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#### By Shanky Sungroya, GippsDairy

As the days grow longer and the soil warms up, spring arrives with a burst of growth that transforms Gippsland's paddocks into a sea of green. For dairy farmers, this is the most productive time of the year – and it's also the most important.

Spring pasture is the cheapest and highest-quality feed source available on most farms. Managed well, it can dramatically lift milk production, improve profit margins, and reduce the reliance on expensive bought-in feed. But to unlock this potential, decisions made in early spring can make all the difference.

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# RAMPAGE

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Our #1 annual ryegrass



## **Spring Pastures: The Engine Room of Gippsland Dairying**

#### The Spring Growth Surge - Act Early, Think Ahead

Once soil temperatures hit around 10°C and rising, ryegrass leaps into action and so should your grazing management. Spring pasture growth can be explosive, but without a plan, quality can disappear just as quickly. Every extra day of efficient grazing in early spring helps stretch your rotation and channels more energy into the herd. But the key is timing - balancing quality and quantity by grazing at the right stage and leaving the right residual.

Pastures that are grazed too late can go reproductive, losing quality quickly. On the flip side, grazing too early can damage regrowth and slow the round. The ideal time to graze ryegrass is at the 2.5–3 leaf stage or at canopy closure, whichever comes first, and ideally leaving behind 4-6 cm residuals - and yes, counting leaves really works!

But be aware - spring brings a short window where even 2–3 leaf grazing might not maintain quality. Rapid stem elongation, shading of lower leaves, and reproductive development all contribute to a sharp drop in quality. That's why watching your pastures closely and adapting your plan week to week is essential.

#### Rotation Length - Stay Flexible to Keep Quality

In spring, the biggest lever you can pull is rotation length. The goal is to grow and utilise the highest amount of quality pasture and that means matching your round length to the growth rate, not the calendar.

Tools like the FPFP Rotation Right Tool (RRT) used with blocks or pegs, grazing charts, or even a well-used whiteboard can help you make confident weekly decisions. A shorter rotation isn't always the answer for the whole season but knowing when to shorten the round to protect quality makes a big difference.

#### Nitrogen and Supplements - Get the Timing Right

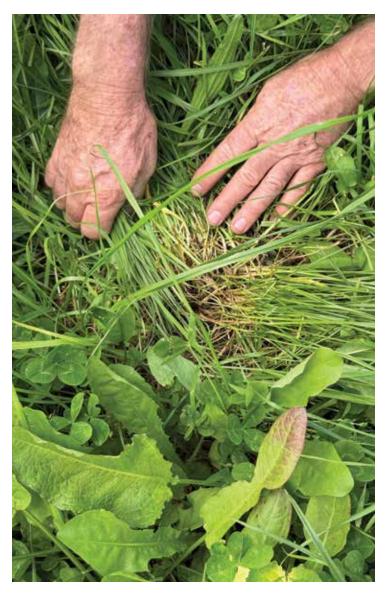
Spring pastures are hungry - and so are cows in peak lactation. Strategic nitrogen use in early spring can pay back quickly with higher pasture growth. But timing is key, apply N after grazing when moisture is available and temperatures are climbing. Don't forget to budget your nitrogen applications across the season to avoid overuse later when response rates drop. If pastures are ahead of cows, it may be time to consider conservation (cutting for silage). If they're falling behind, you might need to boost with grain or pellets. Flexibility is your friend in spring.

#### Pasture Quality - Milk in the Leaf

Spring pastures can offer metabolisable energy (ME) levels of 11–12 MJ/kg DM - better than most supplements. But as ryegrass moves from leafy to reproductive stages, energy and protein levels decline rapidly, while fibre increases. This reduces intake and milk response. So, keeping pastures vegetative through timely grazing will keep quality high. Avoid letting paddocks go to seed - cows will chase the quality and leave the bulk behind. A quick pasture walk every week helps you spot the changes early, before the cows do.

