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AACC Open Days shine the light on rural career options

If you're looking to get an insight into furthering your agricultural studies you'd better head to your preferred campus this August and September as the annual Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC) Open Days are here again.

On Saturday August 23, the Burdekin, Dalby and Longreach Campuses will open their doors to the community, while Mareeba Campus will be open for inspection on Friday September 5 and Emerald on Sunday September 14. An open day for school groups to visit the Emerald Campus is also planned for Thursday September 18.

Festive, informative and packed full of fascinating displays, the five AACC campuses, Dalby, Longreach, Burdekin, Emerald and Mareeba are ready to showcase the wealth of career and course options unique to their areas.

Dalby: Campus tours will cover Crop, Cattle, Meat Sheep and Feedlot production operations and there will be information sessions running throughout the day on course options including Horse riding and husbandry skills, Specialised Machinery Maintenance and Rural Business Management with the opportunity to speak directly with qualified trainers.

Longreach: Visitors will be able to take tours and see disciplines of beef cattle production, horse breeding, sheep, wool, goat and farm production and experience the paddock to the plate attitude of the AACC as well as enjoy the automotive and engineering sections.

Burdekin: Further north, the Burdekin Campus will be demonstrating all aspects of irrigation cropping including sugarcane. These demonstrations will include information sessions, farm visits, industry displays and sugar harvesting demonstrations and attendees will also be able to witness tropical beef production including a tour of the campus's cattle property Beckers.

Emerald: Prospective students and those interested in careers in the beef sector have the opportunity to on Saturday September 14 visit the 9300-hectare cattle property Berrigurra as part of the Emerald Campus Open Day. The main training display activities will be held on Sunday morning with a free lunch followed by a polo cross and cutting horse display and a ute competition in the afternoon. There will also be numerous trade displays held throughout the day.

Mareeba: Get into the green life at Mareeba by inspecting the campus's eucalypt plantation which it runs in conjunction with Australia Tropical Zoo and enjoy a wide range of demonstrations including welding, chainsaws, propagation and grafting, machinery, horse care and fire fighting.

All the AACC campuses will feature instructors and current students who will be available to pass on their special insights of campus life and will be happy to conduct tours and discuss available course options.

AACC college director Mr Malcolm McKay said the campus open days were a great opportunity to see how the AACC could help people reach their potential in the agricultural sector and campuses were even offering accommodation to those travelling long distances to attend.

For more information about AACC open days, please call 1800 888 710, visit www.aacc.edu.au or contact your preferred campus.

Burdekin Campus – (07) 4790 6222

Dalby Campus – (07) 4672 3000

Emerald Campus – (07) 4982 8777

Longreach Campus – (07) 4658 4699

Mareeba Campus – (07) 4086 3300

Photo Caption:

[Australian Agricultural College Corporation is opening the door to rural career paths: All five AACC Campuses will be open for inspection during August and September showcasing exciting career pathways, interactive live demonstrations, informative displays and modern state-of-the-art training facilities.]

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