

2019 DairySA Central Conference

THURSDAY 14 MARCH, 2019
THE BEND MOTORSPORT PARK, TALEM BEND



“Diverse Dairy DRIVING OPPORTUNITIES”

‘The best cows come from raising better calves’

Hear from world renowned calf raising expert **Dr Bob James**, Dairy Science Virginia Tech University. Dr James' years of experience and research questions the status quo of current calf rearing practices, revealing that no matter what size or system of your dairy farm, how a calf starts its life impacts the lifetime performance of that cow. Dr James' hands-on approach to calf rearing will challenge your thinking and give you important tips to reach the full milking potential of your herd... by getting it right from the start.

Also, hear from speakers on a diverse range of topics including:

- » the true cost of alternative energy options, improving irrigation efficiencies, and creating a better workplace culture
- » **Sam Bailey's** inspirational journey of conquering his disability to become a successful farmer, ultralight pilot, best-selling author and role model for children.
- » peers 'doing it differently' in their dairy business.

At day's end, gather in a relaxed setting with other farmers and the presenters for a superb three-course meal at the DairySA Central Conference Dinner.



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The program

9.30am • The morning session

Let's begin!

Registrations and Morning Tea from 9.30am

Start the conference on a light note with your morning cuppa, catch up with dairy friends and suppliers and check out the trade displays.

DairySA Update

DairySA delivers farmer-driven projects across SA covering many aspects of dairy farm business operation and industry development. Chairperson Michael Connor provides an update on the latest activities and plans for the year ahead.

Dairy Australia Update

What are the current challenges facing dairy in Australia? What are the recent successes? David Nation, Managing Director, will provide an insight into Dairy Australia's focus and what's happening in dairy both nationally and internationally, including the recently announced 'Australian Dairy Plan'.

"Get it right from the start: setting up for a lifetime of successful milk production"

Dr Bob James, GPS Dairy Consultants / Down Home Heifer Solutions, Dept. of Dairy Science at Virginia Tech

The best milking cows come from raising better calves. Dr Bob James will challenge farmers to think differently about calf rearing and its associated costs. By reassessing the common elements of environment, colostrum, feeding regimes, group housing and facility, Dr James will give you valuable insights and hands-on tools to set your herd up for a lifetime of successful milk production and performance, showing how to get it 'right from the start'.

"Unpacking 'Workplace Culture': what does it look like in business today?"

Gayle Hardie, Co-Founder, Global Leadership Foundation

Workplace culture forms the cornerstone of all business, but what does it look like, and how – and why – is it changing? The Global Leadership Foundation is committed to develop, strengthen and transform the leadership potential in people, organisations and communities. Gayle will drill down into how employers can lead positive workplaces, and how to manage the changing expectations of today's employees, and retain and satisfy the younger generation.

12.10pm • Lunch

1.00pm–3.15pm • Concurrent sessions

Choose three out of four sessions, that interest you

Drill down...

A. 'Targeted Projects – Big Impact: an overview of Ellinbank research'

Bill Wales, Research Manager, Dairy Production Sciences Agriculture Victoria Research

Ellinbank has a long history of generating research that is used by Australia's dairy farmers; dairy research has been carried out at the site since the 1950s. This has ensured Australia is one of the most efficient dairy producers in the world. How will their current projects deliver improvements to dairy farmers at the farm gate? Research Manager Bill Wales will provide valuable insights into the current projects being undertaken at Ellinbank and the researchers driving them.

B. 'Timing and technology for improved irrigation efficiencies'

Dr James Hills Senior Research Fellow, Research leader, Dairy, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, University of Tasmania

What are the costs of poor irrigation practice and how can irrigation efficiency be improved with the right system applied to the right crop at the right time? James Hills' research looks at real time case studies on improving farm irrigation systems – and what the benefits are for pastures and other crops.

C. 'Energy options toward a sustainable future'

Simon McKay, Director, Sol Energy

When it comes to energy, where can the savings be made? Simon will examine what it means to be energy efficient, what else we can be doing, and what's coming next. Using real-life case studies, a comparison between current and emerging energy sources is set to challenge your approach to traditional forms of power.

