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Pre-tours capture interest of LambEx 2016 delegates

AN EXCITING mix of three pre-tours will be available to LambEx 2016 delegates before the August 10-12 event in Albury, New South Wales.

Tours give attendees the chance to explore the beautiful local Albury-Wodonga area, in the foothills of Australia's Great Dividing Range, and further afield, with a mix of livestock, fine food and winetasting included.

For \$30 per person, including lunch, tours will visit multiple locations, from processing facilities and farms – to chocolate shops or wineries.

Organiser David Trengove, Senior Land Service Officer with Central West – Local Land Services, said the pre-tours aimed to showcase the local region and its industries.

"It is a great opportunity to promote local businesses and farm enterprises to LambEx 2016 delegates from across Australia," he said.

"We've spent a lot of time putting together the three tours and think we have the mix just right – between showcasing local producers, alongside good food, wine and even whisky!

"I would encourage everyone to consider booking a tour, but be quick as pre-tours at the previous LambEx in 2014 booked out quickly."

Mr Trengove said the committee were grateful that Murray Local Land Services had been able to support the pre-tours, through the National Landcare Programme, to ensure prices were kept affordable for all.

TOUR ONE - Cobram

Delegates will travel along the picturesque Murray River from Albury to Cobram, Victoria, to tour the JBS processing plant, the Corowa Chocolate and Whisky Factory, and Cofield Wines.

The JBS Cobram Processing facility is located on the world famous Murray River and processes up to 3600 head of grass-fed and grain-fed lambs, as well as hogget, mutton and goats a day. Delegates will be able to see all stages of processing, from start to finish, at this export standard facility.

As part of the trip, delegates will visit the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory, set-up by former farmers, the Druce family.

The trip will conclude with a visit to Cofield Wines, Rutherglen, Vic, home of the Cofield family. Cofields specialise in sparkling wines, and offer a sparkling red and local reds, whites, fortified and sparkling varieties.



TOUR TWO - Northern

The second tour will allow delegates to explore new and innovative ways that two local sheep producers have used to address labour issues to enable them to stay in the sheep industry. Several guest presenters will also discuss local projects.

The day will be full of practical tips and tricks, including shed and yard design ideas, vaccination and drenching techniques and tips for the novice shearer or for crutching.

On the way back to Albury the tour will stop at a local Poll Dorset breeder who also runs a captive breeding program for Bush Stone-Curlews, before a refreshment stop at the iconic Kinross Woolshed Hotel.

TOUR THREE - Greta East

The third and final tour will be to Greta East, Victoria, to visit Northgate Park, near Glenrowan, Victoria, with hosts Jason Trompf and Hannah Marriott.

The tour will be full of practical tips on how to manage a high productivity sheep system that aims to drive pasture production and utilisation, while targeting feed resources and genetics to optimise animal production.

Those visiting Northgate Park in the morning will progress onto the famous Brown Brothers vineyard and cellar door at Milawa, Victoria, for lunch and refreshments.

Early-bird tickets have now opened for LambEx 2016, to book your ticket, and a pre-tour ticket, head to www.lambex.com.au

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