The Dairy Research Foundation’s SYMPOSIUM 2016

Venue
Charles Sturt University
Wagga Wagga NSW

June 15
NSW Farmers - Dairy Committee AGM
Dairy Connect (Farmers Group) Meeting
Dairy NSW Members’ Council
NSW Dairy Industry Forum
Welcome Function

June 16
Symposium Day
Symposium Dinner

June 17
Farm Day
Emerging Scientists Program

Hunting Efficiency - from the Inside Out
June 15 - 17, Wagga Wagga NSW
www.drfsymposium.com.au

INCORPORATING DAIRY CONNECT, NSW FARMERS (DAIRY COMMITTEE) AND DAIRY NSW
With the need to ‘feed the world’ and ‘produce more from less’ we find ourselves constantly hunting for new efficiencies.

This year we take the opportunity to look outside the box and draw on expertise from other industries to help us to determine potential for efficiency gains in our dairy farming systems.

Welcome

This year we are taking the Dairy Research Foundation Symposium to the Riverina in southern NSW!

The extremely positive response to the Symposium visiting different dairying regions of NSW has brought about the decision to make this a more regular occurrence.

We are excited to see the NSW dairy industries come together once again to hold their meetings in line with the Symposium. We welcome the collaboration of NSW Farmers, Dairy Connect and Dairy NSW whom are all staging meetings over the duration of the event.

For 2016 we have a brilliant line-up of speakers, headed by Professor Russ Hovey from the University of California, Davis. Russ is an expert in lactation physiology. He will present on Symposium Day and will be doing something a little bit out of the ordinary on Farm Day!

Farm Day will take us to Millwood Farm, Currawarna. Glen and Andrea Jolliffe will host the day and explain their mixed (cropping and dairy) farming operation.

In keeping with tradition, the real focus of the Farm Day will be our Emerging Scientists - the best and brightest of our next generation researchers. Bring your voting hats as they vie for first place in the 2016 DRF Emerging Scientist Award.

Delegates attending this year’s Symposium are encouraged to stay at one of the local hotels and we have included a link to the list on page 4 of this booklet. We trust that you will join us again in 2016 as we have planned a program that will not only excite you about the future but will also give you some tools to take home and implement on your own operations.

We look forward to welcoming you to Wagga Wagga in June.

Associate Professor Kendra Kerrisk
Chair of the 2016 Symposium Organising Committee
The Symposium at a glance

Wednesday June 15

8.30am-6.00pm  NSW Farmers (Dairy Committee) AGM, Dairy Connect (Farmers Group) meeting, Dairy NSW Members’ Council and NSW Industry Forum

6.30pm-8.30pm  Welcome Function at the Charles Sturt University Convention Centre

Thursday June 16

8.00am-5.15pm  Symposium Day, Dairy Research Foundation Symposium at the CSU Convention Centre

6.30pm-10.00pm  The Dairy Research Symposium Dinner, sponsored by Dairy Australia at Wagga RSL

Friday June 17

8.00am-2.30pm  Farm Day, Dairy Research Foundation Symposium, incorporating the Emerging Dairy Scientists Program at Millwood Farm and hosted by Glen and Andrea Jolliffe

Organising Committee

Chair
Kendra Kerrisk  University of Sydney

Committee
Bill Inglis  Dairy Research Foundation
Cameron Clark  University of Sydney
Sergio Garcia  University of Sydney/DRF
Natasha Lees  Scibus
Rob McIntosh  NSW FA - Dairy Committee
Greg Duncan  Dairy Australia
Nicolas Lyons  NSW DPI
Ruth Kydd  Farmer Member
Roxanne Cooley  Dairy NSW
Kerry Kempton  NSW DPI
Michael Campbell  CSU
Peter Havrlant  NSW DPI
Tara Wolfson  EJM Events
The Emerging Scientists’

The Dairy Research Foundation is pleased to showcase the talents of Australia’s emerging dairy scientists at the 2016 event. Their presentations are the focus of our Farm Day program and all have been paired with a senior consultant or scientist to create a highly interactive series of discussions.

The intent behind this encounter is to offer an opportunity for professional development for these emerging scientists. Here we introduce them to and assimilate them with our industry. The program is in the form of a competition, where we ask you, the audience, to assess the quality, relevance and interest of each presentation – with the audience scores combined to determine a winner. This is announced at the conclusion of the Farm Day.

The program clearly identifies those competing in the Emerging Scientists’ Program – and we encourage your full participation which will do much towards encouraging our next generation of dairy scientists.