D. 'Size does matter!' – Trade Display

Get up close and personal with the latest heavy machinery and industry equipment on the market! Head to the Dairy Platform Outdoor Trade Display, just outside the venue, to get your machinery fix.

3.30pm • Closing session

Be inspired!

“It’s often the challenges that create the biggest opportunities”

– Locky Hemphill, P G W L HEMPHILL, Kyabram, Victoria

It’s a motto that has driven Locky Hemphill since returning to their family dairy farm 10 years ago. In 1982 their parents started with 65 lease cows on 160 acres. With his brother Will, he farms 2000 acres, and produces 9 million litres of milk from a herd of 950. What are the key areas that have driven this growth? What have been the challenges along the way, and the resulting opportunities? Locky will reveal what can be achieved by a dream, clear goals, hard work and the willingness to take calculated risks.

“Doing it differently – when life throws a curve ball”

– Sam Bailey, Farmer, Moree, NSW

At 19, a car accident left Sam Bailey in a wheelchair and since then life has always been about doing it differently. Sam Bailey’s inspirational journey of conquering his disability to become a successful farmer, ultralight pilot, best-selling author and role model for children is guaranteed to make you think differently about life and overcoming its obstacles - and will highlight the importance of taking time to look after yourself and others.

5.00pm • Top Paddock

Round off the day in the Top Paddock

Join the DairySA Board and team, speakers and sponsors to review the day’s topics and enjoy the company of other delegates over nibbles and drinks.

6.30pm • Conference dinner

Time to relax...

The DairySA Central Conference Dinner provides an ideal opportunity to catch up with friends, farmers and the broader industry network. Additional dinner tickets are available for partners, family, friends, employees and other community members to attend.

NOTE: Topics and speakers are subject to change prior to the day

For more event information

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Important information

Venue

The Bend Motorsport Park is conveniently located just one hour from Adelaide, an easy drive, straight up the South Eastern Freeway. The main entrance is at 543 Dukes Highway, next to the OTR on the eastern side of the highway.

Accommodation

A selection of accommodation options are available. For options go online to:

The Bend, Rydges Pit Lane accommodation offer bit.ly/2019DSARydgesaccom

For other options head to:

thebend.com.au/big4-bend
murrayriver.com.au/tailem-bend/accommodation

South East Region transport

If there is enough interest a bus will be organised to transport people from the South East SA Region. Please contact Beck Burgess on 0438 262 966, before **Monday 25 February 2019** to register your interest.

Barossa Region transport

If there is enough interest a bus will be organised to transport people from the Barossa Region. Please contact Beck Burgess on 0438 262 966, before **Monday 25 February 2019** to register your interest. Bus will arrive for commencement of Conference, and depart after the Conference Dinner.

Registration and dinner tickets

To attend this Conference, you need to register beforehand!
Please register as described below.

There are two ways to register:

1. Register and pay online by visiting the event webpage dairysaconference2019.eventbrite.com.au
Registering online is easy and offers three ways to pay: credit card, cheque or EFT.
2. Fill out the registration below and return with details of your EFT payment or cheque.

Registration form: 2019 DairySA Central Conference, Thursday 14 March 2019

Registration	Number	Price	Total
Farmer delegates			
Conference		\$35	
Dinner: 3 course meal and includes Top Paddock pre-dinner graze. Drinks at own cost.		\$45	
Non-farmer delegates			
Conference		\$65	
Dinner: 3 course meal and includes Top Paddock pre-dinner graze. Drinks at own cost.		\$75	
			Total payable

I would like to join the bus! If there is enough interest a bus will be organised to transport people from the South East Region and the Barossa. Please contact Beck Burgess on 0438 262 966, before Monday 25 February 2019 to register your interest.

Please complete registrations by Monday 25th February 2019 to assist with catering arrangements.

Please provide your details:

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

I am registering for:

Name	Dietary requirements	Day	Dinner

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If paying by EFT or cheque, please return your registration form to:

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As numbers for the event are limited, it is essential that payment is received at the time of registration. Places will be allocated in order of payment receipt.

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