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Thursday 2 June • From 9.30 am • The Barn Palais, Mount Gambier

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Morning session

- 9:30 am **Registration, morning tea and trade displays**
- 10:00 am *Louise Stock, DairySA*
Emcee welcome
- 10:05 am *Michael Connor, DairySA*
DairySA update: DairySA delivers farmer-driven projects across SA covering many aspects of dairy farm business operation and industry development. Learn about the latest activities and plans for the year ahead from Chair **Michael Connor**.
- 10:10 am *Norman Repacholi, Dairy Australia*
Dairy Australia update: Given the recent milk price announcements and the impacts on the Australian dairy industry, now is an important time to be up to date on the latest national and international markets. Commercial Research and Analysis Manager **Norman Repacholi** will give an update on the current situation as well as an insight into what's on the horizon impacting dairy markets.
- 10:40 am *Dr Jim Spain, University of Missouri*
Investing in cow transition
Transition specialist **Dr Jim Spain** will explain why appropriate transition feeding is so important to set cows up for a successful and profitable lactation. Bringing leading edge international research to the conference, he will highlight the impact of metabolic balance on fertility, one of the key components of the transition period from late gestation to peak lactation.
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- 11:45 pm **TAFE SA/NCDE Graduate Presentation**
- 12:00 pm **Take time over lunch to visit our generous sponsors' trade displays.** Find out some new information and grab a give-away or two!
Lunch Sponsor: Warrnambool Cheese and Butter

Concurrent sessions

There is a choice of attending two sessions of the three available

- Session A** *Dr Jim Spain, University of Missouri*
1:10–2:00 pm **Keeping the Transition Cow Cool!**
2:05–2:55 pm Getting your transition feeding right means healthier cows leading to healthier production and profitability. **Dr Jim Spain** will expand on the importance of cow comfort in maximising health and milk production with a focus on the potential impact of cooling on the late gestation cow.
At the Main Stage
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- Session B** *Alex Crosbie, The Vet Group Timboon*
1:10–2:00 pm **Rumination and Activity Monitoring**
2:05–2:55 pm Technology has come a long way to help manage cows; what is currently available for health and heat detection aids? **Alex Crosbie** will assess the relationship between rumination, activity and post-calving health issues in pasture-based transition dairy cows in Western Victoria.
The Steakhouse
Sponsored by The Midfield Group – Coonawarra
- Session C** *Andrew Cavill, Dairy Farmer at Bool Lagoon*
1:10–2:00 pm **Building emotional resilience in tough times**
2:05–2:55 pm When things are tough, there's no more important time to look after yourself and those around you. Local dairy farmer **Andrew Cavill** will explore his own personal experience in the dairy industry, looking after yourself, your family and your staff and watching out for neighbours.
The Oaktree Room
Sponsored by Regional Development Limestone Coast Inc
- 3:00 pm **Coffee and tea**

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Closing session

3.15 pm

Facilitated Producer Session: Kym Masters, Section 28 Cheese
Mick Sanders, Moo Premium Foods

Beyond the farmgate – business insights from the small processing sector

SA is renowned for niche dairy produce with a blossoming small and artisan dairy processing sector in the State. This Q&A session presents two successful small dairy processors sharing their insights on what led them to the dairy industry, the importance of building solid business relationships, developing a positive workplace culture, the ups and downs of the sector and what opportunities lie ahead.

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4.00 pm

Summary and close

The Top Paddock

Head to **The Top Paddock** to discuss the day's events with refreshments sponsors GrainCorp Oilseeds, members of the organising committee and DairySA Board to discuss the day's events with a light graze and drinks until 5:30 pm.

The dinner

In the evening, DairySA will host the Innovation Day Dinner, open to all, from 6:30pm. Don't miss this chance to get together with old and new industry friends, share the day's insights and provide feedback to the DairySA Board and team.

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The speakers

Dr Jim Spain has held a number of leadership positions at the University of Missouri, starting as a dairy extension specialist in 1990. In demand as a dairy cattle nutrition/management speaker, he has won numerous awards for his committed and creative approach to dairy teaching, advising and extension. Jim has led and been involved in many research projects and is widely published, including a stint as Senior Section Editor for the Journal of Dairy Science. His most recent professional focus has been a highly successful reorganization of the University's distance education program.

Alex Crosbie graduated from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science, and worked for two years in Northern Victoria at Tatura before moving to The Vet Group in Timboon. He is currently completing a Masters by research in Dairy Medicine at the University of Melbourne and working as clinical resident at Timboon. His current research looks at designing a study on utilising rumination and activity monitors to detect subclinical disease in transition dairy cows.

Andrew Cavill is a dairy farmer who is passionate about farmer mental health, as well as mentoring teenagers. He is married with five children and, having faced his own mental health challenges, has developed strategies for himself over the last 15 years to ensure he stays well. Andrew is involved

with the Menswatch mental health program and will discuss the different ways men and women cope in tough times, as well as the importance of family relationships. He milks 600 cows at his Bool Lagoon dairy farm.

Kym Masters left his career of 15 years in investment banking to pursue a passion for Alpine Cheeses. Kym and his wife were inspired to take the plunge into the world of cheese after spending 12 months in a small village in Piemonte, Northern Italy where high quality, local food is a way of life. After two years of research, study, work experience and planning, they commissioned their factory in the Adelaide Hills in May last year. The Masters purpose built the factory in Woodside, deliberately locating it close to the dairy that supplies their milk.

Mick Sanders founded MOO Premium Foods over 10 years ago, after noticing a gap in the market for premium quality, Australian-made yoghurt. Before founding MOO Premium Foods in 2005 with his wife Sally, Mick worked as a chef for some of the state's most prestigious restaurants, including Petaluma's Bridgewater Mill and Mandarin Duck Bistro. Starting out as a small retail chain throughout SA the business has grown under the helm of Mick and Sally to become a major South Australian manufacturer of premium yoghurt products.

Presentations will be available after Innovation Day at www.dairysa.com.au

