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Combined Dairy Industries' Annual Conference: the cream of the dairy crop

The NSW Farmers' Association is inviting dairy farmers from across NSW to the Combined Dairy Industries' Annual Conference in Sydney early next month.

More than 200 industry representatives including dairy farmers, processors, suppliers and stakeholders are expected to attend the Conference on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 June, bringing together the NSW Farmers' Association Dairy Committee, Dairy NSW and the Dairy Industry Association of Australia (DIAA).

NSW Farmers' Association Dairy Committee Chair Adrian Drury says the focus of the Conference will be attracting and retaining talent, one of the biggest challenges facing the dairy industry today.

"Ensuring the continued strength and success of the dairy industry is critical, and one of the most important ways of achieving this is making sure we have strong future leaders," Mr Drury said.

"This will be a major focus for the Conference, with attendees hearing from leading dairy groups Dairy Australia and the National Centre for Dairy Education on the importance of education and attracting, retaining and developing dairy people."

The Conference will take place at the Novotel Manly Pacific, commencing with the NSW Farmers' Association Dairy Section Annual General Meeting, Dairy NSW's Member Council and an industry Member Forum on Wednesday 3 June.

The Combined NSW Dairy Industries' Annual Conference will take place on Thursday 4 June, with attendees hearing from a range of key industry and Government speakers, including NSW Minister for Primary Industries Ian Macdonald, Federal DIAA president Alan Box, Australian Farm Institute Executive Director Mick Keogh and Dairy Australia Chairman Max Roberts.

The Conference will be followed by the Annual DIAA Dairy Products Awards Dinner on Thursday evening to recognise excellence in dairy produce manufacture and presentation.

"The Awards dinner is always a highlight of Conference, as it allows the industry to recognise and reward those at the pinnacle of their careers," Mr Drury said.

"This year, we also hope to award two inaugural prizes to dairy producers who demonstrate excellence in environmental sustainability and farm innovation.

"I encourage all dairy farmers to get their applications for the Award and their registration for the Conference in quickly so they don't miss out," Mr Drury said.

Applications for the Dairy Farm Environmental Sustainability and Dairy Farm Innovation Awards close on Wednesday 27 May. Application forms and Conference registration details are available on the Association's website (under the Dairy Policy section) or by contacting the Association's Member Service Centre on 1300 794 000.

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