



*“Bringing
Red Breeds
Together”*

Global Event. Red Cows. Down Under.

*Friday 22nd March to Friday 29th March 2019
Plus optional tour to Gippsland 29th March to 31st March 2019*

REGISTRATION BROCHURE



Come and join us for this fantastic tour over eight days which commences in Adelaide, travels onwards to Mount Gambier for the main event, then along the Great Ocean Road before concluding in Melbourne.

Hosted by Australian Reds - The Australia Red Dairy Breed Register Ltd

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ITINERARY

Thursday 21st March – Arrival day ready for an early start on Friday.

Delegates should arrive in Adelaide and stay overnight at Stamford Grand Hotel a beachside suburb of Glenelg. This is an upscale modern hotel right beside the beach and Glenelg jetty, with many shops and restaurants close by. We can reserve your room for you if you indicate this on the registration form.

Friday 22nd March – Our event officially begins today

Day 1: We commence with a networking breakfast at the Stamford Grand Hotel before embarking on our first tour to the iconic Barossa Valley, taking in some breathtaking scenery, and some of the filming locations of television series McLeod's Daughters. We will finish the day staying overnight at Novotel Barossa, Rowland Flat, situated in a peaceful rural location amongst grape growing properties, with superb views from the dining room across the Barossa Valley. An easy day which is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers.

Saturday 23rd March

Day 2: We will travel to the Lower Murray and Lakes district where we will visit the biodynamic farm "Springvale Illawarras" run by Warren, Cheryl and Damien Doecke. We have organised an enjoyable lunch at the picturesque Lake Breeze Winery at Langhorne Creek. We will stay overnight at the motorsport themed Rydges Pit Lane Hotel at Taillem Bend. This a brand new and unique hotel positioned within a motorsport park with views from the dining room to the race track starting line. Racing enthusiasts will be delighted by the large display of racing cars in the hotel foyer. Dinner and breakfast cost is included in the hotel overnight package.

From this point we begin to head south to the Limestone Coast where we will be based for the next four nights at world renowned conference and entertainment venue The Barn, just outside of Mount Gambier.

Sunday 24th March

Day 3: An early start sees us visit the well-known Treeton Illawarra herd of Geoff and Rosemarie Williams at Meningie, then travel through to the Limestone Coast. En route we will have the opportunity to visit the newly located farm of Boldview Farms Cher-Bar Ayrshires owned by the Braendler and Liebich families at Mount McIntyre. Our group will unload at The Barn, an outstanding conference and entertainment venue located south of Mount Gambier in a beautiful landscaped garden and settle in with a buffet dinner.

Monday 25th March

Day 4: Today sees us undertaking some local tours including a visit to the very interesting Kilsby Sinkhole. Along with sightseeing we will visit three amazing dairy farms starting with Michael Green's Waikato Farm Australian Reds at Mount Schank. Lunch will be by the seaside at the Southern Rock Lobster capital of Australia at Port MacDonnell. After lunch we will visit the extraordinary dairy farming operation of James and Robyn Mann at Donovan's Dairy which has the largest rotary platform parlour in the southern hemisphere. Following this we will have a scenic drive through some notable locations before arriving at "Braelee Illawarras" near Tarpeena owned by David Kuhl and family, who also run a sheep farm as well as their dairy herd. David will organise a demonstration of sheep shearing and working dogs at the shearing shed. We stay at Braelee for a unique dining experience of an Australian barbeque at the shearing shed!

Tuesday 26th March

Day 5: This is our official conference day, we will explore our theme of "Bringing Red Breeds Together". There is a great line up of Australian and international speakers. Featuring updates from around the world, on present and future breeding aspects of the red breed. New information of traits on feed efficiency and heat tolerance, and a focus on managing breed diversity. A formal dinner will end the day on a high note.

Wednesday 27th March

Day 6: We begin the day with a presentation by local vet Dr Andrew Hoare, and Dairy Australia will explore the economics of a successful red dairy farm operation. Afterwards we will visit "Hamilton's Run" Australian Reds owned by Graeme and Michele Hamilton. Lunch will be provided nearby and in the afternoon the formal IRDBF business meeting will be held. Additionally, there will also be a meeting for the European Red Dairy Breed members. For those not involved with these meetings there is free time, with a shuttle bus available to take you into Mount Gambier. We round out the day with a Poster Night showcasing red dairy breeds from around the world. A special photo competition from Australian Reds will be conducted by an overjudge and by popular choice as well.

From this point we commence our tour's Victorian section, starting out along the Great Ocean Road with beautiful coastal scenery.

