



## Dairy NSW Snapshot – November 2016

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- ) Central West – Dinner and workshops – Forbes, 3, 4 and 16 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

- ) 2016 Australasia Dairy Science Symposium – Sydney, 16-18 November
- ) Breakfast dates for dairy industry service providers – December
- ) NCDE National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp –Tatura Park, 3-8 January

### OPPORTUNITIES

- ) Complimentary Offer: Taking Stock advice
- ) Complimentary Offer: DairyBase Coaching
- ) Farming together
- ) Smarter Irrigation for Profit farm tour – from Tamworth 8-9 February

### RESOURCES

- ) Dairy Australia and CSIRO Climate Change report

### HAVE YOUR SAY

- ) Take part in a review of Dairy Australia

### NEWS

- ) Bovine Ephemeral Fever alert
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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](#).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### **Central West – Dinner and workshops, Forbes 3,4 and 16 November**

#### **Thursday 3 November from 7.30pm**

Join Dairy NSW for a family get-together and complimentary dinner at 7.30pm. RSVP Lindy Cowhan 0434 673 664

#### **Friday 4 November 10am – 1pm**

Learn about pre-milking teat preparation in a 2-hour discussion at the Central West LLS – Forbes' offices, 46 Sherriff St., Forbes. RSVP Greg Duncan 0477 044 047

#### **Wednesday 16 November 10am – 2pm**

Discuss renovating pastures and crops with facilitators agronomists Neil Griffiths DPI and Belinda Hackney LLS

Morning Session – Discussion 10am-12noon at Central West LLS – Forbes' offices, 46 Sherriff St., Forbes

Lunch and afternoon session – Field day and lunch from 12.30pm at Neville, Margaret and Rick Schofield's farm, "Hillview", Cowra Road, Forbes RSVP Dairy NSW 02 9351 1741

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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 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**.

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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 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.

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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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### **2016 Australasian Dairy Science Symposium – Sydney, 16-18 November**

The 2016 biennial Australasian Dairy Science Symposium (ADSS) will be held at the main campus of The University of Sydney from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2016. This symposium showcases the latest advances in all aspects of dairy science.

Register: <http://www.adssymposium.com.au>

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### **Breakfasts for dairy industry service providers**

Our Dairy NSW Industry Breakfasts are scheduled as follows. We will feature the 2016 Dairy Farm Monitor project outcomes and time for networking:

**8 Dec Manning Valley Visitor Information Centre** (breakfast)

**9 Dec Monte Pio** (breakfast)

**13 Dec Gerroa Boat Fisherman's Club** (mid-morning to noon lunch)

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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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### 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](mailto:info@dairynsw.com.au)

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### 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](mailto:info@dairynsw.com.au)

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### Farming Together

The \$14.9m **Farming Together** initiative is a national, two-year campaign for primary producers and processors to collaborate and claim marketplace power.

All farmers who register receive a free one-on-one consultation to discuss their opportunities and appetite to create a successful collaborative group. This could be either as a co-operative, as a collective bargaining entity or as a less-formal collaborative group. Existing groupings may also apply.

Visit the easy-to-use website [www.farmingtogether.com.au](http://www.farmingtogether.com.au) and complete the simple self-assessment or sign up for their newsletters.

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### Smarter Irrigation for Profit farm tour – from Tamworth, 8-9 February

The *Smarter Irrigation for Profit – Tamworth Optimised Dairy Irrigation Farm Project* is organising a farm tour for farmers, irrigators and non- irrigators, to experience first-hand some of the water saving and energy efficiency technologies now being used in the Cotton industry.

The tour leaves Tamworth at 8.30am on February 8<sup>th</sup> & returns by 3pm on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Email you name, phone number and email to the Project Manager, Marguerite White:  
[mwhite@icdprojectservices.com.au](mailto:mwhite@icdprojectservices.com.au) or phone 0447 500 415.

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## RESOURCES

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### **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.

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

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### **Take part in a Review of Dairy Australia**

Every five years, the Federal Government reviews the Research Development Corporations (RDC). Dairy Australia (DA) is the dairy industry's RDC and acts as the 'investment arm' of the industry, investing dairy producer levies and government funding in research, development and extension projects and other industry service activities including marketing.

This review is required to examine how effectively and efficiently the organisation is fulfilling its obligations to levy payers and Government.

The last corporate performance review of Dairy Australia was completed in October 2011. The current review will be completed by December 2016.

The terms of reference for the project are located on the following website where you can have your say. Submissions should relate to the Terms of Reference. [www.dairyaustrereview.com](http://www.dairyaustrereview.com)

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## NEWS

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### **Bovine Ephemeral Fever alert**

Bovine Ephemeral Fever known as Three-day sickness usually occurs in summer and autumn in the subtropical region of Australia, but outbreaks can occur in NSW.

- ) Animals suddenly lose their appetite, are depressed and may become very stiff
- ) Lactating cows have a severe drop in milk production
- ) Most animals make a rapid recovery within a few days, although some take weeks to recover

For DA facts on the fever, click [HERE](#)

For ABC Online news alert, click [HERE](#)

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