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# The BIGG Bulletin

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## Lambex Bus Tour Only \$600



Barossa producers have the opportunity to head to Australia's premier lamb event, LambEx 2016 in Albury on August 10-12, thanks to a great deal being offered by Livestock SA and support from the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Natural Resources Management Board (AMLR NRMB).

Producers will travel by bus from Nuriootpa, receive accommodation and entry to the conference for \$600. To assist attendees a rebate is being offered through the AMLR NRM, which is likely to be a rebate of 20-30 per cent off the conference cost.

Students receive an even cheaper deal with bus, accommodation and LambEx

registration for only \$500 before the rebate.

The bus departs PIRSA-Nuriootpa Centre at 6am (arrive at departure point by 5:45am) on Wednesday 10 August. Twin share accommodation (2 people 2 beds) has been booked in Albury. Accommodation close to Nuriootpa for the night before can also be arranged. Stephen Lee, SA Sheep Industry Blueprint Manager and BIGGs own Bruce Hancock will be leading the bus trip. Pickups can also be arranged from Murray Bridge.

Places are very limited so book now!

To secure your booking please book through **Livestock SA** [admin@livestocksa.org.au](mailto:admin@livestocksa.org.au) and once bookings are finalized, a rebate will be sent.

View the bus [flyer](#) and [rebate information](#).

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**An AgTastic Event**



BIGG, teaming up with Barossa Young People in Ag, welcomed 37 people to AgTastic 2016 last Thursday at Grand Cru estate. We started the afternoon with an introduction to the new farm management software nrmFARM with SAMDB's Tony Randall, before a briefing on the BIGG Landcare watercourse revegetation project with technical facilitator Georgie Keynes. While the weather prevented us visiting the project site, Georgie instead showed us a site she prepared earlier, a mature revegetation site at Keyneton Station.

We then visited Hutton Vale, exploring Jan and John Angus' heritage buildings and learning about everything from chutney to succession planning. At Hutton Vale, Trees for Life's Angie Cullen told us all about how we can get involved in the Paddock Tree Project.

Then, after an eventful bus-ride back to Springton, Dale Grey educated us (with some interesting analogies!) about the global factors that drive our climate, and gave us the gem "I haven't seen signs this good for a wet season in 11 years". We're holding you to

that Dale! Unfortunately Dale also explained why changes in the global climate are reducing the likelihood of wet years in our region and leading to more extreme weather events.

We finished the night with wood oven pizzas, a delicious winter roast and some great conversation and company!

For those who weren't able to attend, all speaker presentations are now live on the BIGG website at <http://biggroup.org.au/resources/event-presentations-and-resources/>

AgTastic 2016 was sponsored by Natural Resources SAMDB and the AMLR Regional Landcare facilitator

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## From the Inbox...

- The Landcare Association of SA is presenting a Resilience Planning Workshop on the 4th of July. It is open to all landcare / farming systems groups. BIGG is looking for producers interested in representing our group. Please [contact Bec](#) to register your interest.
- Have a read of '[Small Talk](#)', which contains practical advice and technical information for rural landholders in the Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges NRM Board's region, with a bonus headline article on BIGG's watercourse revegetation

project.

- If you know of any young farmers aged 18-35yrs that would be interested in attending the Birchip Future Farmers Expo please see this [flyer](#). The bus trip will be an opportunity to network with like minded peers and spend time with some top Ag consultants.

The trip is also sponsored by PIRSA and limited to the first 20 registrations.

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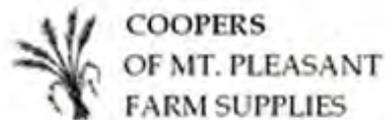
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