#### The Bigger Picture - Planning for Summer

Spring is not just about now; it's also your best chance to plan ahead for summer. Planning for summer requires a strategic approach that balances pasture persistence, quality, and animal well-being during periods of heat, low rainfall, and slower pasture growth. The key is to follow the basic principles- protect pasture residuals by leaving



behind 4–6 cm residuals to safeguard perennial ryegrass and ensure rapid regrowth when more favourable conditions return. Creating a microclimate with adequate cover helps conserve soil moisture and buffer extreme temperatures, which is especially important in dryland situations. As pasture availability declines, it's practical to use sacrifice areas, adjusting grazing intensity to avoid overgrazing key paddocks. Supplement use becomes essential to maintain cow energy intake, and timing grazing to cooler parts of the day, along with providing shade and ample water helps reduce heat stress on cattle. The aim is not only to manage through the summer months, but to set up pastures for a strong recovery in autumn, preserving the productivity and profitability of the system over the long term.

#### In Summary - Make Spring Count

In Gippsland, spring is our superpower. With some timely decisions and a good plan, you can make the most of this growth window - for your cows, your bottom line, and your peace of mind heading into summer.



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# **Meet farmer director Aaron Thomas**

#### By Aaron Thomas



Hi, I'm Aaron Thomas – Farmer and Director at GippsDairy.

I've spent most of my life with my boots in the mud and a deep passion for sustainable dairy farming. Growing up in a dairy community, I learned early on that every drop of milk begins with healthy soil and well-cared-for cows. My true passions lie in growing quality pasture and ensuring our cows are fully fed and thriving.

#### My Journey

After finishing high school, I pursued a nursing degree in Emergency Care. But it didn't take long to realize my heart was in dairy farming. I dove into the industry, starting at Gelbeado Park with Paul and Lisa Mumford nearly 18 years ago. I began as a senior farmhand, moved into farm management, and for the past three years, I've been the Contract Manager – overseeing day-to-day operations and managing a team of two full-time staff plus myself.

Along the way, I've completed numerous courses, learned from neighbours, trialled new pasture varieties, and constantly sought ways to make our farm more efficient and environmentally friendly.

#### At GippsDairy

As a Director, I bring hands-on farming experience to the boardroom. I help shape programs that support local farmers through best-practice workshops and grants. I also advocate for community engagement,

ensuring Gippsland's dairy voices are heard at both state and national levels.

It's a balancing act – making strategic decisions while staying grounded in the daily rhythms of farm life.

#### What Drives Me

It's simple: I care deeply about the next generation of farmers. If we can farm smarter, treat animals with respect, and nurture the land, we're building a better future. I believe in:

- Lifelong learning no matter how long you've been farming.
- Collaboration over competition there's enough pasture for everyone.
- Purposeful innovation tech should make sense on the ground.

#### Beyond the Farm

I'm a keen cyclist and enjoy staying fit. I love spending time with my daughters, travelling in our caravan – usually to our favourite local beaches. I'm also eager to explore more of the world whenever the farm schedule allows.

#### **Looking Ahead**

I'm excited about what's next: expanding best practices across Gippsland, empowering farmers with practical tools, and helping build a thriving dairy sector for generations to come.

Whether you're a fellow farmer, researcher, or simply curious about where your milk comes from – let's connect. Drop me a message or email

Thanks for stopping by – here's to healthy herds, happy land, and a bright future for Gippsland dairy!

#### FARM PERFORMANCE

# **Input Cost Pressures Persist for Gippsland Dairy Farmers**

#### By Madeline Irvine, Dairy Australia

Farmers across Gippsland continue to face mounting input costs, with feed prices climbing as firm demand meets limited supply. Although good access to water allocations offers some relief, widespread dry conditions have left much of the region under strain.

Since July 2024, prices for all monitored hay types have significantly climbed, continuing to rise through July 2025. Pasture hay, the region's primary fodder choice, recorded the largest increase, with prices surging 155%.

