



# Victorian Farmers Federation

*United Dairyfarmers of Victoria*

## United Dairyfarmers of Victoria District Council 2 and 3 Regional Update



### Victoria signs up to Federal Water Plan:

The Victorian Government has signed up to the National Plan for Water Security (NPWS). The VFF has worked tirelessly on this issue over the past 14 months and is pleased with concessions secured from the Federal Government. Concessions include:

- 1) Security over Victorian water entitlements - there will now be no review of entitlements until 2019 as agreed as part of the unbundling reforms.
- 2) GMID to receive \$1 billion for Stage 2 of the foodbowl project - water savings will be split 50/50 with farmers and the environment.
- 3) Farmers will be compensated when new information is revealed that results in a reduction in water - we are awaiting details on how the difference between new information and climate change will be determined.
- 4) Water allocation powers to remain with the Victorian Government
- 5) State Water Sharing arrangements will remain in place;
- 6) Murray Darling Basin Commission and Murray Darling Basin Authority will be brought together rather than being duplicated.

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### Northern Region Sustainable Water Strategy Working Groups:

Richard Anderson is the VFF representative on both the environment and allocation working groups that provides advice to the Consultative Committee. Issues discussed included carryover, allocations and better management of environmental water.

### Annual General Meetings:

The Stanhope branch is holding its AGM April 8th, 7pm at Lynzbar, Stanhope, Doug Chant UDV President will be attending and a free meal for members. RSVP to Julie Tyrell 5857 2810

DC 3 will be holding its AGM Thursday 17th April, 8pm at the Numurkah Tourist Information Centre. All DC members are welcome.

The Tatura branch is holding its AGM 22nd April, 7pm at Tatura Court House, free meal available, Jamie Snell will present to the meeting on his Nufflied Scholarship. RSVP Sarah Parker 0418 883 250.

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