

## InShort

**Sheepvention entries:**

Sheepvention 2014 on August 4 and 5 at Vic's Hamilton Showgrounds will again draw a large number of entries in the Western District Sheep Show and rams on offer in the Pen of Five Ram Sale. Entries are now open for the sheep show and close on June 27. More than 950 sheep are expected to be shown in the sheep pavilion, and this year Merinos will be the feature breed in the sheep show and be on centre stage in the Wool Shed Selling Centre. The pavilion will be awash with a variety of sheep breeds on display and plenty of sheep producers will be keen to talk to prospective clients. This year the Merino breed will feature the Australian Supreme Champion Merino Ewe award for the first time, which is likely to produce an increase in entries. The popularity of the competition and ram sale has led to an extension marquee to the Wool Shed Selling Centre. The sheep show pavilion will be a buzz of activity for sheep breeders and interested visitors, with 25 sheep breeds on show, and for the first time alongside the sheep show at Sheepvention, the Woolshear will take centre stage in the sheep pavilion. There will be wool handling, wool classing and blade shearing competitions and plenty of demonstrations and shearing training. The Legacy Wall of Wool is new for 2014. There will be fleeces on show adjacent to the Woolshear area with the vision of featuring a Legacy Fleece Show in conjunction with Sheepvention in 2015 sheep show and ram sale.

• Details: Entry forms can be downloaded from the Hamilton P&A Society website [www.hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au](http://www.hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au)

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# Angaston heads for LambEx

**A**NGASTON Ag Bureau – the oldest foundation farmers' bureau in Australia at 126 years of age – has once again thrown its force behind a major industry initiative.

This time it is providing travel bursaries for a delegation of 12 members, members' families, and young local agricultural professionals, to LambEx 2014 at Adelaide Showground from July 9 to 11.

The bureau, which has more than 40 members, is part of a statewide network of some 80 bureaus and 1200 members, governed by the Advisory Board of Agriculture/Agricultural Bureau of SA chaired by Barossa producer Mark Grossman.

It is also part of the Ag Excellence Alliance which is a collection of 15 major farming systems and livestock production groups across SA which have also thrown their support behind LambEx.

Mr Grossman said it was great that SA was able to attract LambEx via its strong collaboration across the industry sectors with major contributions from Adelaide Showground and the various breed societies, the SA Sheep Advisory Group which manages the Sheep Industry Fund on behalf of SA producers, major lamb processors TFI and JBS, Meat & Livestock Australia, and Australian Wool Innovation, PIRSA and DEWNR and the myriad of strategic partners and supporters.

"The bureau provided me with a travel bursary to the inaugu-

was a great experience when travelling with a group of other South Australians, and so when the first Reference Group Scoping Workshop was held in February 2013 I felt compelled to go," he said.

"With 40 people in attendance and further 20 apologies there was a real buzz in the room, heaps of great ideas and I could see 'the game was won' and we had to get behind the event all the way."

The Barossa Improved Grazing Group, run under the auspice of the bureau, had developed strong links with the Adelaide Mount

Lofty Ranges Natural Resource Management Board. It was hosting two "great" bus tours on July 9 – on the eve of the conference – which would include visiting some of the members' who would demonstrate sustainable agricultural NRM achievements and outcomes from various projects.

"The bureau will also have its RAPP e-fence equipment on display in the NRM Board's exhibit at LambEx demonstrating our strong engagement with the local NRM Board to drive regional NRM outcomes," Mr Grossman said.

He said the bureau/BIGG/Nuriootpa High School had been fortunate to have two finalists Georgie Keynes and Lachlan Grossman selected in the LambEx-Australian White Suffolk Young Guns competition and was looking forward to the success of some local Barossa and regional branded lamb in Australia's Best Lamb Competition.

"For most of the bureau members, this will be their first time to LambEx and the anticipation is mounting – and we encourage all lamb and sheep producers to get along to LambEx 2014," he said.



**THE DELEGATES:** The Angaston Agricultural Bureau delegates heading to LambEx 2014 in Adelaide are pictured with a sheep skeleton at a recent tour of the new University of Adelaide Roseworthy campus Animal and Vet Science facility. Pictured are members (back row) Mark Grossman, Neil Neumann, Michael and Richard Evans; (middle row) Stefan Grossman, Sam Neumann, Ian Koch; and (front row) Bruce Hancock.