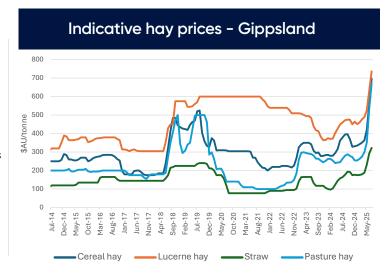
This was driven by strong demand for constrained supply, as farmers have contended with below-average rainfall across much of the region over the past 12 months. More recently, fodder from East Gippsland has been transported to western parts of the region to support farmers facing feed shortages.

Barley and maize prices have also risen, as domestic graziers look to supplement slow pasture growth. Wheat remained steady, while canola meal dipped slightly, both influenced by offshore market trends and demand.

In the Macalister Irrigation District, seasonal determinations for high reliability water shares have been set at 95%, down slightly from 100% at the end of June.

While this provides support for irrigators, many farmers across West and South Gippsland continue to face challenges due to limited rainfall. Meanwhile, the Bureau of Meteorology's rainfall outlook indicates only a 40-50% chance of exceeding the median rainfall across the region from August to October, likely limiting feed recovery.

Despite some relief through water allocations and movement of fodder, the broader picture across Gippsland remains one of uncertainty. With elevated feed prices and limited rainfall outlooks, dairy farm businesses are likely to remain under pressure in the coming months.



## A continued focus on animal welfare

#### By Andy Hancock, Dairy Australia



Dairy Australia's Sustainable Animal Care Manager, Andy Hancock is a qualified veterinarian with extensive experience working in corporate and government roles.

Andy is proud to be part of an industry that not only cares deeply about its animals, but also seeks to continually improve its practices regarding biosecurity and evolving consumer and market expectations.

Based in Timboon, Victoria, Andy and his team are involved in Dairy Australia projects and activities related to the Animal Care commitment of the Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework, including animal health, animal welfare, surplus calves, antimicrobial stewardship, and biosecurity and emergency animal disease preparedness.

"No other farmers consistently see their animals as much as dairy farmers do"

Animal health and welfare is front and centre in importance on every dairy farm. It's also a top priority for Dairy Australia, and the dairy industry as a whole.

The importance of animal welfare is represented in the Australian Dairy Sustainability Framework (ADSF), an industry-owned framework that aims to promote and protect the Australian dairy industry. It demonstrates to both domestic and global consumers that Australia produces a high-quality, sustainable product.

Dairy Australia is heavily involved in this framework, facilitating its implementation, providing governance support, engaging consumers, enabling practice change and reporting on progress. The framework has four key commitments: enhancing economic viability and livelihoods; improving wellbeing of people; providing best care for animals; and reducing environmental impact. My team and I are responsible for the actions and priorities within the Animal Care commitment.

Since inception, there has been significant progress towards the goals and targets within the ADSF's Animal Care commitment, notably the phasing out of tail docking and calving induction. These, and other examples, serve to demonstrate how the industry has implemented practice changes to enhance animal welfare and respond to evolving societal expectations.

Following a recent dairy-industry commissioned materiality assessment, the goals and targets within each commitment of the ADSF are up for review and update. The Animal Care commitment has already undergone a review process, and new goals and targets have been approved by industry.

Within the updated Animal Care commitment, there will be an even stronger focus on biosecurity. Specifically, new biosecurity goals will include an action statement that the Australian dairy industry strives to maintain its privileged market access status through preparedness activities for emergency animal diseases (EADs). Ideally, EADs would be prevented from being introduced into Australia in the first place – but if they were to reach our shores, we want to minimise the impact so we can either maintain, or rapidly regain, access to our high-value overseas markets.