Thursday 28th March

Day 7: As we head eastward we will enjoy sections of the Great Ocean Road including The Twelve Apostles where we will have our lunch break. From here we will travel to the farm of Brett and Bronwyn Davies "Barleydew" Australian Reds at Cooriemungle. Driving on we will visit the commercial Australian Red herd of Graeme and Steven Hooker. We will stay overnight in Geelong at the stylish Rydges. With sweeping views of the sparkling Corio Bay and only minutes from the lively foreshore of Eastern Beach, this premier Geelong hotel is perfect for our stay.

Friday 29th March

Day 8: Our last day of the main tour sees us visit our Platinum Sponsor Genetics Australia at their property 'Parwan Park' at Bacchus Marsh for a tour of the bull station, presentations by key staff members from Genetics Australia, and lunch on site before departing for Melbourne Airport where our main event concludes at approximately at 3:30pm. An optional post-event tour to Gippsland is available – please see the separate section for information and how to register for this.

GIPPSLAND TOUR

On conclusion of the main event an optional short tour has been organised for those who want a bit more red dairy cow time!

We can offer you at separate cost this additional tour departing Genetics Australia Bacchus Marsh on Friday afternoon 29th March. Comprising two nights and one and a half days in duration, the tour will include four farm visits and an activity in Gippsland Victoria, before returning delegates to Melbourne Airport by 1:00pm, 31st March 2019.

Prices in the *Registration Table* include bus travel, and two nights' accommodation. Meals, drinks and visit to Phillip Island Penguin Parade are not included and are at your own expense.

Friday 29th March

From Genetics Australia Bacchus Marsh the group will travel east of Melbourne by bus and stay overnight at a local motel in Foster.

Saturday 30th March

Farm visit day! From Foster to Leongatha, then on to San Remo.

Visit the farm of Stu Tracy who milks 600+ cows in a three and four way cross herd using red genetics, and producing 700kg milk solids in a partial mixed ration system.

Next, the group will visit Graham Nicoll's farm where they milk 300+ cows in a three way cross herd using red genetics, and maintaining a low cost of production and high operating surplus.

The third farm to be visited is owned by the Vagg Family and managed by Paul Cocksedge. Paul's 50+ Australian Red cows are managed as part of the 400 cow predominantly Jersey herd, which has a high stocking rate in a pasture grazing system. Paul's Australian Red herd is presently ranked #2 Breeding Index herd in Australia, having previously held the #1 position.

The final farm visit of the day will be to Australia's 2015 Weekly Times Coles dairy farmers of the year, the Leppin family, who milk 400 Australian Reds.

Tonight's motel style accommodation will be at San Remo. An evening tour is available to nearby Phillip Island to see Little Penguins return from their day's fishing and waddle ashore providing an adorable penguin parade.

Sunday 31st March

A leisurely morning before returning by bus to Melbourne Airport no later than 1pm, marking the conclusion of our arrangements. From here you are at liberty to return home or continue on for further travel of your own choice.

NOTE: Topics, speakers and farms are subject to change prior to the event

REGISTRATION FORM

Guidelines for booking:

The packages listed in the *Registration Table* below do not include airfares, accommodation, or any travel outside of the bus transport for the tour. In the Booking Registration section please indicate the date of your first night of accommodation required when joining our tour/s, and also your last night of accommodation required as part of our tour/s. We will make the bookings on your behalf at the venues listed for each destination. We will not be responsible for any accommodation bookings once the tour has reached its conclusion at Melbourne Airport. **You will pay the accommodation venue direct on arrival.** Please note that cancellation fees may apply depending on the situation involved. All prices quoted are in Australian dollars and include a compulsory Goods and Services Tax at 10%.

Children who turn two years old prior to or on the day the booking commences will be classed as paying the Child Fee; under two years old are free but no special arrangements are made for meals. Children are the responsibility of their guardians. No childcare is available.

Most meals are included, unless stated. Drinks are your own expense.

Please complete registrations by **1st February 2019** to assist with organisation details.

International delegates: You are strongly encouraged to make your registration, tour payment and your airline flights by mid December 2018. This is because Australia has an extended down time over our Christmas and summer holidays.

Flights to and from Australia are not as numerous as more populous countries and therefore may not be as easily obtainable on the dates you prefer.

It will be possible to register after this time, but a late registration fee of 10% will apply. Delegate numbers will be limited according to bus capacity, and registrations will close once the participant threshold has been reached.

