



# Farmer forum

## Feedbase, climate and the next generation

You are invited to Dairy Australia's farmer forum on 28 November 2023. The forum will be focused on feedbase, climate and investing in the next generation. Dairy Australia's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held as part of the day.

The forum will be interactive, providing the opportunity for farmers to engage over lunch and dinner, hear from other farmers and industry leaders, and find out more about the value Dairy Australia delivers to farmers.

The afternoon session will feature a panel discussion on how farmers have adapted their feedbase and risk management strategies to be more resilient in a changing climate.

The evening session will focus on the importance of investing in the next generation. Alongside dinner, it will feature a discussion with three young farmers who were recently involved in a Young Dairy Development Program and presentations to participants who have just completed the year-long Young Dairy Network Program, which included a visit to the USA.

### Location - in the Murray region

Moama RSL, 56 Merool Rd, Moama, NSW. Farmers are invited to attend in person or participate online.

There is no cost to attend the farmer forum, but registration is required by 20 November 2023 for catering purposes. For ease of entry to the RSL, please bring your driver's license.

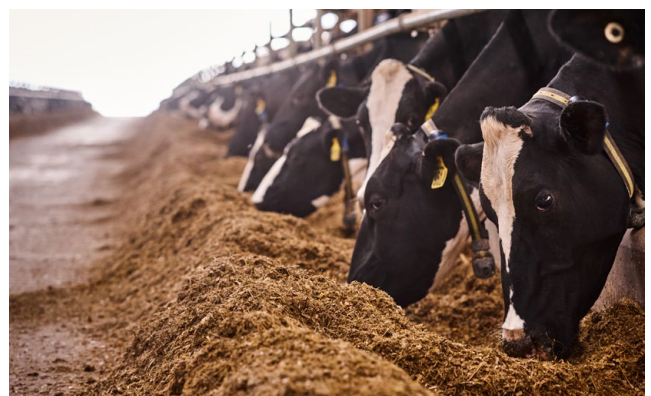
### OUTLINE OF THE DAY

#### Tuesday 28 November 2023

11:30am	Registration
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Dairy Australia AGM
2:15pm	Feedbase and climate discussion
3:30pm	Networking
6:00pm	Investing in the next generation

### More information

For more information on the farmer forum and AGM, or to register to attend in person, visit: [dairyaustralia.com.au/AGM](https://dairyaustralia.com.au/AGM).



## Feedbase and climate discussion speakers

### MC – Amy Fay

Amy is the Strategic Project Manager at Murray Dairy. She has worked for Dairy Australia and Murray Dairy in sustainability, feedbase transformation and future dairy systems, on projects including Accelerating Change and Fodder for the Future. Amy has degrees in Agricultural Science and is a graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program. She lives in Boort on a corporate grain farm with her husband and their two little girls.

### Facilitator – Bec Wyper

Bec has been with Murray Dairy since 2021 in the feedbase, nutrition and Young Dairy Network coordinator role. She has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science from Charles Sturt University, and is involved with her partner's family's dairy farm in Bamawm, where they milk 180 cows and run a beef herd. She is passionate about driving farm production and supporting the next generation in the industry.

### Speaker – Jacob Gardiner

Jacob manages his family's dairy farm in Northern Victoria, alongside his parents. They milk 900 cows on 350 hectares in a split calving, traditionally pasture-based system. The drought in 2019 and high water prices saw the farm briefly pivot to a Total Mixed Ration system, and it has since been operating a hybrid Partial Mixed Ration system. Jacob completed a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Agribusiness at the University of Melbourne. He worked for an agricultural consulting company before returning to the family farm in 2018.

### Speaker – Dustin Kemp

A sharefarmer in Lockington, Dustin has extensive experience across all areas of dairy farming. He has a Certificate III in Horticulture from Wodonga TAFE, majoring in Arboriculture, and a Diploma with Dairy Australia/TAFE SA, majoring in Agribusiness Management. He was president of the Campaspe Young Dairy Network and a member of the Young Farmers Ministerial Advisory Council, and is a Director on the Murray Dairy Board.

### Speaker – Deanne Hore

For over 30 years, Deanne has been a dairy farmer at Leitchville, Northern Victoria. She and her husband are now transitioning their business to involve their son. They operate Elmar Holsteins, milking 500–550 cows year-round. They transitioned to a housed barn system for the milking herd fulltime in 2019, after having a Partial Mixed Ration system from the mid-2000s. They also transitioned to an everyday calving system to utilize the barn setup and built infrastructure over time. Their farming area totals 750ha over two sites, all irrigatable by pipe and riser or open channel gravity lasered system. They see a great future in the dairy industry.

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## Investing in the next generation speakers

### MC – Rachael Napier

Rachael and her partner operate a dairy farm in Deniliquin. With over 20 years' experience, Rachael has a wealth of knowledge in dairy farm operations, business and staff management. Rachael has held various leadership roles within dairy and her local community. She has a passion for flexible farming systems, fostering sustainability and the environment.

### Facilitator – Nick Minogue

Growing up on his family farm at Katandra West, Nick completed an Agriculture degree and returned to the farm fulltime in 2015, working his way into farm management. The business has gradually grown and now has 240 cows, while adapting to be more resilient to challenges. Being involved in the Young Dairy Network has allowed Nick to grow professionally and personally.

### Speaker – Hannah Kerrins

Hannah grew up on her family's farm in Tatura. After completing school, she worked in the water industry, then at a cattle station in Queensland. In 2020, after her family grew herd numbers from 170 to 400 cows, Hannah returned to become involved in the family business in herd health and managing staff. She enjoys the challenges and rewards of farming. Since returning home, the family have implemented many changes that have helped to grow a bigger and better business.

### Speaker – Ebony Mull

Ebony grew up on her family's farm in the Kiewa Valley. After a career as a vet, she returned to the family farm in a share farmer role. She is working on purchasing the herd and eventually ownership of the farm. Her vet career has been useful in developing skills to deal with animal health, disease prevention, developing protocols, staff management, delegation and multi-tasking. She enjoys the dairy industry because she can work alongside her family, be her own boss, spend time with her two-year-old daughter and raise her in the farming lifestyle.

### Speaker – Andrew Rushton

Andrew has recently taken on a more managerial role on his family farm in Rochester, where they milk 260 jerseys on 400 acres. After high school, Andrew was encouraged by his family to get a trade. He worked for eight years in heavy fabrication before returning to the farm in 2010. Andrew enjoyed growing up on the dairy farm and wants his kids to have the same opportunities and experiences. He loves working the land and seeing cows enjoy the feed he has grown.