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EVENT CHALLENGE FOR YOUNG DAIRY FARMERS

Young farmers from south-west Victoria will have the chance to show off their work skills in a new farmer challenge at this year’s Sungold Field Days.

The Young Dairy Development Program (YDDP) is organising the challenge which will see teams of four farmers complete a series of farm-related tasks.

Some of the events will include pipe fitting, using quad bikes to move hay, extinguishing a fire, setting up a portable electric fence, shaving a balloon, finding calf ear tags in a bag of straw, applying a splint to an injured leg, and reversing a quad bike.

Western Victoria YDDP coordinator Liza Fahey said it would be a fun event that promoted the good work done on farms.

“It will promote the type of activities farmers do every day and show that we don’t just milk cows,” Ms Fahey said.

“It will give townies the chance to see farmers getting their hands dirty and enjoying their farm work.”

The challenge from 11.30am on Thursday, February 14 also has a serious element with an emphasis on Occupational Health and Safety.

“Participants must adhere to OH&S standards, wear appropriate footwear and clothing and personal protective equipment. It sets a good example about maintaining a safe working environment on our farms,” Ms Fahey said.

The challenge has been adapted from a similar event at last year’s Sydney Show which was won by a team from Colac.

The competition is open to males and females aged over 18. Participants do not need to be a member of the YDDP. It is open to farmers and industry service providers.

Ms Fahey said that if the event proved to be popular it might be expanded to local agricultural shows. “We think it will be a good attraction and we hope that it is well supported by competitors and viewers,” she said.

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Entry forms are available from Ms Fahey on 55 922 477, 0408 141 820 or yddp@westvic.com.au.