The growing use of beef sires in the dairy herd is a major disruption impacting beef and dairy sectors globally. The role of genetics in supporting the integration of the beef and dairy sectors was the focus on a recent global study tour. Over a 10 week period, Dr Jo Newton OAM, a research scientist with Agriculture Victoria, Australia, conducted over 85 interviews with stakeholders in the beef on dairy supply chain to: 1) capture trends in use of beef genetics in the dairy herd; 2) build understanding of the needs of future genetic improvement programs; 3) identify the requirements to success in models/programs that are delivering greater beef from dairy integration; 4) provide recommendations on how to promote greater dairy beef integration; and 5) identify opportunities for collaboration.

In this webinar, Dr Jo Newton will be hosted by Dr Katharina Schodl to present the key findings from the project followed by a Q&A session.

The use of beef genetics in the dairy herd was identified as a priority research area by the International Committee on Animal Recording (ICAR) and assigned as a topic for the inaugural Brian Wickham Young Person Exchange Program. This webinar is the first in the Brian Wickham Young Person EX2 Series showcasing the findings of each recipient.