

# NEWSLETTER

April 2024



## An update from Mark

Hello all, I hope everyone is having a good season, and the recent rain has come at a good time for you!

I have something a little different to share with you this month. During March, we were fortunate to have a very experienced trainer conduct ISO Milking Machine training for some of our new dairy technicians. This training will be a two-part process, with the second session planned for early May.

The initial training focussed on the basics of milking machine performance, including understanding vacuum, the critical function of the pulsators, and the action of the liners on the cows' teats during milking. It was a great opportunity for some of the new staff to gain a better understanding of the theory behind some of the practical training that they have already received from our senior dairy technicians.

This ISO training is quite an expensive process to deliver, but we believe it's critical for each of our new dairy technicians to complete the training. We want them to understand the latest ISO standards and work to the current guidelines for optimal milking machine performance.



The training was a good mix of classroom theory and practical hands-on in the dairy.

Take care everyone!  
Best regards,  
Mark

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### NEW LABOUR RATES

Standard hourly rate is \$125 plus GST per hour.  
Minimum one hour.  
Please note we charge from when we leave the shop to when we leave the farm.  
Quoted job rates will vary depending on the size of the job.  
Travel rates are currently \$1.50 + GST per km.

### From the 1st of May 2023

After hours breakdowns for calls between 4:30pm and 8am during the week and any calls on the weekend will incur the following fees:  
**Call out fees**  
Monday – Sunday (inc. Public Holidays) - \$185 plus GST  
**Additional Fees**  
Labour - \$189 plus GST per hour



MUELLER

Calf Feeder x 2 - NEW  
GEA combination powder/fresh milk  
Stainless steel body  
2 stalls per feeder with teat slide  
BRAND NEW

[Contact John \(0418 300 788\) or Mark \(0400 388 708\) for enquiries](#)

Milk Tank - SECOND HAND  
GEA 18,000L skip a day milk tank

\$45,000+GST

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De Max 55 cup removers form

\$650 + GST Each

(Some still available)

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## **Safety Protocols on site - Reminder**

Last month we circulated a letter to relevant customers seeking your permission for our employees to use your equipment to relocate delivered items on site, for example forklifts. Customers are requested to provide details of any equipment safety concerns and to ensure equipment is regularly serviced, so deliveries can be undertaken safely.

Our friendly delivery staff will carry copies of the letter and request for relevant customers to complete this at future deliveries. Feel free to contact a Store Manager if you have any questions.