These updates will provide local farmers and forage contractors with the latest industry information to ensure good quality silage and hay is produced in 2015.

**Guest speakers**

*Frank Mickan, DEDJTR, Pasture and Fodder Conservation Specialist.* Frank has 40 years’ experience working with the Australian dairy industry on grazing management and forage conservation. Frank’s interactive sessions will highlight practical tips to ensure high quality is maintained through cutting, wilting and storage.

Topics to be discussed include:

- When to cut – quality vs quantity
- Speeding up wilting rate
- Baled and pit silage – pro’s and con’s
- Pit sealing and bale wrapping – the latest
- Silage additives – dry pellets or liquid?
- Storage – Seal NOT cover!

**MG Trading** to discuss the feasibility and economics of locally grown maize.

**Session 1**

Where: **DEDERANG**  
Recreation Reserve & McKillops dairy farm

Date: Thursday 10 September  
Time: 10.30am – 2.00pm  
Meet at the Reserve

**Session 2**

Where: **COLAC**  
P & B Nankervis’ farm  
187 Waters Lane

Date: Friday 11 September  
Time: 10.30am – 2.00pm

**Lunch included at both events**  
**BYO chair for Colac Colac event**

Please RSVP for catering purposes by 7 September to Mick O’Keefe  
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