

8th DEVON WORLD CONFERENCE ITINERARY
9th – 24th September, 2008.

Please Note: - Due to circumstances beyond the Committee's control, changes may occur and alternative arrangements made.

Day 1: Tuesday 9th September

9am - Pick up from selected hotels in Sydney's Darling Harbour area.

12.15pm -Lunch and entry to Hunter Valley Gardens

3.00pm – Tour of Tyrrell's Winery and wine tasting

Check in at Sebel Kirkton Park Hotel, Pokolbin Hunter Valley

5.30pm – 6pm Register

6.30pm –Drinks and canapés

7.30pm – Welcome Dinner

A balladeer will be present for your enjoyment

Day 2: Wednesday 10th September

8am – Depart Hotel for Pauline Wood and her children Sophie and Anthony's Wallaton Devon Stud at lower Belford – travelling time 30 mins

Inspect cattle

11.30am - lunch

12.30pm – Depart for North West.

Rest stop either Sandy Hollow or Merriwa

4pm – Arrive John and Annie Rumbels' Belmur Devon Stud at "Old Farm" Coolah.

Inspect cattle

Early BBQ and

7.30pm depart for Coonabarabran

Overnight Coonabarabran

Day 3: Thursday 11th September

7.30am depart for Keith and Kay Moody and Steve and Lisa Moody at "Elah".

Inspect their Devon and Devon cross breeding enterprise

Depart 10am for Dennis and Tania Halls' Gundooee Devon stud

At Mt Marion

Lunch followed by

Herd inspection

2pm – depart

3pm Arrive Peter and Trish Knight's Belar Poll Devon Stud

Inspect cattle

5.30pm depart for Coonabarabran

7pm Skywatch Observatory for an astronomical evening. Dr. Fred Watson is in charge of Anglo Australian Observatory at Siding Springs and will “bring alive the stars” in the dark skies outside Coonabarabran.

One of Australia’s top country music singers will give a special performance after dinner.

Dinner at Skywatch Observatory Restaurant

Overnight Coonabarabran

Day 4: Friday 12th September

8am depart for Barnstaple Invitation Bull and Female Sale Day at Marriot Park

** Tour party to have lunch voucher

An early and a later bus from Marriot Park back to Gunnedah

Post Sale Dinner at Services Club, Gunnedah.

Cost \$35 / person. Tour participants will have a ticket included for this dinner.

Overnight Gunnedah

Day 5: Saturday 13th September

Morning – time for shopping / looking at rural outlets in Gunnedah eg Curlewis Farming Co-Op, Farm Machinery and Rural Produce outlets such as Elders, Landmark, CRT & others; supermarkets, photographic and stationary shops

11am – depart for Alison Heaps’ Gowan Ross and Vic Edwards Vix Devon Studs

12.30pm – lunch

Afternoon activities

Return to Gunnedah for a Devon archival display, informal reception and cocktail party hosted by Graeme and Wendy Barnes at Gunnedah Creative Arts Centre.

Overnight Gunnedah

Day 6: Sunday 14th September

8am – depart Gunnedah

9.30am - morning tea at Clay Pan gallery

10.30 am – depart Barraba

11.30 am – arrive at Maurice and Barb, Tim and Gavin Groths’ Park Hill Devon Stud.

Inspect cattle.

12.30 pm – Lunch

2 pm – Depart for Glen Innes

4.30 pm – Arrive Dejon Sapphire Tourist mine – fossick for sapphires, buy stones cut or uncut.

Optional – afternoon tea @ \$5.50 / head

5.30 pm –Depart Dejon

6.10 pm – Arrive Glen Innes
Dinner and overnight at New England Motor Lodge Motel

Day 7: Monday 15th September

8am – Depart for Rangers Valley Feedlot *(depending on policy at the time.)
10am – Depart
11am – Arrive at Paul and Loma, Greg and Joanne Wrights' Benoak Devons.
Inspect cattle
12MD – Genestar and Aleis NLIS reading equipment demonstration
1 pm –Lunch
2.45pm – Dog demonstration by Greg
3.30 pm – Depart
4.30 pm – Afternoon tea hosted by O'Connor College Devon Stud, Armidale and inspect cattle
Dinner, Bed and Breakfast at Quality Inn Regency Hallmark

Day 8: Tuesday 16th September

9am – Depart for visits to ABRI, Devon Breedplan, AGBU, & CRC at UNE
Lunch at Woolshed (CRC)
Depart for inspection of the primarily poll commercial Devon and Devon Cross herd of Rodney, Narelle, Noel and Enid Watson
Afternoon Tea
WHK Camerons Dinner at White Bull pub
Overnight Armidale QI Regency Hallmark