Venue Addresses

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY
Convention Centre
Pugsley Place (off Pine Gully Rd)
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

WAGGA RSL
Corner Kincaid & Dobbs Street
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

MILLWOOD FARM
Old Narrandera Rd, Currawarna, 2650
4km past Euberta Hall. First driveway on right after Millwood Rd.

Where to stay in Wagga

Wagga is full of hotels, motels, B&B’s and other styles of accommodation.

Below are a few options that are offering special rates (mention DRF Symposium) for our delegates and are relatively close to the dinner venue.

For a full list of accommodation options please click on the below link.


Wagga RSL Club Motel
156 Kincaid St
Wagga Wagga NSW
(02) 6971 8888
(Dinner Venue)

Mantra Pavilion
Wagga Wagga
22-30 Kincaid Street
Wagga Wagga NSW
(02) 69216411
(1km from RSL, 13 mins walk)

Quest Wagga Wagga
69 Gurwood Street
Wagga Wagga NSW
(02) 6923 7000
(750m from RSL, 9 mins walk)

Getting to Wagga

By Car - Wagga Wagga is situated at the intersection of the Sturt and Olympic Highways.
If travelling from Sydney or Canberra, turn off the Hume Highway approximately 35km south of the township of Gundagai. If travelling from Melbourne, pass through Albury on the Hume Highway then turn off onto the Olympic Highway approximately 20km north of Albury.

By Air – Daily flights operate to Wagga Wagga from both Sydney and Melbourne. Both major regional airlines, Rex and QantasLink, service Wagga Wagga.

By Train - NSW Train Link visits Wagga Wagga twice daily linking with both Sydney and Melbourne.

Dress Code

The Symposium is a casual affair however please ensure you bring adequate warm clothing including wet weather protection for Farm Day. The Symposium Dinner on Thursday evening is ‘smart casual’.

Hunting Efficiency from the Inside Out
# INDUSTRY DAY - Wednesday 15th June 2016

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<td>Helen Golder of Scibus, Luke Ingenhoff and Rachel Rodney of the University of Sydney are young dairy researchers who will talk about putting their work into practice on farm</td>
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## Welcome Function

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SYMPOSIUM DAY - Thursday 16th June 2016

8.00am  Registration/ Exhibition / Arrival Tea and Coffee

Session 1  Opening

8.45 - 9.00am  Official Opening
DRF chairman Bill Inglis introduces Professor Yani Garcia, Faculty of Veterinary Science and Ian Halliday, Managing Director of Dairy Australia

9.00 - 10.00am  Russ Hovey
University of California, Davis
Russ Hovey grew up in Brisbane, and through Rural Youth became immersed in the Australian dairy industry. He received a Bachelor of Agricultural Science with Honours from the University of Queensland, and worked with QLD DPI on subtropical pasture development for his honours research. He then moved to New Zealand where he did his PhD in lactation physiology at the Ruakura Research Center and Dairy NZ, through Massey University. Since then he has been based in the US; first undertaking postdoctoral training at the National Institute of Health in Washington DC, then joining the Department of Animal Science at the University of Vermont. He is now a Professor at the University of California, Davis, where he researches the biology of how milk is produced, and how these processes can be manipulated on farm and in the lab. He teaches the biggest lactation class of its kind in the world, and is the editor in chief for the Journal of Mammary Gland Biology and Neoplasia. We will have the honor of hearing from Russ regarding some of the latest breakthroughs in understanding the windows of opportunity that exist in a cow’s life to manipulate her production potential.  This presentation will be an introduction for udder dissections the following day which will truly wow you.

10.00 - 10.30am  Morning Tea

Session 2  More from less - water use efficiency and productivity

10.30 - 11.00pm  Andrew Parkes
Customised Farm Management
After growing up in Gundagai, Andrew has definitely ‘been around the traps’. As an advisor and manager of farms for a portfolio of investors Andrew is without a doubt one of the best in the cotton industry. Andrew Parkes learnt a lot about survival of the fittest during the millennium drought. Those who did survive have a real ‘can do’ attitude and know that they need to know their business inside out if they are to have resilience and survivability. Andrew is recognized in Australian agriculture for achieving increases in water use efficiency of over 60% and net returns of 140% per unit of water for which he was awarded the Australian National Committee for Irrigation and Drainage (ANCID) National Irrigation Award in 2004 and more recently the Brownhill Cup. Andrew will share his learnings with us so that we might assess our own operations and strategies that will enable us to also stand the test of time and gain efficiencies with regard to water use.
### Session 2

