 Tocal Road, Paterson Contact Sheena Carter	20th March
Taree	Tuesday
Location to be determined Contact Josh Hack	17th March

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## Feeding Pastures for Profit: Northern delivery 14-17 April

Phil Shannon returns for the final workshop in the series on feedbase. Details of the farm locations and topics to be delivered will be communicated directly to participants.

Tamworth – 14 April, contact Sheena  
Muswellbrook – 15 April, contact Sheena

Taree 16 April, contact Josh  
Kempsey 17 April, contact Josh

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## Date claimers

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### Dairy NSW Members' Council and Industry Forum 16 June

Mark your calendars: Dairy NSW will hold its mid-year Members' Council alongside an Industry Forum in Camden on 16 June. Details will be forthcoming.

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### Dairy Research Foundation 2015 Symposium 17-18 June

Mark your calendars: The DRF 2015 Symposium will convene on 17-18 June in Camden. When registrations open, details will be communicated.

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## Opportunities

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### Dairy NSW Leadership Bursaries

In 2015, Dairy NSW is offering a Leadership Bursary Program across three different leadership and dairy management opportunities. Two Dairy NSW bursaries of \$2,500 each were awarded to James McRae of Gloucester and Clayton Alley of Forbes for the Australian Dairy Conference, 16-18 February 2015, Launceston Tasmania.

Dairy NSW is now seeking Expressions of interest (EOI for Rabobank's Farm Manager Program and the Dairy research Foundation's 2015 Symposium.

Rabobank Farm Managers Program, 15-19 June 2015, Lancefield, Victoria

- One Dairy NSW bursary offered for \$5,000
- Applications to Dairy NSW close Monday 13th April 2015.

Dairy Research Foundation Symposium, 17-18 June 2015, Camden

- Five Dairy NSW bursaries offered for \$1,000 each
- Applications to Dairy NSW close Monday 27th April 2015.

To apply, click: [HERE](#)

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## Dairy Research Foundation – Emerging Scientists’ Program

This DRF 2015 symposium brings together the farm and dairy science communities and showcases the projects of up to eight young dairy scientists. **To apply, refer to the attached application form and abstract template.** Deadlines for abstract submission is **20 March**. Contact Nicolas Lyons, Development Officer Robotic Milking Systems, M: 0401 650 073, E: nicolas.lyons@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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## Resources

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### Dairy Farmer update – Autumn 2015

Play the video for an update on the latest dairy news and developments from Dairy Australia Managing Director Ian Halliday. This video features tools to help farmers with pasture renovation and sowing.

For view the video, click: [HERE](#)

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### Managing risks and planning contingencies

When power supply is disrupted, be ready with a contingency plan and save valuable time to start and keep the dairy operational. Forward planning, a team approach and practice are the key steps to minimise disruption to your business.

Below is a list of helpful resources:

- Preparing for power outages, click: [HERE](#)
- Milking without power, click: [HERE](#)
- Prepare for extreme weather, click: [HERE](#)
- Recovery Priority (Triage) Checklist, click: [HERE](#)

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### Dairy Market fortnightly update

Key points in this update include:

- GlobalDairyTrade event #135 sees index make modest gain.
- NZ Fonterra maintains farmgate milk price forecast.
- EU looks at measures to provide ‘flexibility’.
- MG expands the reach of its rural merchandise division.
- WCB acquires everyday consumer cheese business from Lion.

Read this regular update by clicking: [HERE](#)

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### Genetic and productivity improvements

More than one third of the productivity improvements achieved on Australian dairy farms comes from genetic gain. This is one of the findings reported in the latest Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Report, published recently by the Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme and the National Herd Improvement Association of Australia.

To download and read a copy of the report, click: [HERE](#)

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## News

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### Dairy NSW leads volume growth by state in January 2015

Milk production at a national level has once again held above the same time last year.

#### Estimated volume growth by state

	January	YTD
QLD	-2.8%	-5.6%
<b>NSW</b>	<b>+6.9%</b>	<b>+4.7%</b>
VIC	-1.5%	+1.6%
SA	+2.4%	-1.2%
WA	+6.5%	+4.6%
TAS	+5.5%	+11.3%

## That Sugar Film

'That Sugar Film' has been released. The movie is billed as 'one man's journey to discover the truth about sugar'. The promotional material is a unique experiment to document the effects of a high sugar diet on a healthy body, consuming only foods that are commonly perceived as 'healthy'. For 60 days, the actor consumed a diet that included 40 teaspoons of sugar/day. The foods that made up his diet included low-fat yoghurt, flavoured milks, cereals, muesli bars, juices and sports drinks. During the 60 days Damon put on 10kg and 'felt cranky'. The key messages appear to be that processed foods are too high in sugar, consumers need to study labels closely, and Australian's should be lobbying for improved labels and product reformulations. By repeating negative messages about the sugar content of dairy foods; yoghurt and flavoured milks in particular, the film risks adding to consumer confusion about core foods and dairy's nutritional benefits.

Dairy Australia has assigned an issues management team to reinforce the nutritional facts about dairy.

Have your say and saying thanks!

## Farmers' cattle underpass survey

NSW Farmers has been approached by a number of members regarding the crossing of public roads by cattle – and the need for additional cattle underpasses. This is an issue that affects both farm businesses and the broader community. NSW Farmers is gathering further information about the need for additional underpasses in order to progress the issue with government.

Have your say in this 3-minute survey, by clicking: [HERE](#)

## Don't forget to say thanks!

The Board of Directors and Dairy NSW staff work diligently and passionately to provide professional services for the industry. Let them know you appreciate what they're doing. Please let me know if we're missing the mark so we can improve.

As Executive Officer, I'm proud of our team and publicly acknowledge their work efforts and performance.

*Shanne Arlidge*

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