



Victorian Farmers Federation

United Dairyfarmers of Victoria

District Council 2 and 3 Regional Update



Over the past two weeks, your dairy and water leaders from DC 2 and 3 have been involved in the following activities.

Campaspe Deep Lead

The VFF successfully lobbied the State Government to qualify water rights in the Campaspe Deep Lead Groundwater Supply Area so that groundwater allocations were increased. Groundwater allocations in the Northern zones of the Campaspe Irrigation District and Elmore area were raised to 75%.

Lake Mokoan:

Following the Water Minister's decision to go ahead with the decommissioning of Lake Mokoan, VFF President, Simon Ramsay and VFF Water Council Chairman Richard Anderson attended a public meeting in Benalla to discuss a way forward on the issue.

Richard Anderson met with the Water Minister when the Government announced their decision to fully decommission the lake in December. The VFF is currently preparing a proposal to ensure Broken Valley irrigators are protected.

New VFF Regional Manager:

Andrew Carkeek is the new VFF Regional Manager for North East Victoria and has a long history in agriculture and grew up on a dairy farm in Corryong.

Andrew is looking forward to liaising with members and providing an appropriate support network to addressing the issues affecting their region. Should you wish to contact Andrew please call him on 0427 587 314.

Annual General Meetings:

Just a reminder to all branches that Annual General Meetings will be held during the next couple of months to determine office bearers for 2008. Members should start considering whether they would like to hold official titles within their branches.

National Dairy Representation:

Dairy farmers from Northern Victoria are well represented by farmers in the region at a National level. Both Daryl Hoey (DC 3 Central Councillor) and Yvonne Crawford (DC 2 Central Councillor) are members of the Australian Dairy Farmer (ADF) Board.

Katunga/Nathalia Branch Information Night at Waaia, February 7

Dairy Australia and Westpac Agribusiness are sponsoring this night at the Waaia Hotel. Also hear an update on water issues from VFF Water Council Chairman Richard Anderson. FREE for members, \$20 non-members. RSVP to Phyllis Broadwood 5868 3230.

Stanhope Branch Information Night, February 12

The Bureau of Meteorology's David Morrison will present at this informal BBQ night at Lynzbar, looking at climate change and long range forecasting. FREE for members, \$20 non-members. RSVP to Julie Tyrell 5857 2810.

\$3000 On-Farm Productivity Grants:

Just a reminder that these grants need to be completed by 30th June 2008. For further information and direct links to application details visit www.udvnorth.org.au.

www.udvnorth.org.au