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<td>David O’Donnell</td>
<td>Local Land Services have implemented a program around the use of moisture monitoring for irrigation scheduling using remote access technology. The learnings captured through this program will be presented by David O’Donnell who’s been leading the project. Develop an understanding of the value of the technology, where it best fits and what its limitations are. These tools have immense value in some scenarios but more importantly the learnings are valid across regions and farms.</td>
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<td>Skeeta Verhey</td>
<td>Skeeta Verhey and Angela Turner own and operate their own farm in Northern Victoria. Both grew up on dairy farms in the region, so they have dairying in their blood. Having been a focus farm, Skeeta and Angela know all too well the value of being able to put numbers on things and will present some of the numbers around their water investments and how they manage the secure (and not so secure) water resources that he has. Knowing when to buy/sell water vs. buy/sell feed are important business decisions that need to be informed decisions.</td>
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<td>Edwina Beveridge</td>
<td>The Beveridge’s operate a 2200 sow pig farm at Young. They know all too well the importance of balancing inputs, outputs and management practices to ensure that their operation is profitable. The Beveridge’s farm includes a process of capturing methane from pig manure and turning it into electricity. Their farm has been subject to several farm invasions, they are familiar with the challenges between real animal welfare and public perception.</td>
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<td>Stewart Scott</td>
<td>Originating from a sheep and cropping farm west of Wagga Wagga, Stewart Scott graduated from the University of Sydney in 1985. Following a stint in the Riverina he moved to England for 13 years. During that time he helped to establish the largest nucleus dairy breeding herd in the world and gained specialist qualifications in cattle reproduction. Now Stewart is a vet in the Hunter Valley and is encouraging a real focus on preventative strategies. He promotes the use of herd recording data to generate early indicators of whether or not farmers are hitting the targets. Information such as this is available to farmers but is rarely used in this valuable way. Stewart will help us to see how we can pull this data from our own herd recording reports to monitor fresh cow production and develop an informed understanding of our own transition cow management.</td>
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<td>Paul Hemsworth</td>
<td>Paul Hemsworth is the Director of the Animal Welfare Science Centre at The University of Melbourne. Throughout his research career he has studied the behaviour and welfare of farm, zoo and companion animals. He knows all too well how the social and physical environment and human-animal interactions influence animal welfare and productivity. Today Paul will talk to us about the influence of intensification and scale of livestock production on animal welfare with particular reference to the implications for dairy cow welfare.</td>
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**More from less - technology, people and productivity**

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<td>3.00 - 3.20pm</td>
<td><strong>Cameron Clark</strong> University of Sydney</td>
<td>With passion and expertise in the application of technology to dairy farming, Cameron Clark will take us for a journey through the future farming system; a system that allows us to give the level of attention to detail to individual cows that previous generations did with their very small herds. Efficiency gains can be generated through producing more from less but also through minimizing wastage and wasted potential. Cameron will walk us through the impact that better use of existing data might have on the efficiency of our systems and how we might incorporate technology/innovation into our operations to allow us to minimize wastage and gain efficiencies that will help to build on the sustainability of our farming systems.</td>
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<td><strong>Bev and Garry Carpenter</strong> Dairy farmers, Tasmania</td>
<td>Now in their mid-fifties the Carpenters have grown their business over the past 28 years. The investment in robots is part of their retirement and lifestyle plan. Needless to say the investment really needed to stack up and wasn’t the only option on the table. Working with their consultant, Bev and Garry Carpenter made absolutely sure that going into robotics was the best option for their operation and objectives. Hear about the process they went through and what the investment options looked like in $$ and cents.</td>
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<td><strong>Chris Hibburt</strong> The Vet Group Victoria</td>
<td>Your future is in your hands – setting goals and being in a team with effective leadership breeds both individual success and business success. Through his involvement in the Stepping Up and Stepping Back program (an industry initiative that aims to help with the development of clear pathways for people to transition through the dairy industry) Chris Hibburt is more than qualified to take you through the value of setting goals. If you are employer he will get you thinking about what you can do for your staff and if you are an employee this presentation will inspire you to start really paving your path in this great industry.</td>
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<td>4.00 - 4.20pm</td>
<td><strong>Russ Hovey</strong> University of California Davis</td>
<td>Russ Hovey runs an innovative undergrad dairy science program in the Animal Science Dept at UCDavis. In addition he is involved with some very inspiring industry initiatives that are hooking our next generation into becoming ‘food producers’. This presentation will be sure to make you want to go out and educate children on the honor that it means to put food on peoples plates.</td>
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8.00am  Arrival at Millwood Farm, Old Narrandera Rd, Currawarna

8.30am - 9.00am  Glen and Andrea Jolliffe have farmed at Millwood for 25 years. They pride themselves on having a simple and low risk mixed farming enterprise. Reliable irrigation water is not always available during the months when it might be needed most but the winter cropping operation is used to buffer the summer dry. During the hottest months a purpose built shade shed comes into play and the home grown cereals (grain and hay) and conserved fodder allow the cows to be managed feed-lot style. With a total land area of 1,000 acres, the Jolliffe’s have room to grow if any of the boys show an interest in coming home to the farm. In the meantime, cow numbers only exceed around 200 cows in a good season when the decision is made to either purchase cows or sell excess feed. This mitigates the need to purchase feed on the open market when the seasons turn tough.

