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New study tour open to all young Victorian dairy people Showcasing Victoria's cutting-edge dairy and agricultural industries

United Dairyfarmers of Victoria (UDV) is inviting young dairy people (aged 18 to 35) to join the first 'Victorian Dairy and Agricultural Study Tour' funded by Gardiner Dairy Foundation.

"This is a rare opportunity for emerging dairy leaders to gain a unique look into the Victorian dairy industry, the largest and most sophisticated in Australia," said UDV President Paul Mumford.

"The dairy industry is evolving rapidly with new cutting-edge science and technology and changing farming practices."

Gardiner Foundation Chief Executive, Dr Clive Noble, said the Victorian dairy tour was a new and exciting opportunity for young dairy people from along the supply chain.

"Across Victoria there are many dairy businesses that are innovative, well managed and with an eye on growth. This new tour for emerging dairy leaders will help their development and build stronger linkages across the Victorian dairy industry."

Successful applicants can expect a comprehensive eight days full of insights and inspiration covering the full range of Victoria's leading dairy facilities as well as visits to other agricultural industries.

There will also be an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of industry advocacy through meetings with senior representatives of the Victorian Farmers Federation and the UDV.

Mr Mumford encouraged those interested and eligible to apply quickly to avoid disappointment.

"We're expecting the Victorian tour to be extremely popular amongst our young dairy leaders," he said. "Those who are selected will visit a variety of farms and be taken through state-of-the-art research and processing facilities."

The Victorian study tour is a temporary replacement for the annual UDV-Gardiner New Zealand study tour, which has been postponed due to the current uncertainties for international travel.

"In the future, the Victorian study tour may become a regular event alongside the New Zealand tour," said Dr Noble.

Applications for the Victorian study tour are now open and close at 9am on Monday, 10 May. Further details about the tour, including application forms and contact details can be viewed on the VFF website at <https://bit.ly/3x3YHVr>

To be eligible, applicants must be aged between 18 and 35 years, live and work in Victoria, be actively involved in the Victorian dairy industry, either on farm or in the supply chain and be available for travel between 28 June and 6 July, 2021.

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