Subtropical Dairy Service Provider Forum 2026


Photo 1

During September, Subtropical Dairy gave dairy related service providers the opportunity to come together to network and share dairy-specific project updates and research findings. The forum was held at the University of Qld, Gatton with representatives from approx. 20 businesses attending, either in person or online.

Presentations on the day included Subtropical Dairy, Qld Department of Primary Industries, NSW Department of Primary Industries, and a large cross-section of other dairy related service providers. Topics ranged from animal health and genetics to feedbase, soils and artificial intelligence (AI).

The forum gave Subtropical Dairy the opportunity to trial some hybrid meeting techniques which in turn may assist hosting other farmer-related activities in a hybrid format to help those who can't attend in person access the information and participate in the session.

The Subtropical Dairy Service Provider forum is an annual activity that we hope will continue to grow in coming years and provide a connection point for service providers in the industry.


Photo 6 *Teah Keen (Norco AgriSolutions), Elke Watson (Sunshine Coast dairy farmer and Subtropical Dairy Board member), Cameron Whitson (Bega Food & Drinks)*


Photo 2


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Photo 1 *Dr Brad Granzin, Subtropical Dairy's Senior Program Manager, discussing the new Climate Smart Feedbase program which is funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund and will be delivered to help dairy businesses strengthen feedbase performance, manage climate risk and improve long-term profitability across Queensland, New South Wales and northern Victoria. See the Climate Smart Feedbase article on page 6.*
Photo 2 *Mark Bauer updating the group about recent findings and upcoming research priorities within the C4Milk project.* **Photo 3** *Dr Brad Granzin and Alana Ebert from Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee (MRCCC). Read more about the MRCCC and DPI joint project on page 4.*


Photo 4


Photo 5

Photo 4 *Carl Hockey (Rural Vet) and Damien Tessmann (DFMC) enjoying a chat over lunch. Carl presented information on his connected data and AI tool, AgriStreams which he has been trialling with his dairy farmer clients.* **Photo 5** *Alex Kades (Nutrien), Julia Harkin (Zoetis) and Michela Secci, Executive Officer/Regional Manager – Subtropical Dairy*



Photo 7 *Pat O'Connor (Healthy Land & Water), SEQ dairy farmers Luke Stock and Ruth Chalk (SDP Board members), Ros D'Addona (Qld DPI) and Brian Coe (QRIDA)*