9.00am - 2.00pm  Rotate through the following platforms with a break for morning tea and lunch

Platform 1  We bring Russ Hovey back onto the stage – this time with a knife and a scalpel!! A seasoned lecturer with specialties in lactation physiology. What Russ doesn’t know about the udder probably hasn’t yet been discovered!! On this platform we are treated to a practical demonstration of the inner workings of the udder – a live dissection in which you will see the udder ‘inside and out’. In keeping with our conference theme Juan Molfino from the University of Sydney will have us Chasing Efficiency in search of the dream cow while Marefa Jahan (Charles Sturt University) will give us an insight into how Sialic Acid in sows milk changes through lactation.

Platform 2  A focus on feeding the herd. Edward Clayton (NSW Department of Primary Industries) been involved first hand in manipulating the sex ratio of ewe and ram lambs by changing the diet fed to ewes six weeks prior to joining. Could similar outcomes be generated in cattle – let Ed talk us through it before we hear from four of our emerging scientists. Alexandra Green (University of Sydney) will treat you to some impressive findings of the use of sound signals to improve productivity and welfare. Alex John (University of Sydney) asks if our cows are behaving badly as he explains how feeding behaviour of cows can be manipulated in feeding management strategies that might improve efficiency in automatic milking systems. Lucy Watt (Charles Sturt University) will get you all ruminating over the global methane issue before Rachael Rodney (University of Sydney) helps us to understand ‘The Sunshine Vitamin’ and asks should we be feeding cows Vitamin D?

Platform 3  Mike Rose (Livestock Improvement Corporation; LIC) talks about the benefits of incorporating Short Gestation Semen as a means of improving in-calf rates and days in milk. He also takes us through the on-farm application of in-line sensors for the efficient continuous measurement of Somatic Cell Count, milk yield and milk components as a means to improve animal health, production and reproduction. Joanna Newton (Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources, VIC) presents. Getting Bang for your Buck. Is genotyping heifers profitable for all farmers? Stephanie Bullen (Maffra Veterinary Centre and University of Melbourne) will talk us through a new strategy for combating drench resistance in dairy replacement heifers before Ashleigh Wildridge (University of Sydney) tells us about the value of shady spots on the laneway in summer. Joshua Aleri (University of Melbourne) will take us through the potential to select and rear cows based on disease resistance.

2.00 - 2.30pm  Afternoon Tea/ Emerging Scientist Prizes / Symposium Close
Conference Pricing
We are pleased to offer an early bird discount to those booking and paying by Sunday 22nd May 2016. We are also pleased to offer significant discounts to farmers and students attending.

Early bird prices - Payment on or before May 22

Farmers/Students - Full Package - Symposium Day, Farm Day and Dinner (not including welcome function) $460.00
Service providers - Full Package - Symposium Day, Farm Day and Dinner (not including welcome function) $600.00
Single day ticket (option of Symposium Day or Farm Day - not including welcome function or dinner) $300.00

Not so early bird prices - Payment after May 22

Farmers/Students - Full Package - Symposium Day, Farm Day and Dinner (not including welcome function) $580.00
Service providers - Full Package - Symposium Day, Farm Day and Dinner (not including welcome function) $715.00
Single day ticket (option of Symposium Day or Farm Day - not including welcome function or dinner) $350.00

Welcome Function
6.30pm - Wednesday 15th June $40.00

Conference Dinner
6.30pm - Thursday 16th June $110.00

To secure your early bird pricing, payment must be received by the May 22 cut-off.

How can I register?
To register to attend the DRF Symposium, there are a range of choices.

1. Complete the form on the following page and submit by post or fax (see details on page 12) to Tara Wolfson
2. Complete the form, scan and email it to Tara Wolfson at tara@ejmevents.com.au
3. Go to www.drfsymposium.com.au and click on the registration button and complete your details and payment electronically
**Registration Form**

Trading Organisation for tax receipts ____________________________________________

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**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE**

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS Please indicate here if you have any special dietary needs you’d like us to take care of.
TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED

Indicate your form of payment. ☐ Credit Card ☐ Cheque

All Cheques are to be made payable to ‘University of Sydney’

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LODGING YOUR REGISTRATION FORM

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By Post to PO Box 1053, Ryde NSW 1680
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TERMS & CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION POLICY
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