



**Victorian Farmers Federation**

*United Dairyfarmers of Victoria*

## **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.

### **National Irrigation Council:**

Richard Anderson attended a meeting in Sydney where over 54 delegates from across Australia were present to consider the formation of a national Irrigators Council. An interim Board was formed of which Richard is the Victorian representative and local dairy farmer Barry Croke was also appointed as a specialist skills Director. The Board aims to have the Council up and running by July this year.

### **Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy Submissions:**

Both District Council 2 and 3 have prepared submissions on the strategy that were forwarded to Government last week. Key areas needing to be revised in the document include, a stronger focus on agriculture and the value of water to rural communities, greater monitoring and benchmarking of environmental water and an acknowledgement of the water reforms that have already occurred in Victoria and a need to ensure these commitments are honoured. A copy of DC 3's submission can be found on [www.udvnorth.org.au](http://www.udvnorth.org.au)

### **Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy Consultative Committee:**

Richard Anderson and Ian Cobbledick attended this meeting. Issues discussed included outcomes from the recent meetings held with farmers across Northern Victoria and the consultation and engagement approach for the draft strategy. Allocation and environmental options were also raised.

### **Irrigation Management and Professional Planning Grants:**

Murray Dairy is helping farmers to lodge their \$20 000 Irrigation Management and Professional Planning Grants. A number of meetings occurred last week at Katandra, Nathalia, Strathmerton and Cobram. The final meeting will occur, Tuesday 25th March, 10am -12pm at the Numurkah Hall, Supper Room. For further information contact Joan Barker on 0400 283 466. If you missed any of the meetings and would still like some help with the application forms then please contact the Murray Dairy office.

### **Stanhope Information Evening:**

The Stanhope UDV branch will be holding an information evening on April 8 at Lynzbar in Birdwood Ave, Stanhope. Guest speakers include representatives from the Australian Fodders Association, Prime Super and the UDV. There will be a free BBQ dinner for UDV/VFF members and \$20 for non-members. RSVP Julie Tyrell on 5857 2810 by April 1.

### **Fodder Roundup:**

The Australian Fodder Industry Association of Australia (AFIA) is holding a fodder roundup for farmers at the Eastbank Centre, Shepparton on April 1, 4pm. Issues covered include; selecting hay for dairy performance, hay market update, contracts for transacting hay etc. Cost: \$40 per person. For further information please contact the AFIA on 03 9890 2353.

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