

International Dairy Week – 15 – 19 January 2023 Youth Challenge Team

International Dairy Week is held in Tatura, near Shepparton in Victoria, Australia.

It is considered Australia's premier dairy show – with a large number of entries from around Australia, international judges and fantastic facilities. Breeds exhibited are Jersey, Holstein (Black & White, and Red), Ayrshire, Illawarra, Guernsey, Brown Swiss.

The Youth Challenge is held on the Sunday prior to the start of IDW and hotly contested amongst breed and state teams. JerseyNZ has been represented in 2018, 2019 (when we won), and 2020 (second). There are usually 12-14 other teams in the competition.

JerseyNZ will again support the organisation of a team/teams for 2023. I (Julie Pirie) will co-ordinate the team again.

I'm getting information out early for two reasons

- Many of the older past competitors are hoping to help out breeders in Australia. This will mean they need to travel earlier than the NZ team, and won't stay with the team, but will be able to compete on the Sunday. This may enable more younger ones to come, and perhaps the numbers will allow two teams.
- The cost is likely to exceed \$2000 per person – even with some sponsorship – so planning early will help with saving and fundraising.

What's involved:

Each team needs to consist of:

A total of 10 - No more than 3 members over the age of 18, and under 22 as of January 15 2023, 3 members under the age of 15 as of January 15, 2023, 4 other members under 18.

- 4 people clip a yearling – Holstein (sponsors of the competition) – time limit 30 minutes
- 3 people parade an animal (we need to borrow 3 animals from exhibitors)
- 3 people are involved in judging (one speaks, the others help judge)

At this stage the plan is:

- Travel to Australia Friday 13 January 2023
- Travel back to NZ Friday 20 January 2023

We will visit a wild life park, visit Echuca and possibly a farm. We will be watching the cattle shows for all breeds, with the final day (Thursday) being the highlight with the Grand Champion Cow judged.

Those in the team that are going early (non travellers) will need to organise their own flights, Australian travel and accommodation, and will need to organise with their hosts time to practice and compete in the challenge (this applies to those in the parading part)

Those travelling in the group (travellers) will have their flights, accommodation and internal travel organised by JerseyNZ with the help of Julie Pirie.

There will be one adult per 3-4 travellers.

We will aim to arrange the itinerary so that flights can connect to one leaving from Auckland, so that those from the South Island or lower North Island will not need to overnight in Auckland.

The travellers, and adults accompanying them will need to sign a code of conduct.

At this stage we'd like to get an idea of those that would like to be part of the team – either travellers, non-travelling or adult helpers.

For any further information please contact Julie Pirie 027 6082171 or julie@piriefarms.co.nz

Please fill in the expression of interest. Once we have these, we will be able to provide more information, and start the process of team selection.

Name:

Birth Date (not needed for adult helpers)

I'd like to travel with the team YES / NO

I plan to be a non-traveller YES / NO

I'd like to be an adult helper YES / NO

Address:

Phone:

Email:

For those under 22 years Parents Name:

Parents Phone Parents Email:

Parents Signature (if under 18 years of age) I agree with my son/daughter submitting this EoI. I understand that more information, including the names of adult helpers, itinerary and detail of the event will be sent out at a later date. I understand this EoI doesn't necessarily mean I will be accepted into the challenge team.

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Please include the above information by **20 JUNE 2022** in an email to:

info@jersey.org.nz Put IDW Attention Pam Goodin in the subject line.