Day 9: Wednesday 17th September

8am – Depart Armidale
10AM - Morning tea at Bellingen Butter Factory
12.30 pm – Sponsored lunch at Kempsey Saleyards, with Bellimbopinni Devon Stud (Richard Sowter), Glenmore Devon Stud (Richard O'Leary) and St Paul's College Devon Stud all having their cattle on display at the saleyards.
3.30 pm – depart for Port Macquarie
6.45 pm – depart on the Port Venture for cruise.
Council Representative to welcome group to Port Macquarie.
Overnight at Rydges Hotel

Day 10: Thursday 18th September

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Theme: SUSTAINABLE BEEF PRODUCTION in conjunction with changing world conditions.

Speakers will represent the following themes:-

1. Selection Systems
2. Livestock Management Systems
3. Pasture Management Systems
4. Weaner Management Systems
5. Marketing World Overview – meeting World demands; trend in cattle prices relating to demand and supply

7.30 - 8.45am - Registration

9am – 9.05 am Welcome by Australian President

9.30 – 10.00am Opening speech by Andrew Stoner – MP – Leader of the National Party

10 am – 10.20 am – Morning Tea

Key Speakers

12.30 pm – Lunch

2 pm Conference afternoon session

4.30 pm Call to Brazil

Evening – Conference and Reunion Dinner

Overnight Port Macquarie

Day 11: Friday 19th September

Presidents Reports

9.45 am Depart for Billabong Koala Breeding Centre

10.30 am Koala Presentation

12MD – Arrive Timbertown, go straight to train.

After train ride walk to lunch at Haul and Wedge

Bullock team after lunch

3.30 pm leave for Gloucester

Dinner at Golf Club

Bed and Breakfast at Buckets Way Motel Gloucester

Day 12: Saturday 20th September

8.30 am – Depart for James and Annie, Ted and Allison and Marie Laurie's Kwolwha Devon Stud.

Inspect cattle, pastures

*** Tour party to have lunch voucher

Entertainment and dinner in Gloucester

Overnight Gloucester

Day 13: Sunday 21st September

9am – depart Gloucester for Mark and Jenny Coombes' and Kevin and Heather Burley Mograni Devon Stud Mograni Devon Stud.

Phyllis and Neil Edwards' Little Manning Devon Stud, Richard Pipers' Kippax Devon Stud, and Ruth Edwards and family's Palinga Devon Stud will also be present.

Welcome and presentation of Studs.

Speaker to speak on cattle markets, land values and land usage.

Morning tea

Inspect cattle

Lunch

1.30pm – 2pm leave for Goulburn

Comfort stop at Caltex on Freeway

Dinner at motel

Overnight Trappers Lodge Motel Goulburn

Day 14: Monday 22nd September

9am – Depart motel.

Optional free visits could be to visit Goulburn's history; arts and crafts; woollen products at Big Merino; Wakefield Park motor racing circuit, V8 Austcar drive or ride; Australia's oldest brewery – tour and tasting; Wombeyan limestone caves; shopping or golf

Lunch at Crookwell – on the way we will see a Lavender farm and products and Wind farm

After lunch we depart for Bob and Jo Crawford's Mount Lookout Devon Stud, Bigga

Inspect cattle and displays, Falkirk selection demonstration; competitions and prizes; team judging and junior parading; RM Williams fitting of clothes and boots; there will be other stallholders

Afternoon Tea

Dinner and dancing – country style party at Mount Lookout

Overnight Goulburn

Day 15: Tuesday 23rd September

8.30 am – Depart for Tirranna Devon Stud, home of one of the oldest Devon Studs in Australia. Heather Gibson, Angus Gibson, Roddy Bell and their families are your hosts.

Inspect cattle

Lunch at Tirranna

After lunch depart for Margi and Peter Mullins Bongalabi Devon Stud at Lake Bathurst

Inspect cattle

Cocktails at Mullins beautiful old sandstone home

Farewell Dinner at Lake Bathurst

Overnight Goulburn

Day 16: Wednesday 24th September

Depart Goulburn – Tour of Canberra’s highlights – see Canberra’s famous Floriade Festival and activities; visit Questicon;

Lunch – some shopping

On our way back to Sydney we will pass through the beautiful towns of Bowral, Berrima and Mittagong with their arts and crafts and tulip festival.

Arrive Sydney early evening for flight connections at Sydney International Airport or drop off at selected hotels.

Tour concludes.