



Young Dairy Development Program
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Dairy farmers can find out about the latest technologies that will help them become more efficient during seminars in Warrnambool and Cobden next month.

Tech 4 Dairy on April 16 will offer information about a small sample of new technologies for dairy farmers and will give a taste of what will be offered at the major YDDP Milk it 4 More Expo on August 30 at Glenormiston College.

The Tech 4 Dairy event is funded by the Gardiner Foundation and will at the Wannon Rooms in Warrnambool for lunch and Thompson Hotel, Cobden for dinner.

YDDP south-west coordinator Liza Fahey said the program would offer dairy farmers information about the latest research and developments that could make their lives easier and more financially rewarding.

“Learning about new technology will give farmers more money in their back pockets,” Mrs Fahey said.

“It’s not very often they get the opportunity locally to hear about these types of scientific breakthroughs.”

Three high profile speakers will make presentations at Tech 4 Dairy.

Project leader for the InCalf program Barry Zimmerman will outline the latest developments in Dairy Australia’s national project for improving dairy herd fertility with a farm focus on management to get cows in calf as soon as mating starts.

To help farmers improve herd fertility, InCalf has resources for key management areas: transition management, bull management, heifer growth, heat detection and artificial insemination

Steve Spencer will explain the Sustainable Milk Production Simulator which has been developed by Freshlogic as a decision-making tool for use in the Flexible Dairy Business Program.

The simulator has been developed as a software tool to assist dairy farmers to understand the 5-10 year outlook for their businesses based on various scenarios for the future.

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Dairy Futures Cooperative Research Centre CEO and executive director Dr David Nation will outline some of the centre's latest breakthrough technology and bio-sciences that will deliver real gains for dairy farmers.

The CRC invests in large-scale research projects to deliver improved pasture and animal options to build a more resilient and profitable dairy industry

Investment ranges from new genetic technology, through to activities that best position each innovation to capture value at farm, factory and community levels.

The seminars start at 11am at the Warrnambool Wannon Rooms and 7.15pm at the Thompson Hotel Cobden, RSVP to WestVic Dairy 55922477 by Wednesday April 11.

Mrs Fahey said the seminars were a forerunner to the Milk It 4 More Expo which will bring together a wide spectrum of new innovations and technology.