Registration Table	Number Attending	Adults (13 years old onwards)	Children (2 years old and up to 12 years old)	Total \$
Event Package 1 Pre Conference Tour, Conference, Post Conference Tour 22nd to 29th March. <i>Includes 8 days, bus travel, and <u>most</u> meals. Does not include accommodation or drinks. Maximum 70 delegates permitted.</i>	A = C =	\$880	\$790	
Event Package 2 Conference and Local Tours 25th to 27th March. <i>Includes 3 days, farm tours, bus travel, and most meals. Does not include accommodation or drinks.</i>	A = C =	\$770	\$690	
Event Package 3 Conference and Formal Dinner on 26th March; plus Photo Competition and Poster Night with light dinner on 27th March.	A = C =	\$300	\$270	
Formal Dinner Only on 26th March <i>Drinks at own cost.</i>	A = C =	\$60	\$17	
Extension Tour to Gippsland 29th to 31st March <i>Includes two nights accommodation and one day, bus travel and farm visits. Does not include meals, drinks or entry to Phillip Island Penguin Parade.</i>	A = C =	\$390/person / single room; \$270/person twin share	Price on application.	
Total Payable (inc GST)				

Late registration fee of 10% will apply after 1st February 2019



For more information and to register your attendance please contact our **EVENT COORDINATOR**

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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will be reserved on behalf of conference delegates once payment is received for the selected package from the *Registration Table*.

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT PAY the conference organising committee for your accommodation.

Delegates will pay the hotels direct on arrival at each venue.

Should you need to cancel or change to your accommodation booking please send your requests to the Event Coordinator, Kylie Boston by email to kylie.smc@bigpond.com – cancellation fees may apply.

21st March or prior

Stamford Grand Adelaide, Glenelg: \$200 per room per night.

22nd March

Novotel Barossa, Rowland Flat: \$220 per night single room or \$245 per night twin share room and includes breakfast.

23rd March

Rydges Pit Lane Hotel, Tailem Bend: \$179.50 per night single room, or \$239 per night twin share room, both options include dinner and breakfast.

24th to 27th March – four nights

The Barn, OB Flat: Standard Queen \$135; Premier King \$170; Twin Suite \$165; and King Suite \$160; please state room style preference below.

28th March

Rydges Geelong: \$214 per night single room, or \$283 per night twin share room, both options include dinner and breakfast.

Please provide your details:

Name of delegate:.....

Company Name (if applicable):.....

Postal Address:.....

City:..... State:

Country: Postcode:

Mobile phone number including international code:.....

Email:.....

Please list any special dietary requirements or allergies:

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Date of first night of accommodation required:..... Estimated arrival time:

Date of last night of accommodation required:

Room type required: Single, Double or Twin Share

The Barn Room Style:

If sharing a room, please state the name of person you will be sharing with:

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Will there be any children sharing your room? If so, please state the age/s and if a cot is required:

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If purchasing for additional delegates, please provide name/s (if applicable):

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PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

For Australian delegates:

Please pay by Electronic Funds Transfer to Australian Red Dairy Breed Register Ltd Conference Account, at Westpac Kiama 032-689, account number 213 028. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** please include your name/s in the payment reference, and send a remittance advice to ardb.media@gmail.com

For international delegates:

Please pay by International Funds Transfer to Australian Red Dairy Breed Register Ltd Conference Account, using SWIFT code WPACAU2S to Westpac Bank, 32 Manning Street, Kiama, New South Wales, postcode 2533. Branch code is 032-689. Account number is 213 028. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** please include your name/s in the payment reference, and send a remittance advice to ardb.media@gmail.com

A tax invoice/receipt will be issued once your registration form and payment are both received.

Itinerary details are subject to change.

It is recommended that all participants take out travel insurance for the duration of the tour.

Cancellation Policy A full refund, less a \$50 cancellation fee, will be made on any cancellations received no later than 1st February 2019 Australian time. No refunds will be issued for any registration cancellations made **after** 1st February 2019, although substitutions of delegates will be accepted. Any refunds owing will be not be paid until the conclusion of the event and will be via electronic funds transfer only.

Disclaimer Every effort is made to ensure that the contents of this registration flyer are correct. The organisers retain the right to make changes where necessary. The Australian Red Dairy Breed Register Limited and the event coordinator, Mrs KA Boston, will not accept liability for any damages of any nature sustained by participants or their accompanying persons or loss or damage to their personal property for the duration of the event.

Dress code

For farm tour days please wear enclosed shoes, hat and sunscreen. For the tour dinners neat casual dress code applies, and for the conference dinner semi-formal is recommended.

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