



GA

2026

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2026

9.00am Registration & Trade Displays open. Tea, coffee and morning snack available.

9:10am Morning Tea - Sponsored by IMV

Conference Welcome

MC Dr Stephanie Bullen, National Animal Health & Welfare Lead, Dairy Australia, welcomes delegates to GA 2026.

Day One: Session One - Future Technology & Sustainable Farming

10.15am **From Vision to Innovation: Harnessing AI to Transform Agriculture**
Presented by **Stuart Austin, Co-founder, Audacious Agriculture**

11.00am **From Numbers to Knowledge: How Dairy Farmers Gain Context with Nedap Technology**
Presented by **Evine Van Riemsdijk, Global Application Manager Cow Control, Nedap**

Sustainable Farming

11.30am A panel of farmers discussing a diverse range of perspectives on sustainability and resilience. The panel discussion is facilitated by **Elissa McNamara, National Climate and Environment Lead, Dairy Australia.**

- **Bernice Lumsden**, A Farmer's Perspective on Water Sustainability and Community Impact
- **Sandra Jefford**, Sustainability and Smart Farming: A Dairy Farmer's Journey

11.55am **Farming, Wind & Solar: Protecting Agricultural Land in a Changing Energy Landscape**
Presented by **Joe & Anna Conheady**

12.10pm Lunch - Sponsored by Trans Ova Genetics

Day One: Session Two - The Road to New Markets

1.15pm **From Farm to Fork: Marketing Premium Beef in Australia and offshore**
Presented by **Anthony Fellows, CEO, Harmony Agriculture & Food Co**

1.40pm **Emerging Trends in Asia-Pacific: What's Coming for Australian Beef and Dairy**
Presented by **David Reed, General Manager, AUSTREX**

2.00pm **Advances in Gene Editing Techniques for Cattle**
Presented by **Prof Alison Van Eenennaam, Distinguished Professor of Cooperative Extension in Animal Biotechnology & Genomics, University of California, Davis**

Day One: Session Three - Genetics

2.45pm **Leveraging Genetic Gain: From Now into the Future**
Presented by **Dr Kent Andersen, Director of Global Beef Genetic Technical Services, Zoetis**

3:15pm Afternoon Tea - Sponsored by Ridley

Day One: Session Four - Keynote Presentation

3.45pm **From Tradition to Innovation: How Technology Shapes a Modern Meat Business**
Presented by **Dean McKenna, General Manager, Midfield Group**

Day One: Session Five - Tales from Paddock

4.20pm **From Frankston to Gippsland: A Journey in Farming and Mentorship**
Presented by **Kate Kirk, Dairy Farm Owner**

4.40pm **In the Paddock: Breeding, Life, and Dairy Tales with Ray Kitchen**
A discussion with **Ray Kitchen** facilitated by **Anthony Shelly, CEO, Genetics Australia**

5.05pm Day 1 Close

Nedap Gala Dinner

6.30pm **Pre-Dinner Drinks - Sponsored by Zoetis**
Canapés served

7.30pm **Dinner Commences** - 2-course set menu, dinner, hosted at GMHBA Stadium.
Guest Speaker, Hakim Halim, Founder and co-owner of Ripe Cheese at Queen Victoria Market.
How a Singaporean Outsider Ended up Championing Australian Cheese?

WEDNESDAY 18TH MARCH 2026

Conference Welcome

8.00am Trade displays open
Tea, coffee and light refreshments available. Coffee Cart Available

Day Two Welcome

8.40am MC Stephanie Bullen, National Animal Health & Welfare Lead, Dairy Australia, welcomes GA 2026 delegates

Day Two: Session Six - Tomorrow's Agriculture

8.45am **From Lab to Livestock: R&D Insights from Peak**
Presented by **Vianney Salmon**, Quality Improvement Manager, PEAK

9.10am **Current Innovations in Bovine OPU and IVF: From Oocyte to Embryo**
Presented by **Dr Rory Nevard**, Clinical Specialist, University of Sydney

9.45am **The Power of the Next Generation with IVF Globally**
Presented by **PJ Budler**, International Business Development Manager, Trans Ova Genetics USA

10.10am **Measuring NFI for Beef Seedstock Breeding**
Presented by **Paul Meade**, Farm Manager, Meade Agri

10:35am Morning Tea - Sponsored by Dairy Australia

Day Two: Session Seven - Keynote Presentation

11.05am **Innovating for Impact: How One Dairy Farmer Created a Global Solution**
Presented by **Grant Rogers**, Dairy Farm Owner

Day Two: Session Eight - Reproductive Innovation in Action

11.40am **Shaping the Future of Herds: Insights into the Latest National Breeding Objectives**
Presented by **Peter Thurn**, Stakeholder Relations Specialist, DataGene

12.00pm **Born Ready: Understanding Calf Vitality in Australian Holsteins**
Presented by **Dr Michelle Axford**, Special Projects, DataGene

12.20pm **Meet DataGene's New CEO: US Genomics Insights and Lessons for Australia**
Presented by **Dr Emily Piper**, CEO, DataGene

Day Two: Session Nine - Securing the Future

Securing the future

A panel of farmers discussing a range of perspectives on securing the future of farming.

The panel discussion is facilitated by **Anthony Shelly**, CEO, Genetics Australia

- 12.40pm**
- **Anthony Shelly**, Genetics Australia, Securing the Future: Insights from Forward-Thinking Agricultural Leaders
 - **Lachie Tindall**, Family Farms, Smarter Business: Diversifying with Beef and Dairy
 - **Charlie Perry**, Principal, Trent Bridge Wagyu, How to embrace the challenge of continual improvement to satisfy premium markets

1.05pm MC Conference Close & Summary

MC Dr Stephanie Bullen, National Animal Health & Welfare Lead, Dairy Australia, closes the GA 2026.

1.15pm Lunch - Sponsored by GENEX

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