

International Dairy Week Youth Challenge and Study Tour
Tatura, Victoria, Australia
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Hello,

Matt Satherley and I are very keen to train, manage and take a team from New Zealand to compete in the International Dairy Week (IDW) Youth Challenge. This premier event involves 10 members aged from 12 to 22, who either clip an animal, judge animals or parade animals. Matt and I coached and managed the Hot Shots Youth Team, who have won the NZ Dairy Event Youth Challenge twice.

While there, we plan on staying on for the duration of the event to gain knowledge around showing dairy cattle, and network with youth from Australia. Last year 13 teams from across Australia competed.

More information can be found at <https://internationaldairyweek.com.au/2016-photo-galleries/2016-youth/>

We have been liaising with personnel from IDW, and will be able to enter a team. To be fair on all interested youth, we have decided to ask for Expressions of Interest (EOI). An independent panel will assist in making the selection.

The selection will be based on the age groups required, and the application. Prior experience in this type of competition is preferred, but not a pre-requisite.

We have enclosed last years criteria and information – we envisage the rules for next year will be similar – please read this before filling in your application.

Proposal:

Team members – 10.

Adult supervision – Matt Satherley, Julie Pirie. Two other adults, preferably parents of participants.

Travel – Depart Auckland Saturday 20 January 06.15 am, Arrive back in Auckland 05:00 am January 26th.

We will hire two mini-vans, and have help from Australian CRV/LIC representatives. Accommodation will be in cabins – similar to New Zealand's top 10 type units – in Shepperton – approximately 20 minutes from Tatura. <http://www.strayleavescaravanpark.com.au/>

A travel agent will arrange everything for us – this will ensure that everything will go as smoothly as possible.

Our estimate for costs is that travel and accommodation will be around \$900 to \$1000 each. Our travel agent will require a deposit (as soon as possible after the team is announced), and a full payment by 20 November. Each member will also need to make arrangements for travel to and from Auckland International Airport.

Parent helpers and the youth team will be expected to adhere to a code of conduct that will be decided on closer to the event.

It will also be useful to have a whole team meeting, so each member would need to make themselves available to attend a day held in December to have a training day.

At this early stage we can only give an estimate of costs. It will pay to consider the full cost before putting in an expression of interest. We hope to gain sponsorship but need to get a team together first. Food and spending money is not included above. We also require a team polo-shirt – we hope to get this sponsored.

More information will be available to the successful applicants regarding flights, accommodation and other requirements.

Issues to consider:

The NZ Dairy event starts on January 30th 2018, so consideration needs to be given to commitments that you have in this event.

We will use Flight Centre for our travel agent. Those with Fonterra Farm Source rewards will be able to use these if desired.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries.

EIO due by 20 June 2017



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Australian IDW Youth Challenge

Kind regards,

Julie Pirie

HOLSTEIN YOUTH DAIRY CHALLENGE - SUNDAY 15th JANUARY

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Event guidelines:

Team nominations due by 4 December 2016 to the Holstein Australia Office ph:1300

788 188 or enquiry@holstein.com.au (team members need not be organized at this time).

- All electrical equipment used in the competition is required to be tagged by an electrician.
- No Alcohol is to be consumed by team members or present during the competition.
- Teams are required to supply their own tarp of an adequate size to catch hair during clipping.
- Teams to come from dairy youth groups, sub branch areas, interstate teams or minor breed teams (Guernsey, Ayrshire, Brown Swiss and Illawarra) may enter a national team.
- All participants to be under 22 years of age on competition day.
- The Dairy Youth Challenge is for all breeds of dairy cattle. The participation of the youth involved in all breeds should be actively encouraged and promoted.
- Teams are to consist of 10 working members, plus a team coordinator. Coordinators are not necessarily part of the working team and can be outside the competitive age limit.
- Each team must include at least 3 junior members (under 15 years). If insufficient juniors, the team will lose 5 points/person for each junior not participating.
- Each team is restricted to 3 working members over the age of 18 and under 22 on the day of the show. Each member over the limit of 3 will be penalised by a loss of 5 points/person to the teams overall score. ● No person to compete in more than 1 event.
- Cattle for the clipping and judging will be provided by the organizers.
- Cattle for clipping will be randomly allocated on the Sunday evening prior to the competition.
- Once allocated, it is each teams responsibility to feed/water/clean their animal leading up to the event. Points will be deducted from any team deemed to have not adequately cared for their animal.
- Uniforms to consist of team coloured shirts, jeans, leather boots and caps (optional). Shirts may have teams name on the back. Sponsors logos may be used on the front of the shirt - no larger than 15cm (pocket size), or on caps.
- A compulsory meeting for all team coordinators will be held on Saturday at 3pm sharp at the Holstein Australia exhibit. A list of team members and their respective ages are to be submitted to the organisers during this meeting. Teams not represented at this meeting may be disqualified.
- The winners presentation will follow the challenge.

Teams will be judged on the following:

CLIPPING - points awarded out of 100

- 4 members to take part
- Duration 30 minutes
- To be judged on teamwork, attitude, equipment use and it's safety as well as the quality of the completed job, including topline
- At the end, animals must be led using a leather halter for final inspection
- A short questionnaire is to be completed by all team members collectively during this time
- There will be 2 clipping heats, clipping order will be notified on the day prior to the event

JUDGING - points

awarded out of 100 • 3

members to take part

- Duration 20 minutes • Animals will be paraded, with team members to judge the class collectively, recording their places on the sheet provided, and then hand into the officials (50 points)
- One team member is then nominated to present their teams placing and reasons over the microphone (50 points)

PARADING - points awarded out of 100

- 3 members to take part
- Duration 20 minutes
- 3 animals to be paraded as a group, side by side and head to tail under the direction of the ring steward/judges • Animals for the parading are to be provided by the competitors

What Experience have you had in showing cattle?

Have you entered a Youth Challenge before?

Please give details of when and where, and results achieved.

Please write a short essay (between 50 and 300 words) explaining why you would like to be part of a team to attend IDW. (Use more paper if required)

EOI due by 5pm 20 June 2017

Please send your EOI to julie@piriefarms.co.nz I will send a confirmation of receipt, and forward to the selection panel.