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It is about **TIME** to...

Technology, **I**nvestment, **M**anagement, and **E**nvironment are the four key words that truly encapsulate the future of the NSW dairy industry. Together they combine to make another key word, perhaps the most precious of all for a dairy farmer: **TIME...!**

The DRF and Industry Symposium is an opportunity to spend your precious **TIME** very wisely!

It is **TIME** to see each other, to share knowledge and experience, to networking.

It is **TIME** to see Dairy UP research and advances in action.

It is **TIME** to look forward to exchanging ideas and learn from others.

It is **TIME** to bring industry together to define the future of the NSW dairy industry!

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The program at a glance

Wollongong Win Stadium

Wednesday 26th November

- Growing the industry
- What Cows can do for you
- What Pastures can do for you
- The Genetic Future
- Symposium trademark: Emerging scientist competition
- DRF Symposium Dinner

Thursday 27th November

- Dairy Australia Farmer Forum
- Dairy Australia Annual General Meeting
- Dairy Innovation: Farm Tour (Albion Park)

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**Wednesday 26th November – Wollongong Win
Stadium**

Conference Day

Opening – NSW Government?

Session 1: Milk shortage in the North – Will it be solved?

It's TIME we find the opportunities by understanding the challenges.
What does the future look like and why we should care?

Panel Session – 1hr 15min

- *Milk Processor view:* Processor representatives
- *Urban encroachment and land use conflicts - The Clash: "Should I stay or should I go?"* Intensive system farmer; Jane Sherborne (Dairy Farmer and DRF President)
- *The regulatory challenge:* Hon Niall Blair, Chair Dairy UP

Session 2: The genetic future – 30 min

- Jennie Pryce (AgVic) It's TIME to focus on breeding: Are your cows up to the challenge?

Session 3: Making the power of the cow work for you

- Introduction – John Penry
- *It's time to harvest "CowPow-er"* – Ian Lean
- *Life and death in pasture and TMR farms – the fa(c)ts?* – David Sheedy
- *The power of AI to cool cows* – Anna Chlingaryan
- *Time to calve: How early should you calve your heifers?* – Andrew Lean
- *When bugs go bad – who is attacking your calves?* – Barbara

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Conference Day (cont')

Session 4: Re-defining the future of grazing in a changing climate

- Harvesting the power of the pasture – Yani Garcia
- How different is Kikuyu from... Kikuyu? – Richard Trethowan
- Are we understanding the 'hoofprint' of Kikuyu pastures? – Luciano Gonzalez
- Kikuyu served with..? What is it with quality? – Peter Beale
- Kikuyu's toxicity: is there a (alleged) culprit..? – Krista Plett

Session 5: DRF trademark: Emerging scientist competition

Applicants include:

- Mulisa Dida – Carbon footprint
- Vivien Tan – Kikuyu toxicity
- David Sheedy – Cow metabolomics
- Blessing Azubike – Dairying AI
- Andrew Lean – how young is young?
- Rezaul Rakib – Biomarking heat stress
- Alice Shirley – Cooling the rumen..?
- Maddi Pearce – Milking data
- Sarah Legge – Using data to extend longevity
- Plus applicants from UTS, CSU, other Universities and Research Centres

Symposium Dinner

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Stadium & Farm visit**

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Dairy Innovation: Farm Tour

- Visit to Phil and Craig Tate's dairy farm (Albion Park)
- Long-term investment within urban encroachment
- New (huge!) top of the range Rotary platform
- New (huge!) facilities to house cows temporarily
- Learn how the Tate's manage to achieve some of the best production and reproduction KPI in the State!

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