

TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2026

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

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**
A seminar presented by **Stuart Austin**, Co-founder, Audacious Agriculture

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

11.30am **Sustainable Farming**
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 Energy Lead, Dairy Australia.

- **Bernice Lumsden**, A Farmer's Perspective on Water Sustainability and Community Impact
- **Joe Conheady**, Farming, Wind & Solar: Protecting Agricultural Land in a Changing Energy Landscape
- **Sandra Jefford**, Sustainability and Smart Farming: A Dairy Farmer's Journey

12.10pm Lunch

Day One: Session Two - The Road to New Markets

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

1.40pm **Emerging Trends in Asia-Pacific: What's Coming for Australian Beef and Dairy**
A seminar presented by **Austrex**.

2.00pm **Advances in Gene Editing Techniques for Cattle**
A seminar 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**
A seminar presented by **Dr Kent Anderson**, Director of Global Beef Genetic Technical Services, Zoetis

3:15pm Afternoon Tea

Day One: Session Four - Keynote Presentation

3.45pm **From Tradition to Innovation: How Technology Shapes a Modern Meat Business**
A seminar 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**
A seminar 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

Gala Dinner

6.30pm Pre-Dinner Drinks

7.30pm **Dinner Commences**
3-course set menu, dinner, hosted at GMHBA Stadium.

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**
A seminar presented by **Bill Beckman**, Global Services Director, Peak

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

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

10.10am **Measuring NFI for Angus Seedstock Breeding**
A seminar presented by **Simon Falkiner**, Stud Genetics & Marketing, Murdeduke Angus

10:35am Morning Tea

Day Two: Session Seven - Keynote Presentation

11.05am **Innovating for Impact: How One Dairy Farmer Created a Global Solution**
A seminar 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**
A seminar presented by **Peter Thurn**, Stakeholder Relations Specialist, DataGene

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

12.20pm **Meet DataGene's New CEO: US Genomics Insights and Lessons for Australia**
A seminar 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

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