



Dairy NSW Snapshot – July 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

- McRae Focus Farm Open Day – 19 July
- Cochrane Focus Farm Open Day – 20 July
- Mid Coast Dairy Advancement Group Annual Dinner – 4 August 2016

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- Future Ready Dairy Farms – Expo Bega 24-25 August – Bega Showground

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- Regional Achievements and Community Awards – nominations are open
- Crossroads farm leasing opportunities

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- 2 Million quad bike safety package
- Dairy Futures CRC final achievement report

Dairy NSW wishes you all the best as we begin another year of challenges, victories, lessons and changes in the fiscal calendar of 2016/2017.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

McRae Focus Farm Open Day on succession planning – 19 July

Cochrane Focus Farm Open Day with John Mulvany on farm business management – 20 July

Mid Coast Dairy Advancement Group Annual Dinner – 4 August

For information on these events, 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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Future Ready Dairy Farms Expo Bega 24-15 August – Bega Showgrounds

The Bega Valley is a major dairy region in NSW. The expo is an opportunity for suppliers to see what new technology, information and services are available.

OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Achievements and Community Awards – Nominations open

The NSW/ACT Regional Achievement and Community Awards are designed to encourage, acknowledge and reward the valuable contributions individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout regional and rural NSW & the ACT. **Sponsorship opportunities** are currently available for the 2017 program. For more information, contact the Awards office on 1300 735 445 or visit their [website](#). **Nominations close:** Friday 19 August 2016

Crossroads farm leasing opportunity

Looking for a two-year lease of a lot (acre) of farm land in a semi-rural area with local shops, schools and public transport. Negligible impact on land. Crossroads seeks site for valuable project “guests on land” for families exiting a trauma recovery program and wishing to rebuild their lives. Learning about the local farming community, animals, sustainability and gardening are the goals

of the project. The lease agency is fully qualified, accredited, insured and experienced. For enquires, contact **Christine Bird 0438 662 507**.

RESOURCES

Dairying for Tomorrow newsletter

From July 2016 the Regional Development Programs, in partnership with regional stakeholders including NRM bodies and milk processors, will take on responsibility for NRM regional extension activities targeting farmers.

The Dairying for Tomorrow team would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the newsletter over the years with a special thanks to the editors.

Attached is the [June Dairying for Tomorrow newsletter](#).

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**. And, Phil Shannon discusses grazing management.

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

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

Click [HERE](#) to view the Phil Shannon video

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

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

For more resources, such as a **feed budgeting tool** and a **simple cash flow tool**, click on the website: [Tactics for Tight Times](#)

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

NEWS

\$2Million Quad Bike Safety Package

The NSW budget will include a \$2 million package to reduce quad bike tragedies and injuries on farms. The NSW Government will be offering rebates of up to \$500 towards the purchase of compliant helmets, Operator Protective Devices, the purchase of a safer vehicle, such as a side-by-side vehicle, and undertaking training courses tailored to farmers. For more information on the program, go to www.safework.nsw.gov.au

Dairy Futures CRC final achievement report

After six years, Dairy Futures CRC comes to a close. You are encouraged to read their final Achievement Report. The report highlights a number of key outcomes including the uptake of genomic testing, applications of hybrid breeding in to ryegrass and the outcomes from their education program. The report demonstrates how industry and science working together can drive a sustainable cost of production that allows the industry to be profitable and grow.

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