



## Dairy NSW Snapshot – September 2016

**DAIRY NSW *THE MILK FLOW*, August edn.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Barrington Women in Dairy picnic – Gloucester, 20 September
- Farm Productivity discussion – Numbaa, 21 September
- DairyBase workshop – Bega, 21 September & 19 October
- Dinner – Dungog, 27 September
- RYAG Youth Camp – Taree 3-6 October
- Cow signals, robotic milking and five lactations – Webinar, 4 October
- Dairy NSW AGM – Camden, 11 October
- MidCoast Women in Dairy – Harrington (Manning Valley), Transition workshop 12 October
- Cows Create Careers Presentation days – 17, 19, 20 & 21 October
- South Coast & Highlands Dairy Industry Group's annual dinner – Bombaderry, 11 November
- Nutrient efficiencies Field days in the Hunter and Manning regions, October & November
- Livestock Effluent Design course – Victoria and Tasmania, November
- MidCoast Adaptable Dairy Farming Systems Open Day – Gloucester, 22 November
- Feeding Pastures for Profit – Tocal, 23-24 November
- McRae Focal Farm final field day – Barrington, 29 November

### **DATE CLAIMERS**

- DairyBase workshops – Tocal 18 & 26 and Taree 19 & 27 October
- People GPS workshops on managing farm staff – Gerroa and Gloucester, November
- NCDE National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp –Tatura Park, 3-8 January 2017

## OPPORTUNITIES

- Taking Stock support
- DairyBase Coaching
- Quad bike training
- Grants for young people
- Farming together pilot program for farm co-ops and collaboration

## RESOURCES

- ATO Milk Support Package
- Dairy Australia Cash flow and Feed budgeting tools

## NEWS

- Release of the Dairy Australia Farm Safety Starter Kit

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The calendar is full for the next several months. 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](#).

Roxanne Cooley, Regional Manager, Dairy NSW

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## **Dairy NSW *THE MILK FLOW* – August edn.**

Dairy NSW publishes a quarterly newsletter for dairy farmers and those in industry who support dairy farms. To download the latest copy, click: [HERE](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Barrington Women in Dairy Picnic – Gloucester, 20 September**

For information on this social picnic, contact organiser [Wendy Fraser](#) ph 0429 383 505.

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### **Farm productivity – Numbaa, 21 September**

Matt Thompson will discuss farm productivity at the Numbaa Dairy Discussion Group hosted on Sam and Rachel Graham's farm from 10am – 1pm. For more information, contact **Sam Graham**, ph 0422 271 657.

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### **DairyBase workshop – Bega, 21 September & 19 October**

Register to attend this Dairy Australia 2-day workshop at the Bega Training Centre. The workshop will be held between 10am – 3pm with facilitator, Dan Armstrong. For more information, contact **Melissa Balas**, Bega Cheese, ph 0408 669 637.

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### **Dinner – Dungog, 27 September**

For information on this social networking dinner, contact Dairy NSW extension coordinator, [Josh Hack](#).

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### **RYAG Youth Camp – Taree 3-6 October**

Dairy NSW in conjunction with the Wingham Rotary are again sponsoring this introductory platform into the dairy industry for teenagers at school. For information on this opportunity to be involved and therefore encourage and support young people into understanding more about opportunities in the dairy industry, contact organisers [Tim Bale](#) ph 0427 535 511 or [Ray Johnson](#) ph 0411 119 613.

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### **Cow signals, robotic milking and five lactations, Webinar 4 October**

Join the NSW DPI Dairy Webinar at 6.00pm AEST for a 45 webinar with Joep Driessen, a Dutch veterinarian, cow-municator and founder of Cow Signals. He will share insights to help improve the cow's life and farmers' income. Contact DPI Officer [Dr Nicholas Lyons](#) ph 0401 650 073.

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### **Dairy NSW AGM – Camden and/or teleconference 11 October**

The Dairy NSW AGM will be held in Camden or via teleconference on 11 October at 11am. All dairy farmers are welcome to attend. For details, click: [HERE](#)

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### **Mid Coast Women in Dairy – Harrington 12 October**

A workshop focused on transition and succession will use a question and answer format with an expert panel led by Kim Honan, rural reporter with ABC Radio from 10am to 2pm. The workshop will be held at Harrington Community Centre. To RSVP, contact organiser [Meg Nicholson](#).

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### **Cows Create Careers presentation days – October**

Students who study dairy as a career are awarded with a day of celebration. Farmers are urged to attend these presentation days to support their achievements and encourage young people into the dairy industry. Times are from 10.30am – 2.30 and includes lunch.

- 17<sup>th</sup> Wauchope RSL (CNR Young & Cameron Street, Wauchope)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Belgenny Farms (100 Elizabeth MacArthur Drive, Camden South)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Cowra RSL (101 Brisbane Street, Cowra)
- 21<sup>st</sup>, Bermagui Golf Club (Tuross Street, Bermagui)

For more information, contact the Dairy NSW Regional Manager, [Roxanne Cooley](#), ph 0412 825 466.

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## **South Coast and Highlands Dairy Industry Group Annual dinner – 11 November**

The DIG farmers and industry representatives are gathering for their annual dinner on 11 November at the Bomaderry Bowling Club. For further information and bookings, contact organisers at [schdig@gmail.com](mailto:schdig@gmail.com)

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## **Nutrient efficiencies field days – Singleton 29<sup>th</sup> October, Gloucester 30<sup>th</sup> October and Wingham 10 November**

For information on how to gain nutrient efficiencies by making more from your effluent, join these field days with experts Scott MacDonald in Singleton and Gloucester and Matt Thompson in Wingham, click on the following link and advance to the date on the calendar to view further details: [Dairy NSW Event Calendar](#)

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## **Design Livestock Effluent Systems course – Tatura Vic and Meander TAS**

Dairy Australia and NCDE are again offering service providers the opportunity to increase capabilities and better advise on dairy effluent management via this course. This is a specialised technical course covering all facets of effluent and manure management for dairy farms but concentrating on the design standards for storage, treatment and reuse. Participants should have some background/experience in engineering or infrastructure development and/or irrigation or soil fertility.

