

## Programs

As dairy extension officers we facilitate and lead you through a path of learning – each year we run a series of programs to increase dairy farmers knowledge and skill sets to be used on farm. These programs are:

- Feeding Pastures For Profit
- Feeding Dairy Cows
- Soils and Fertilisers

Contact DPI Maffra 03 5147 0800, DPI Ellinbank 03 5624 2222 or DPI Leongatha 03 5662 9900 for more details.

## Projects

Our team is involved in the following projects:

- Drought and seasonal response
- Adaptive Forage Planning
- Extended Lactation
- Dairy Farm Monitor
- Farm Water Solutions
- Planning for Climate Variability
- Project 3030
- Breeding for Performance
- Driving Innovation in the Dairy Industry
- Gippsland nutrient management

## Community engagement

### Discussion Groups

To find out if there is a discussion group in your local area contact Bree Walshe, DPI Maffra 03 5147 0834

### Farmer Networks

Our links with Gippsland dairy farmers are an important part of our work and include:

- A close working relationship with GippsDairy
- A regular industry teleconference
- Local farmer and service provider committees

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# Dairy Extension Centre Gippsland



## About the DEC team

### Who are we?

The DPI Gippsland Dairy Extension Centre team is a group of extension officers who are passionate about the dairy industry.

Each of our dairy extension officers has a unique set of skills and experience that they can bring to you.

### About us

The DPI Gippsland Dairy Extension Centre team is involved in a series of projects that are extension and or development focused.

We provide timely and relevant information and activities to support Gippsland dairy farmers and service providers.



### What's On

Have a look at **What's On** in the Dairy Extension Centre's website [www.dairyextension.com.au](http://www.dairyextension.com.au) to find out what activities are planned for your area.

### Our team:

Our team has experience and knowledge in the following fields. Please contact them for further information and advice:

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