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BELONG TO THE GROUP WHO UNDERSTANDS YOUR INDUSTRY

THE UNITED DAIRYFARMERS OF VICTORIA

The **United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (UDV)** is a lobby and advocacy body funded entirely by dairy farmer membership payments.

There are many voices (animal activists, environmental activists) with a view on how dairy farmers should farm. The UDV is the only dedicated lobby and advocacy voice for Victoria's dairy farmers.

The UDV is the dairy commodity of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) and the Victorian member of the national dairy farmer organisation, Australian Dairy Farmers (ADF).

We've been working on the best outcomes for Victorian dairy farmers including:

- ▶ Securing \$30 million for On-Farm Energy Grants with State Government & \$10 million for Dairy Energy Grants with the Federal Government
- ▶ Simplified milk price structures offered by milk processors
- ▶ Lobbying for significant farm trespass fines and penalties to protect your right to farm from animal activists and farm trespassers
- ▶ Support for farmers impacted by bushfire, flood and drought emergencies, such as the 2020 bushfire crisis through a dedicated \$2 million fodder support program and financial grants opportunities
- ▶ Lobbying for stronger Country of Origin labelling of dairy products and removal of the word 'milk' from labelling of nut juices
- ▶ Ongoing lobbying relating to fair and reasonable use of silage wagons on roads
- ▶ Establishing and maintaining special deals for Victorian dairy farmers including cheaper NLIS tags, Primary Producer Rego, and the Diesel Fuel Rebate
- ▶ Secured funding of up to \$50,000 per farm for dairy farmers to build cattle underpasses
- ▶ Representing Victorian dairy farmers interests through the Australian Dairy Plan
- ▶ Attracting and retaining young dairy farmers to the dairy industry including delivering annual the UDV Gardiner Dairy Foundation New Zealand Study Tour



Whether behind closed doors or loudly in public, the UDV continues to fight for Victorian farmers, as we believe that the grass-roots producer is the most important part of the supply chain.

THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING



Shape industry's future – through a wide range of representation opportunities unique to UDV members including local, state and National government and industry committees.



Political advocacy – providing a dedicated agriculture voice in Melbourne to ensure city-centric politicians are making sensible decisions and the right investments in rural and regional Victoria.



Community engagement – engaging with the community, through various forums including the media, to ensure farmers and agriculture are accurately portrayed.



Member benefits – enjoy a wide range of discounts and benefits on energy, insurance, accommodation, feed testing and more



Specialist information – access to our workplace relations team which provides you with tailored advice on workplace matters.



Professional advice – providing you with access to a range of professionals with commodity-specific knowledge, in addition to land management and planning, water, communication and advocacy expertise.



A like-minded network – a vehicle to engage with like-minded individuals, to share and learn from experiences and meet new friends, colleagues and mentors, and expand your network.

"Being a UDV member has given me the opportunity to give back to the dairy industry through developing policies and advocating on a range of key issues in Victoria and nationally. UDV has also provided me the opportunity to expand my network and has really made me feel a part of my local dairy community."

Mark Billing, UDV Member, Colac

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