

Subtropical Dairy Projects and Services

July 2026 – June 2027



Services and Projects		Format	Timing	Region
Northern Horizons – bimonthly newsletter		Print or online newsletter	All year	SDP-wide
E-news – weekly – published each Wednesday		Online newsletter	All year	SDP-wide
Northern Australian Dairy Hub – An extension website for dairy farmers and those who work within the Northern Australian dairy industry. Subtropical Dairy partners with the Queensland Department of Primary Industries to provide the latest R&D outcomes and contemporary technical resources.		Website	All year	
Dairy Discussion Groups		Groups	All year	SDP-wide
Young Dairy Network		Groups	All year	SDP-wide
Regional Groups – Six groups across the SDP region. Undertake local R&D and advocate for Subtropical Dairy services.		Groups (6)	All year	SDP-wide
Service Provider Network – Provides improved co-ordination and uptake of extension, education, emergency response and other services in the Subtropical Dairy region through a network of service providers and farmers working closely with industry.		Groups and online	All year	SDP-wide
Joint agribusiness technology events – Previous events have included dairy cattle internal and external parasite management and dairy cattle vaccination program options workshops.		Field days	All year	SDP-wide
Carbon Outreach Program – Various workshops for farmers and service providers to better understand and manage farm carbon. Participants learn about farm greenhouse gas emissions, industry needs, calculating carbon footprint and practical ways to profitably reduce emissions.		Various	All year	
Fertsmart – A workshop to improve nutrient management. Participants learn over 4 days about soil properties, including workshops, an on-farm day and planning and implementing a nutrient management plan with the support of a consultant.		Face-to-face/hybrid	To be decided	To be decided
Investment forum – Targeted at agribusiness and service providers. This forum provides an up-to-date account of the Australian dairy industry market trends and dairy farm performance with a focus on the Queensland and Northern New South Wales dairy regions and other factors surrounding the dairy industry.		Face-to-face/hybrid	To be decided	SEQ
Our Farm Our Plan – Face-to-face or online workshop with follow-up support. Farmers focus on improving business planning and risk management. Participants develop long-term goals, identify and prioritise actions, and manage uncertainty and risk. Includes one-to-one support over 24 months.		Workshops	All year	SDP-wide
Employment Basics (online – 5 weeks) – A workshop series, 1 hour per week, for farmers to apply industrial relations and HR requirements when employing people. Participants learn about attraction, recruitment, onboarding, retention, termination and payroll/leave requirements across employment options.		Workshops (1)	To be decided	SDP-wide
Employment Starter Kit Q & A's – Interactive workshops for farmers who are new or experienced employers to understand their legal obligations (ESKi). Participants will access fundamental employment information and update their employment processes.		Workshops (5)	July - Sept	SEQ, DD, SC, MNC NSW, FNC NSW
Cash, Costs & Margins – A workshop for farmers to manage cash/costs for long-term profitability. Participants learn how to track performance, understand cost drivers, identify margin improvements and make confident decisions with tools like Farm Business Snapshot/Standard Chart of Accounts.		Workshops (6)	July - Sep	SDP-wide
Cool Cows – A workshop to improve heat stress preparedness and management on dairy farms. Participants will learn to identify heat stress and its impact, and assess and implement infrastructure or management changes.		Online workshop	Oct-Dec	SDP-wide
Healthy Hooves – An on-farm workshop to prevent and manage lameness in dairy cattle. Participants learn to identify and handle lame cows, trim feet, treat simple cases and use lameness tools through discussion and practice.		Workshops (3)	Oct to Mar	DD, MNC NSW, FNC NSW
Top Fodder – A workshop for farmers and service providers to improve silage-making (focus on pasture/maize). Participants learn the science/economics of crop selection, silage additives, feed testing, fitting silage and reducing losses during the process.		Workshops (3)	Oct to Dec	FNQ, MNC NSW



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Farm Business Fundamentals – A workshop for farmers to improve farm financial management. Participants gain knowledge and skills on budgeting, compliance and financial systems, and access the Standard Chart of Accounts and Dairy Cash Budgeting tool.	Workshops (3)	Oct to Dec	DD, SEQ, SC
Dairy Farm Business Analysis – A workshop for farmers and service providers to analyse and benchmark farm business performance. Participants learn about financial/physical data, interpreting performance and understanding cash, profit and wealth. A good link to understanding QDAS, DFMP and DairyBase.	Workshops (3)	Jan to Mar	DD, SEQ, SC
Disbudding Best Practice – An on-farm workshop for farm employees to manage disbudding procedures safely and responsibly. Participants learn practical best practices through hands-on training to reduce risk, prioritise animal welfare and safety, and make informed decisions.	Workshops (3)	Jan to Mar	DD, SEQ, SC
Transition Cow Management – A workshop for farm decision makers and senior employees to improve transition cow management. Participants benchmark their herd health, understand impacts of poor practices, and implement an integrated feeding program on their farm.	Workshops (4)	Apr to Jun	DD, SEQ, SC, FNQ
Milking & Mastitis Management – A two-session workshop for farm employees responsible for milk harvesting to improve udder health, dairy hygiene and milking practices. Participants learn online (Session 1) and on-farm (Session 2)	Workshops (6)	Apr to Jun	SDP-wide
Transition Cow Management (online – 6 weeks) – An online option of the Transition Cow Management workshop.	Workshops (1)	Apr to Jun	SDP-wide
Enlight – online learning platform – various online self-paced learning options.	Various	All year	SDP-wide



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Please contact your local Subtropical Dairy extension officer to express an interest in any of the upcoming workshop activities this year. Alternatively, you will find an up-to-date list of upcoming events across the Subtropical Dairy region in the weekly eNews which is published via email each Wednesday. You can register for the eNews [here](#) or with your local extension officer. Regional group meetings across all Subtropical Dairy regions will be scheduled in coming months. Please come along and get involved to ensure your local dairy RD&E needs are heard and maybe kick-start a region-specific small project for farmers in your local area. ■■

SC	Sunshine Coast
SEQ	South East Qld
DD	Darling Downs
FNQ	Far North Qld
FNC NSW	Far North Coast NSW
MNC NSW	Mid North Coast NSW