

Media Release



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SHEARING SHED BEST PRACTICE UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Tasmanian farmers have a unique opportunity to learn about global excellence in the shearing shed as part of Primary Employers Tasmania's new ***A Day in the Shed*** event.

The safe sedation of rams, animal welfare, new shearing equipment, demonstrations of mechanical sheep handlers and much more will be on offer at the Connorville Shearing Shed near Cressy on Friday 22 November from 9am – 1pm.

Primary Employers Tasmania President Felicity Richards invited members, other farmers, wool classers, wool brokers, students and any other interested person to attend ***A Day in the Shed***.

"A key focus of Primary Employers Tasmania is ensuring our State's farmers have access to the latest expertise and technology to enable them to run safe and compliant workplaces," Ms Richards said.

A Day in the Shed is all about sheep, shearing and wool experts being available to present, as well as listen and discuss options and opportunities for farmers to improve their business practices.

"Farmers will be able to learn how to reduce the likelihood of serious injury, and even death, resulting from preventable accidents in the shearing shed, and converse about opportunities to improve animal handling and management."

Veterinarian Dr Paul Nilon, Heiniger shearing equipment supplier Dale Murphy and Safe Farming Tasmania's Phil Johns will be three of the key speakers on the day.

Connorville Proprietor Roderic O'Connor said it was imperative that Tasmanian farmers led the way in setting new benchmarks of excellence in shearing shed safety and animal welfare.

"Tasmania produces some of the world's best wool so we have to be able to stand up proudly to tell the global market that we also have an unwavering commitment to innovation, best practice, technology and continuous learning," Mr O'Connor said.

"I look forward to welcoming all interested farmers and others to Connorville to tour our nine-stand shearing shed that has recently been renovated and upgraded."

A Day in the Shed attendees will also be able to tour the Connorville shearing shed, yards and shearers' quarters. Entry is free. Lunch will be available from the Yard Dog Association of Tasmania.

Any person wishing to attend ***A Day in the Shed*** must RSVP to Primary Employers Tasmania on (03) 6343-2244 or pet@primaryemployers.com.au by 15 November.

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