

# LambEx 2016

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## Youth competition boost at LambEx 2016

YOUTH will be celebrated at LambEx 2016 – with the second-ever LambEx 2016 Young Guns Competition to be held at the event on August 10-12 in Albury, New South Wales.

The event, sponsored by the Australian White Suffolk Association, encourages participants from high school students to those starting out in the workforce to share their ideas and interest in the sheep and lamb industry.

The three competition categories include high school or undergraduate students; Honours, Masters or PhD students; and early career professionals (up to 30 years old as of August 10, 2016).

Entrants must submit a one-slide powerpoint and a one-page word document on a lamb industry topic. A Selection Panel will then choose the 12 finalists – four from each of the three sectors – who will receive free admission to LambEx 2016 and be invited to develop a laminated, hard-copy, poster on their topic. Finalists will deliver a three-minute presentation to the judging panel at the event.

The three winners will each receive a \$400 prize, and be interviewed on the main stage in front of the LambEx 2016 audience.

Convenor and LambEx 2016 committee member, Tracy Lamb said the competition helped to promote the many opportunities available in the lamb industry to a younger audience.

“It’s important to help support and provide opportunities for young people in agriculture,” she said.

“As a former agricultural high school teacher, I have a passion for encouraging the interest and growth of young people in the agricultural industry – which is why I think this LambEx 2016 Young Guns Competition is so important.

“We need to ensure more young people become involved in the lamb industry to help secure its ongoing success.”

Ms Lamb said the competition could focus on a wide-range of topics within the industry.

“On-farm project topics could focus on research, development and extension projects, genetics, animal production, pasture and grazing management, marketing, environment, welfare, health, or e-technology,” she said.

“While off-farm subjects could include transport, processing, storage, retail, food service, new product development, marketing and exports, as well as social and cultural aspects or communication.

“The wide range of topics will help give anyone who meets the entry requirements the chance to enter.”

Newly elected Australian White Suffolk Association President Peter Button said the competition was a wonderful way to support and celebrate the next generation.

“As a new breed, we understand the importance of securing and supporting the next generation in the sheep and lamb industry,” he said.

“Young people are the future of our industry.

“Being involved in the Young Guns competition is a great way for entrants to have exposure to expert advice and improve their knowledge of the industry as well as improving their networking skills and gaining confidence and experience.

“It provides untold value for those involved.

“The Australian White Suffolk Association really look forward to seeing the 12 finalists – and winners – at LambEx 2016.”

**Entries are now open, and close on June 6, 2016.**

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