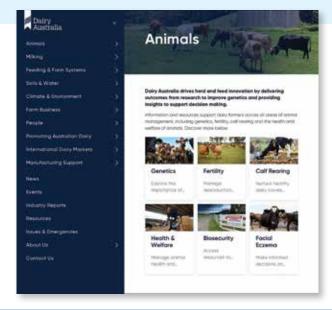
Another key goal in the updated commitment regards the sustainable management of surplus calves. To address this, Dairy Australia has developed the CalfWays roadmap, which provides a strategy to ensure that calves that are not required as replacements enter a valued market chain by 2035, and that routine on farm euthanasia of viable calves is eliminated. Dairy Australia is exploring partnership opportunities with Meat & Livestock Australia for the implementation of the CalfWays Initiative.

There are significant practical challenges at the farm level for achieving industry's surplus calf objectives – particularly with respect to beef price volatility, and the availability of land, labour and infrastructure. Despite these challenges, farmers support the CalfWays approach, which aims to improve the economic value of surplus calves, as a means of incentivising these calves to be reared and enter the red meat supply chain. Overseas examples in the United States and the United Kingdom provide inspiration that this program can be successful, and that the CalfWays roadmap objectives can be attained within the next decade

"Above all, transparency is key. The more we can do to reconnect communities with where their food comes from, the more likely we will be to build connections, and gain more support from local consumers and overseas markets alike"

#### MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about how Dairy Australia supports dairy farmers with achieving the best standards of health, welfare and care for animals, visit: www.dairyaustralia.com.au/animals





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#### YOUNG DAIRY NETWORK

## Out and About with the Young Dairy Network



#### By Jessica Blackstock

The Gippsland Young Dairy Network (YDN) has had a strong start to the 2025–26 financial year, kicking things off with two successful "Managing Lameness" days—one in Poowong and the other at Winnindoo

Local farmers gathered at Loughridge's in Poowong on July 21 and then at Warren's Farm, managed by Kallan and Lucy Young on July 25, where they were treated to an informative and practical session led by Dean Rowley from Gippsland Hoof Care. Dean demonstrated hoof management techniques and shared safe handling tips using his specialised hoof trimming trailer. The sessions were hands-on, offering insights into leg lifting in conventional crushes and broader strategies for preventing and managing lameness on-farm. A huge thank you to the Young family for hosting the Winnindoo session and the Loughridge family for hosting the Poowong session, Dean for sharing his expertise on both days, and to all attendees for contributing to the valuable discussions.

#### Highlights over the past 12 months

Over the past 12 months, the Gippsland Young Dairy Network has delivered a diverse and engaging program of events designed to support, educate, and connect young people in the dairy industry. From region-wide pub nights that provided the perfect setting for networking and social connection, to the pilot program of the Second In Charge - 2IC/Managers Program aimed at developing leadership and management skills. The calendar has been packed with valuable opportunities. Practical learning was a strong focus, with Autumn Calving Days offering tailored insights for seasonal operations, while Calf Rearing Discussions gave attendees the chance to share challenges and best practices with industry experts and peers.

As always, a highlight was the Don Campbell Memorial Tour, which continues to motivate and engage young farmers through exposure to a variety of farming systems and inspiring leadership stories from other parts of the country. With a strong mix of social and skills-based events, Gippsland YDN continues to empower the next generation of dairy leaders with knowledge, confidence, and a strong sense of community.

Check out the calendar on page 6 of this newsletter for more information on upcoming events to be a part of the ever-growing Young Dairy Network community.

#### Your Local Area Committee Members

The strength of the YDN lies in its local area committee (LAC), made up of dedicated volunteers working to bring meaningful, farmer-driven events to life.

#### • Macalister Irrigation District (MID):

- Lucy Young (Deputy Chair)
- Kallan Young
- Mikayla Killeen
- Peta Dorrity

#### · South Gippsland:

- Tom Glen
- Robert Hughes
- Jason Collins

#### West Gippsland:

- Sarah Kelly (Chair)
- Luke Johnson
- Alex Boileau

If you see these faces around, be sure to say hi and let them know what you'd love to see at future events. A huge thanks to our LAC members for all the work they do behind the scenes to support young people in dairy.





