



Beyond Water SMART Field Day

Ready, Set, Go - Irrigation system checks



When: Wednesday 23rd September, 11.00am - 1.30pm

Where: John and Michelle Leech, Blumont Dairy, 110 Willis Road, Lietinna, North East Tasmania

Register: Due to COVID it is essential to register by RSVP'ing to Sam Flight on 0409 801 341 or Samantha.Flight@utas.edu.au. For more information about Covid-19 safety, please see the back of this flyer.

Lunch will be provided by TIA.

SIP2 is a cross industry collaborative project of the dairy, cotton, sugar, rice and grains sectors. There are four projects being conducted for dairy. *SIP2: What's my yield gap? Improving water productivity* is managed by Dairy Australia, with ten Dairy Optimisation Sites established across mainland Australian dairy regions, representing the breadth of irrigation and farming systems of the industry. A further project – Beyond Water Smart is managed by TIA and has five optimisation sites within Tasmania.

TOPICS

Hear about what happened on the Tasmanian optimised irrigation farms last season along with how make sure your system is operating efficiently for this season. We will be discussing:

- 1 – Irrigation system checklist – what do you need to check to make sure your system is operating correctly
- 2 – System checks for different irrigation systems
- 3 – The cost:benefit of undertaking irrigation system checks

WIN!

One lucky farmer will win a free System Check for one of the irrigation systems on their farm just for turning up on the day! This assessment includes: 1. Operating pressure at 1 point (kpa), 2. Delivery flow rate (l/s), 3. Catch can audit to test for uniformity of irrigation.

GUEST PRESENTERS

Dr James Hills, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture
David McLaren, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture

Smarter Irrigation for Profit 2: What's my yield gap? Maximising water productivity project is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment as part of its Rural R&D for Profit program and Dairy Australia.

COVID-19 & TIA DAIRY EXTENSION EVENTS

Based on Tasmanian Government requirements and to keep people safe at dairy extension events, the TIA dairy extension team would like people to be aware of the following procedures when attending a discussion group, field day or workshop.

Should you attend?

Do **NOT** attend if you:

- Have Covid-19.
- Have been instructed to quarantine and your 14 days are not yet finished.
- Are unwell, including with fever or respiratory symptoms, e.g. shortness of breath, cough, sore throat.
- Have been tested for Covid-19 and are waiting for results.

Some people are particularly vulnerable to the effects of Covid-19, these include:

- People 70 years of age and older.
- People 65 years of age and older with chronic health conditions.
- Indigenous Australians 50 years of age and older with chronic health conditions.
- People with compromised (weakened) immune systems.

If you are in one (or more) of these categories, carefully consider whether you should attend group extension events.

If you are unable to attend an event in person, the TIA dairy extension team will do our best to ensure you have access to a livestream or recording of the event or written information relating to the discussion points. If you would like to know more about these options, please contact a TIA dairy extension officer (contact details below).

Attending a TIA dairy extension event



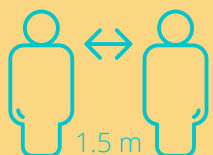
Please use the hand sanitiser to sanitise your hands when you arrive



All your field day/discussion group supplies will be given to you in a bag.



Fill-in a 'health declaration' form (provided in your bag). This will simply ask you to confirm you are not unwell and are not required to be in quarantine. This form will ask for your name and phone number to allow for contact tracing if that is required. This will be an individual form to reduce the sharing of pens/clipboards and will take the place of the usual sign-in sheet.



Keep 1.5 metres from people not in your household.



Cover your cough and sneeze with your elbow or a tissue, then dispose of the tissue in a rubbish bin.

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