



Dairy NSW Snapshot – October 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Cows Create Careers Presentation days – 17, 19, 20 & 21 October
- DairyBase workshops – Tocal 18 & 26 and Taree 19 & 27 October
- People GPS course – South Coast from 31 October and North Coast from 2 November
- South Coast & Highlands Dairy Industry Group's annual dinner – Bombaderry, 11 November
- Nutrient efficiencies Field day – Wingham, 10 November
- MidCoast Adaptable Dairy Farming Systems Open Day – Oxley Island, 22 November
- Feeding Pastures for Profit – Tocal, 23-24 November
- McRae Focal Farm final field day – Barrington, 29 November

DATE CLAIMERS

- NCDE National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp –Tatura Park, 3-8 January 2017

OPPORTUNITIES

- Complimentary Offer: Taking Stock advice
- Complimentary Offer: DairyBase Coaching

RESOURCES

- Dairy Australia's *Situation and Outlook* October 2016 report
- Dairy Australia and CSIRO Climate change report

HAVE YOUR SAY

- Take part in the 2016 Regional Wellbeing survey

NEWS

- Dairy NSW's new Board of Directors
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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](#).

Roxanne Cooley, Regional Manager, Dairy NSW

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

- 17th Wauchope RSL (CNR Young & Cameron Street, Wauchope)
- 19th Belgenny Farms (100 Elizabeth MacArthur Drive, Camden South)
- 20th Cowra RSL (101 Brisbane Street, Cowra)

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

DairyBase workshops – Tocal and Taree, October

John Mulvany will deliver 2-day DairyBase workshops at two locations:

- Tocal's classroom near dairy – 18 and 26 October
- Taree – 19 and 27 October.

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

People GPS – South and North Coasts

This complimentary 3-day education course delivered by Cam Smith will assist dairy farmers with recruiting, retaining and developing people on their farm.

- 31 Oct, 1 November at the Mercure in Gerringong and 15 November at the Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club
- 2-3 November at the Bucketts Way Neighbourhood Group Centre in Gloucester and 14 November in the Moreton Bay Room at Club West in Taree.

For enquires, contact Dairy NSW extension coordinator, [Sheena Carter](#). To register, click: [HERE](#)

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

Nutrient efficiencies field day – Wingham 10 November

For information on how to gain nutrient efficiencies by making more from your effluent, join the final field day at the Brown's farm with expert 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](#) or contact project manager, **Col Freeman, 0404434297**.

Midcoast Adaptable Dairy Farming Systems – Oxley Island, 22 November

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

Feeding Pastures for Profit, Tocal dairy classroom, 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 Peter Beale, ph 0427007468.

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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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 or call Lucy Galt on 0488 144 999. Register before November 1 for your chance to win a GOPRO.

OPPORTUNITIES

Complimentary [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

Complimentary [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 info@dairynsw.com.au

RESOURCES

Dairy Australia's *Situation and Outlook – October 2016 report*

Dairy Australia released the October 2016 Situation and Outlook report. Key points include:

- Global dairy commodity prices have increased by 20% as the market rebalances; some consolidation is likely.
- Australian farmers face an ongoing margin squeeze, and milk production will likely be lower in 2016/17.
- The domestic market continues to evolve, as consumers pursue more natural products and look to support farmers.

For a copy of this report, click: [HERE](#)

Dairy Australia's and CSIRO Climate Change report

CSIRO prepared a report for Dairy Australia on the outcome of climate change models, under a high emissions scenario. The year 2040 was used in the study as the basis for assessing projected changes and possible impacts.

Visit [Dairy Australia's NRM Program for climate change](#) for more information on ways to reduce emissions and make decisions in your business now that will reduce the risk profile of your farming system to climate change impacts.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Take part in the 2016 Regional Wellbeing Survey

People around Australia are asked to tell share information about your wellbeing and farming community. The University of Canberra's 2016 Regional Wellbeing Survey is now live but will close 30th November.

Complete the survey online by clicking: [HERE](#)

Or, call **1800981499** and they will post you a copy.

NEWS

Dairy NSW's new Board of Diectors

On 11 October Dairy NSW members confirmed the nomination of Sue McGinn OAM from Kempsey as a skills based representative and appointed two new directors, Andrew Farr from Denman as a farmer representative and Simon Fee from Sydney as a skills based representative. The Board of Directors farewelled Michael Perich and Dr Ian Lean, and selected Jane Sherborne from Burrawang in the Southern Highlands as the new Chair. Sue remains as the Deputy Chair.