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### GippsDairy Annual Calendar 2025-26

#### By Karen Mc Lennan, GippsDairy

The GippsDairy Team have recently finalised our calendar of programs and extension for 2025–26. The calendar is based on farmer feedback and extension events regularly attracting high numbers.

We are excited about the year ahead and being able to adjust our calendar as the season unfolds. If there is extension or a project idea we haven't captured in the calendar, please reach out. Where there are 10 or more farmers interested in a topic, we can try and arrange a workshop to suit. Feel free to speak with any of our staff around your needs, www.dairyaustralia.com.au/gippsdairy/team

GippsDairy has attracted over \$500,000 towards projects for the year ahead (this is in addition to the \$814,000 core funding allocation from Dairy Australia);

- Continuation of the Gippsland Rethinking Q Fever project, with further farmer subsidies for Q Fever testing and vaccination.
- One to one support for farm businesses employing workers from culturally diverse backgrounds to ensure a culturally safe work environment.
- Continuation of the Cows Create Careers Program at Fulham Correctional Centre.
- Planning dinners across the region with key speakers who can help with practical tips around the drought and dry conditions.
- Subsidies for attendees who want to participate in the 2026 Advanced Nutrition in Action Program.
- Support to develop our Young Dairy Network committee and events for young farmers.
- Sponsorship support for delivery of key annual major events.

GippsDairy values support from key funders; Gardiner Foundation, WorkSafe, Agriculture Victoria, DAFF (Department of Forestry and

Fisheries) Carbon Farming Outreach Program and all sponsors. These contributions mean we can achieve more in partnership with your farming businesses.

GippsDairy will continue to fund the Gippsland Facial Eczema Project, Industry breakfast events twice yearly, Don Campbell Memorial Tour, How Now Gippy Cow publication and farmer driven projects that have received funding from GippsDairy. Dairy Australia continues to support the delivery of the Farm Engagement service, Workforce Attraction and Our Farm our Plan.

GIPPSDAIRY DISCUSSION GROUPS - GEOGRAPHIC BASED	GIPPSLAND WOMEN IN DAIRY	
Macalister Irrigation District - 5 per annum	Cream of the Crop - July 2025	
East Gippsland (Orbost and	Milk Price Workshop – Korumburra and	
Bairnsdale) - 3 per annum	Traralgon – May 2026	
West Gippsland / Yarra Valley –	Fencing, plumbing and mechanics –	
5 per annum	Feb 2026	
South Gippsland (including Yarram) –	Social events (all regions) October 202	
3 per annum	and March 2026	

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE DISCUSSION GROUP	AUTOMATIC MILKING SYSTEMS	
5 per annum	3 per annum	

GIPPSLAND YOUNG DAIRY NETWORK	
Managing Lameness, South and West	Pub nights – South, MID and West –
Gippsland, July 2025.	Sept 2025, March 2026 and June 2026.
2IC – 2nd in charge, Feb 2026 Central	Progression pathways panel – Central
Gippsland	Gippsland, Feb 2026.
Open farms – all regions October	Banking on your future- Central Gipps,
2025 and April 2026.	May 2026.

