## EFFLUENT NEED TOKNOW

## THURSDAY 21 MAY 2020

## VIRTUAL SUSTAINABLE DARYYING AND EFFLUENT EXPO

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This webinar will commence at 1 pm
For technical assistance, please contact Sian Savage on 0473165389

## Where is this?



## Which sort of effluent system do you think works best?

## Answered: 26 Skipped: 1



| ANSWER CHOICES | * | RESPONSES | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| * Two pond system with passive solids separation |  | 11.54\% | 3 |
| - Single pond |  | 0.00\% | 0 |
| - Trafficable solids trap, sump and direct application |  | 3.85\% | 1 |
| * Mechanical separation of solids (eg. screw press, separating screen) with storage |  | 3.85\% | 1 |
| - Above ground storage tank |  | 0.00\% | 0 |
| - Constructed wetland |  | 3.85\% | 1 |
| - No one system. Every system needs to be site specific |  | 84.62\% | 22 |
| - Other (please specify) | Responses | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Total Respondents: 26 |  |  |  |

## Natural Resource Management

## Energy efficiency and renewables

## Climate change and Carbon policy.

## Nutrient and effluent management

Water, soil and biodiversity

## Nutrient and effluent management

## Tasmanian effluent advice, services and contacts

DairyTas' Sustainable Dairying Adviser Rachel Brown, can assist with general queries and direct you to specific resources and people who can help you. Phone Rachel on 0409333381.

For technical assistance with design of effluent systems, contact the accredited Effluent Designers below. There is no legal requirement to use one of these designers, but they have completed the industry training and have access to the Effluent Design Toolkit software, which is useful for correctly sizing storages, stone traps and other design features.

## Accredited effluent designers

Current at April 2020
Please contact designers directly for quotes. Most work statewide.

- Robin Badcock, based in central north, 0418133737
- Alistair Brooks, Macquarie Franklin, based in south, 0438476215
- James Curran, Macquarie Franklin, based in north, 0407622483 (certified irrigation designer)
- Sam Dingemanse, CBM, 0363326988
- Ryan Francis, Macquarie Franklin, based in north, 0429862227
- Laurie Hooper, AgriTech, based in north-west, 0418560417
- Scott Livingston, based in central north, 0438951021
- Blair Murray, Irrigation Tas. 0439083026
- Greg Poke, Irrigation Tas. 0437354122
- Peter Poke, based in Circular Head. 0427522291 (accredited building designer)


## Machinery contractors with gear to handle effluent

Contractors with slurry tankers:

- Richard Murrell, 0418142518 (state-wide)


## Contractors with muck spreaders:

- Kris Davis, 0428561386 (Marrawah to Burnie)
- Michael Nichols, 0409451 430, (Woolnorth to Deloraine)
- Jason Aitken, 0417377259 (state-wide)


## Fer\$mart

Farm profitability and sustainability starts with best use of nutrients from fertiliser and effluent. Dairy Australia's Fert\$mart project has Tasmanian specific information and guidelines, including:

- Soil fertility guidelines
- Research and trials
- Local case studies in soil and fertiliser management
- Regional soils information

Access Tasmanian effluent, nutrient guidelines at Fert\$mart.

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What do you think are the main issues with poorly managed effluent systems? (you can tick multiple boxes)


## ANSWER CHOICES

- RESPONSES
- Designed for a significantly smaller herd size. Herd size increased and system not upgraded.
70.37\% 19
* Poorly maintained because of financial constraints (eg. pumps not serviced, ponds not desludged) $55.56 \% 15$
* Poorly managed because the business is busy and other jobs always become higher priority. Easier to delay the $\quad 70.37 \% \quad 19$ effluent stuff.
- Poorly managed because the business thinks they can get away with it. "No one has said anything. Look what the neighbour is doing"
- Time and labour/staff capacity and turnover. No one really knows what is supposed to be done.
40.74\%
- Business knows things are not right, but left as is because simply too hard and too expensive to come up with a $\quad 59.26 \% \quad 16$ solution on a difficult site.
$\rightarrow$ Other (please specify) $\quad$ Responses $11.11 \% \quad 3$


## Total Respondents: 27

## TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRAL DARYY FARMING

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## And this?



