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AACC Longreach Open Day not to be missed

Sheep and goat displays, horse and cattle demonstrations and a great barbecue lunch – if it happens on the land it will be happening at the Australian Agricultural College Corporation (AACC) Open Day at Longreach on Saturday, August 23.

Longreach Campus Manager Mr Peter Scott said prospective students and their parents keen to explore the state-of-the-art training facilities of the college should definitely circle the date on their calendars.

“If it’s anything like last year it promises to be an outstanding day,” Mr Scott said. “The numbers were good and interest in the event excellent as we welcomed visitors from all over the state to see what we have to offer.

“We understand many people travel quite a long distance to be a part of the day and so encourage them to contact us in advance. That way we can meet them, make ourselves known and show them around the Campus.

“We want to make sure they are looked after – even to the point of being able to organise accommodation for them,” he said.

Mr Scott said the 2008 Open Day, would showcase the training rooms of the college, the first-rate dining facilities and student accommodation available and give examples of course content through a number absorbing displays.

The day will also feature cattle demonstrations and students presenting horse displays throughout the morning and with a barbecue and sausage sizzle operating, visitors are assured they won’t go hungry.

Be it behind the barbecue or manning any of the displays, one Longreach lad ready to lend a hand will be Certificate III student Tom Hogan.

Currently studying wool handling and quality assurance, the 16-year-old has been at the Campus since February and sees his education as a stepping-stone to one day working in the Northern Territory.

"I'd love to head north and be a jackaroo or ringer and work my way up through the ranks," he said.

Even though this is his first time at the Longreach Campus, Tom recognises the importance of the AACC Open Days as an opportunity to get an insight into College life and learn the skills needed to follow career aspirations.

And, when asked if he could see himself on his own property the answer is an emphatic: "Of course."

"You wouldn't be in the ag business if you didn't have that dream. Everybody wants to be their own boss and the education I'm getting through the AACC can help make that a reality."

For more information about the AACC Longreach Campus Open Day call 4658 4699, email longreach@aacc.edu.au or visit www.aacc.edu.au

Photo Caption:

[Longreach Campus ready to showcase rural training and careers: The Australian Agricultural College Longreach Campus Manager Peter Scott is looking forward to welcoming prospective students and the community to the annual Open Day this Saturday August 23, 9am – 1pm.]

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