EXTENSION / PROGRAM / EVENT	WHERE AND WHEN	
Milking and Mastitis Management	West Gippsland – October 2025 and Feb 2026 – Macalister Irrigation District – March and May 2026 South Gippsland – Late Jan 2026 and April 2026	
Rearing Healthy Calves	West Gippsland – March 2026 – Macalister Irrigation District – July 2025 – South Gippsland – June 2026	
Rearing Healthy Calves in Practice	Macalister Irrigation District - Feb 2026	
Nutrition Fundamentals	West Gippsland – July 2025 and June 2026 – Macalister Irrigation District – Late Jan 2026 and June 2026 South Gippsland – Late Jan 2026	
Understanding farm Carbon	West Gippsland – Sept 2025 – Macalister Irrigation District – Sept 2025 – South Gippsland – October 2025  East Gippsland – July 2025 and October 2025	
Euthanase Livestock	West Gippsland – November 2025 – Macalister Irrigation District – July 2025 – South Gippsland – March 2026 East Gippsland – Feb 2026	
Pasture Fundamentals	West Gippsland – October 2025 and March 2026 – Macalister Irrigation District – October 2025 and March 2026 South Gippsland – Nov 2025	
Healthy Hooves	West Gippsland – April 2026 – South Gippsland – May 2026	
Cool Cows	Macalister Irrigation District – November 2025 – South Gippsland –May 2026	
Farm Business Fundamentals	Traralgon - March 2026	
Farm Business Analysis	Traralgon – June 2026	
Cash and Costs	Traralgon – February and March 2026	
Feeding Pastures for Profit	Macalister Irrigation District & South Gippsland – Registrations for 7 day annual 2026 program close in Feb 2026	
Advanced Nutrition in Action	<b>West Gippsland</b> – Registration for 8 day 2026 program close in March 2026. This program will be subsidised through Gardiner Foundation.	
Don Campbell Memorial Tour	Applications close 30 September 2025 for Tasmania Tour 2-7 March 2026.	
Women in Dairy Gippsland – Ladies Lunch	Friday 14 November 2025	
GippsDairy on Farm Muster	April 2026 – South Gippsland	
Young Dairy Network Gippsland Festive Farm day	Sunday 23 November 2025 – Mirboo North	
GippsDairy Industry Dinner and AGM	Thurs 16 October 2025, Central Gippsland	
Succession planning	Central Gippsland. Date to be confirmed.	

#### **FARM PERFORMANCE**

#### **Current state government financial supports**



#### By Trish Hammond, GippsDairy

The purpose of this article is to help you understand the Farm Drought Support Grant and the 1:1 Tactical Support available through Agriculture Victoria, and what you need to do to access these as a form financial support.

# Farm Drought Support Grant (formerly called the On-Farm Drought Infrastructure Grant)

This co-contribution grant of up to \$5000 aims to assist primary production businesses to implement on-farm infrastructure improvements and undertake essential business activities that improve drought management and preparedness.

Below lists the eligibility criteria applicable to meet the requirements to apply for this grant. Details of this criteria are also available through the following link, which will take you to the grant guidelines on Rural Finance Grants Page www.ruralfinance.com.au/grants

#### You are eligible to apply if you:

- own, share farm or lease farm a primary production business
- hold a current ABN that was active on the 30th September 2024
- devote part of your labour to the primary production business
- derive more than 50% of gross income from the primary production business in an average year OR generate more than \$75,000 gross income from the business in an average year.

# Once you know you are eligible for this grant you will need to provide:

- Proof of ID (drivers licence or passport is suitable)
- Proof of property location (rates notice) or a lease/share farming agreement to confirm the place of primary production business operation
- A copy of any quote work for what you are using the grant. You
  will need to describe how your project/activities will improve drought
  management and preparedness and/or how it will support essential
  business activities directly related to drought conditions.
- Proof of income (the latest tax return and financial statements you have)
- (If applicable) Owner Driver Claims Valid copy of Vehicle registration certificate and log book (>100km)

Some farmers have found it helpful to print off the application form first so you can use this to understand the information you need to gather, prior to completing the form online: https://tinyurl.com/3bu2s7ua

# 1:1 Farm Advisory Consultations – Help with farm management decisions

This program offers farmers the opportunity to meet with a consultant to discuss the best way forward for their business in the current season.

It includes a drought management planning session of up to 3 hours and follow-up calls to develop and implement a drought management action plan.

#### The planning session aims to:

- identify key business and farm risks, stress and/or pressure points
- conduct feed and/or water budgets, or other analysis
- explore options and trigger points for the short, medium and long term, e.g. whether to de-stock or lease
- provide referrals to other support services where relevant.

