

# Spring Field Day Agenda



Your Levy at Work

## Western Dairy Spring Field Day and AGM Hosted by the Merritt Family at Elgin Dairies, Boyanup

### Tuesday November 28

9.30am for a 10am start

Including complimentary lunch followed by the new dairy inspection

**A rapid-fire morning of really practical information relevant to your farm and business, delivered by the Western Dairy team and friends. The program includes**

- Pasture Variety Trials – what this means for localised pasture information;
- Dairy farm monitor program – how our industry is really performing financially;
- Disease management and surveillance update;
- Effluent system design;
- Order your Farm Safety Kit; and then
- Kick back and hear from the much-loved **Julian Krieg** to check in on your stress levels and a few strategies for managing them!

**Lunch, AGM and dairy inspection to follow**

*The business of the AGM will commence not before 1pm. Minutes of the last AGM, audited finances and motions will be posted on [www.westerndairy.com.au](http://www.westerndairy.com.au)*

**Please RSVP to [jessica@westerndairy.com.au](mailto:jessica@westerndairy.com.au) by November 17**

**Please see over page for the program**

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- 10.00am **Welcome** – *Western Dairy Chair, Grant Evans*
- 10.10am **Merritt farm since DID Day 2016:** A snapshot of Elgin Dairies' growth and development since May last year.
- 10.20am **Industry's own and independent Pasture Variety Trials:** Western Dairy's *Peter Hutton* releases the results of our first independent variety trials – providing local, relevant analysis for WA dairy farmers.
- 10.35am **Getting excited about pastures:** *Peter Togno* was sponsored to attend the recent Dairybio open day at Hamilton, Victoria and has come home with pasture variety trial envy! He gives us his three biggest learnings from that trip.
- 10.40am **Being on top of disease management:** Western Dairy's *Jess Andony* travelled to Nepal in May to join a small group of professionals to gain direct experience in managing an FMD outbreak. Jess shares her learnings and understanding she has gained around disease management and offers her insights into the industry's challenge to better understand the growing prevalence of the tick-borne *Theileria*.
- 10.55am **Mastitis and new early identification opportunities:** Western Dairy's honours scholarship recipient *Liz Cork* has been researching strategies for early identification and better management of mastitis.
- 11.05am **Rumen8 3 is here:** A proud WA product that is now being used by Dairy Australia nationally, Rumen8 V3 is now available and developer *Richard Morris* provides a snapshot of the latest additions to this great feedbase decision making tool.
- 11.10am **New Zealand dairy effluent systems – and what we can learn from them:** DairyCare effluent project officers *Sam Taylor and Dan Parnell* have just returned from studying NZ dairy effluent systems and they report there is a lot to be learned; and a lot to be grateful for!
- 11.25am **Engaging the next generation:** Western Dairy honours scholarship recipient *Laura Senge* from Murdoch University completed her thesis on the challenge of creating a zero-waste dairy effluent system design. Laura gives her perspective on the challenges for the WA dairy industry to optimise its effluent management.
- 11.30am **The Dairy Farm Monitor Program:** The data is in and this is the first cut at what the analysis says about the profitability of the 27 participating WA dairy farms. Western Dairy's *Kirk Reynolds* reports.
- 11.50am **The Farm Safety Kit:** Western Dairy's *Tammy Negus* releases the Dairy Australia Farm Safety Kit – talking about a product that is good for you, your family and your workers.
- 11.55am **The impact of DairySage:** DairySage program mentee *Tahlia McSwain* provides an insight to what it's like being part of Western Dairy's DairySage and the impact the program has had.
- 12.00pm **No stress, we're dairy farmers!** Much loved head-doctor guru *Julien Krieg* (who also chairs the WA rural Financial Counselling service) encourages us to sit back and have a check in on what stress is doing to you and your loved ones. This is a great way to take us into lunch, with a laugh, a tear and the odd squirm.
- 12.30pm **Lunch**
- 1.15pm **Western Dairy AGM**
- 1.30pm **Merritt Farm Walk:** A look at the dairy, the effluent plans and the calf shed for those who've not seen it.

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