



Dairy Innovation Day 2024

16 May, Melville Park

MC: Greg Duncan

9:00	Arrival and registration
9:30	Welcome Western Dairy Chairman Andrew Jenkins
9:40	Dairy Australia address Dairy Australia Managing Director David Nation
9:50	Official opening John and Andrea Shine
10:00	WA's Carbon Calculator pilot project Dairy Australia's Cathy Ashby joins us to discuss the progress of the first 12 months of the WA specific pilot including how close to baselining 80 per cent of its milk pool and how the pilot is shaping national projects.
10:30	Melville Park: A new iteration Since purchasing Melville Park in 2021, the former dairy farm is now home to a cheese making facility, market gardens, brewing facilities, and also a farm shop and events space. With a long, storied history in the district, David and Barbara share their dreams for the future.
10:55	Gold Sponsor Address Zoetis
11:00	Morning Tea sponsored by Summit Fertilizers.
11:15	Farm Systems Evaluator tool Dairy Australia's Feeding and Farm Systems Lead, Karen Romano, joins us to explain the new tool created by Dairy Australia to assess farm readiness to adopt new systems involving feeding and housing infrastructure.
11:30	Gold Sponsor Address DeLaval
11:35	Young farmer panel discussion Greg Duncan takes to the stage with young farmers Neroli Weatherhead, Jack and Tom O'Farrell and Jordyn Fry to explore their passion for the industry, their plans, their biggest challenges, and visions for the future.
12:10	Platinum Sponsor Address Lactalis/Harvey Fresh
12:30	Effluent management for changing systems Dan Parnell presents the latest from the Healthy Estuaries WA project and leads a discussion on considerations for effluent management during and after farm infrastructure changes.
12:50	Lunch BBQ provided by Nutrien Ag Systems.
1:50	Treading water: Resilience in the face of destruction Paul Weir is a fourth-generation dairy farmer who lost nearly everything in the 2022 Lismore floods. Paul made headlines when a video of his cows being swept away in floodwaters went viral, and joins us to share his story, and his determination to bounce back.
2:30	Gold Sponsor Address Rabobank.
2:50	Looking Sideways for Success Vin and Gay Scott's family have been dairy farmers in Boyanup for 80 years but when the time came to decide the future of the farm, their son was content in his chosen career. Join Extension Advisor Indi Brockman as she interviews the family to see how they turned it all around, and what the future holds for the family.
3:20	Closing comments Western Dairy Regional Manager Jo Saunders.
3:30	Official close.
6:30	Brownes pre-dinner drinks followed by the Dairy Industry Dinner at the Bunbury Golf Course.

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