It is really important to think specifically about the support you need where a plan forward or solution can be achieved through a three hour session. Don't try to address a large issue or overwhelming challenge, be specific and break it down.

When registering for the program, you will be asked to indicate your preferred consultant from the list of experienced service providers who have registered to provide this service.

- You can choose up to 3 consultants. Your contact information will be provided to your first preference consultant, and they will contact you to arrange a convenient time to meet.
- If your first preference consultant is unavailable, you will be placed in contact with your second preference and so on.

To apply, you will need to answer some easy questions including your farm/residential address, brief information on your farming enterprise, your Australian Business Number (ABN) and contact details.

Below is the list of consultants registered for technical support in Gippsland (please note there are also other consultants outside of Gippsland that can be accessed).

GDM Agricultural Consulting Gerard Murphy	Onfarm Consulting Matt Harms	
Herd Solutions Allison Gun and Chelsea Hair	Debenham Australia Andrew and Ian Debenham, Donna Woerz, Shane Doherty	
Green Lab Futures Scott Douglas and Rishwanth Munakala	NEX Business Farming Wellness	
RM Consulting Group (RMGC) Dan Armstrong	Simplexity Consulting Group Michael Duncan, Jodie Simpson, John Downes, Tim Faffah, Sarah Henry	
The Milk Road Mark Humphris	Vast Agronomy Liz Semmens	
N.C. Dudley and A.M. Patterson Nick Dudley		

The direct link to register your Expression of Interest for the 1:1 Farm Advisory Consultations https://tinyurl.com/353padnn

GippsDairy remain committed to being available to work with farmers directly who are requiring support and assistance to seek resources, to provide relevant contacts and apply for the grant and 1:1 farm advisory consultations. Despite the availability of the grant and advice support session being until 30th June 2026, if allocated funds are exhausted prior to this time, applications will close earlier.

#### MORE INFORMATION

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like GippsDairy to help you by contacting the office on (03) 5624 3900 or Trish Hammond 0438 276 346.

# Hoofing around Gippy town

SAVE THE DATE				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION		
Wed 3 and Thurs 4 Sept 2025	South Gippsland Dairy Expo	Korumburra Show Grounds		
Tues 30 September	Closing date for applications for 2026 Don Campbell Memorial Tour on 2-7 March 2026.	N/A		
Thurs 16 October 2025	Industry Dinner and GippsDairy AGM	Traralgon Winery		
Friday 14 November 2025	Women in Dairy Ladies Lunch Celebrating the trailblazers	ТВА		
Sunday 23 November 2025	YDN Festive Farm day – children welcomed	Mirboo North		
GIPPSDAIRY EVENTS - SEPTEM	IBER AND OCTOBER 2025			
Frid 5 September	YDN MID Pub Night	Maffra Sports Club		
Tues 9 September	Understanding Farm Carbon	Bairnsdale		
Friday 12 September	YDN South Gippsland Pub Night	Inverloch Esplanade Hotel		
Tues 16 September	Understanding Farm Carbon	Poowong Football Club		
Wed 17 September	West Gippsland and Yarra Valley Discussion Group	On farm, Poowong		
Friday 19 September	YDN West Gippsland Pub Night	Commercial Hotel Warragul		
Wed 24 September	MID Discussion Group	On farm, Tinamba		
Wed 1 October	Pasture Fundamentals	MID		
Thurs 2 October	Pasture Fundamentals	West Gippsland		
Wed 8 October	South Gippsland Discussion Group	South Ginnsland		

# **Upcoming events**

To view and register for any of our upcoming events, visit the GippsDairy events calendar:

https://bit.ly/GippsDairyEventsCalendar or scan the QR Code.



# Hay and Grain reports

Scan the QR codes or visit the Industry Statistics page of the Dairy Australia website to view the most recent hay and grain figures.



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South Gippsland

West Gippsland

Bairnsdale



#### **Grain Report**



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