Session 1: 3 & 4 November 2016, DEDJTR Office, Tatura VIC

Session 2: 17 & 18 November 2016, Meander Hall, Meander TAS

Cost: \$960 + GST - Costs have been subsidised by Dairy Australia

Participants must attend both sessions, pass an online assessment and prepare two Effluent Management Plans for submission. To register, or for more information please contact [Scott Birchall](#) ph 0458 210 604.

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## **Midcoast Adaptable Dairy Farming Systems – Gloucester, 22 November**

For information on this open day, contact project manager [Marguerite White](#) ph 044 750 0415.

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## **Feeding Pastures for Profit, Tocal 23-24 November**

Funded by the Hunter LLS, the first two days of this series explains the principles of grazing and is delivered in a classroom. The facilitator is Phil Shannon and the project manager is [Col Freeman](#), ph 0428 043 427

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## **McRae Focus Farm final field day – Barrington, 29 November**

Open to all, the final field day for this focus farm will be a wrap up – reflecting back on the goals, achievements and learnings for the focus farm and other dairy farmers. For more information, contact facilitator [Caroline Hayes](#), ph 0427 813 336.

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## **DATE CLAIMER**

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### **DairyBase workshops – Tocal and Taree, October**

John Mulvany will deliver DairyBase workshops over two days each:

- Tocal – 18 and 26 October
- Taree – 19 and 27 October.

For more information, contact DPI officer [Kerry Kempton](#) ph 02 4939-8945.

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### **People GPS – Gloucester/Taree and Gerroa**

People GPS is a three-day education course for dairy farmers who manage people. Claim these dates on your calendar:

- 31 Oct, 1 November and 15 November in Gerroa
- 2-3 November in Gloucester and 14 November in Taree

Course details are being finalised. For enquires, contact Dairy NSW extension coordinator, [Sheena Carter](#).

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### **NCDE National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp –Tatura Park, 3-8 January**

This 5 day program is open to participants between 16 and 20 years of age and aims to support young people as they develop their leadership and teamwork skills, plus foster a passion for the dairy industry. No dairy experience necessary.

“Participants will develop their confidence in handling dairy Heifers, discuss breeding and new technology. Each participant is supplied with a Heifer and will learn how to care for the animal in the lead up to competition day,” explains event organiser Lucy Galt.

Register today at [www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/youthcamp](http://www.gotafe.vic.edu.au/youthcamp) or call Lucy Galt on 0488 144 999. Register before November 1 for your chance to win a GOPRO.

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## OPPORTUNITIES

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### Taking Stock support

The Taking Stock tool is used in conjunction with an advisor. Trained advisors help farmers assess the current financial and physical health of their farm businesses. Dairy NSW has trained advisors available for 1:1 support. Register your interest to have an advisor support your farm business. Enquire: [info@dairynsw.com.au](mailto:info@dairynsw.com.au)

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### DairyBase Coaching

DairyBase is an online business management tool to measure and compare farm performance over time. Dairy NSW is offering 1:1 coaching to farmers to input their farm business information. The DairyBase coaches have been trained to coach farmers on entering their farm physical and financial information into the database and generating reports that benchmark individual farm performance.

Register your interest to have a coach support your farm business. Enquire

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### Quad bike training

Tocal Ag College in conjunction with Safework NSW have Quad bike training at a subsidised cost of \$100pp which they will do on farm. If farmers do the training they are eligible for the \$500 quadbike rebate (administered through NSW Farmers). They can also attend a SafeworkNSW information session to be eligible for this rebate

Register: [HERE](#) or contact Tocal's Kim Griffiths 02 4939 8881.

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### **Grant applications are now open for the 2017 Science and Innovation**

### **Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestries**

If you're 18-35, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to \$22,000 to fund your project on an innovative or emerging scientific issue that will benefit Australia's primary industries. Interested?

Find out the next steps [HERE](#) before Friday 14 October.

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## **[Farming Together – Pilot program for farm co-ops and collaboration](#)**

There are many and varied examples of successful collaboration in agriculture in Australia. For some farmers, business arrangements such as collaborative farming, co-operative marketing or bargaining collectively with other farmers can improve their position. Others may wish to consider moving up or down the supply chain by establishing buying or selling co-operatives. Collaboration with businesses beyond the farm gate can also create great value for farmers. The Australian Government has invested close to \$14.9million into a two-year pilot program. To enter the Program and find out what support is available for you, click [HERE](#) to complete a [self-assessment](#).

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## **RESOURCES**

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### **[ATO – Milk Supply Support Package](#)**

The ATO have a Murray Goulburn Milk Supply Support package available for affected farmers to help manage tax obligations. For more information, click: [HERE](#).

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### **[Dairy Australia Cash flow and Feed budgeting tools](#)**

For cash flow and feed budgeting tools using an Excel spreadsheet, click on the website: [Tactics for Tight Times](#). Select Tips, Tools and Resources.

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

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## **NEWS**

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### **[Dairy Australia Farm Safety Starter Kit](#)**

Developed by dairy farmers for dairy farmers, the Kit provides practical, easy to use resources to enable you to get your farm safety system started or improve the existing system. You can **[download the whole or part of the kit](#)** or order a printed copy by clicking: **[HERE](#)**

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