



## MEDIA RELEASE

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#### Emerald set for action-packed Open Day

Enjoy the spectacle of horse riding, motorbike riding and chainsaw demonstrations, and while you're at it get a taste of student life at the Australian Agricultural College Corporation's Emerald Campus Open Day.

The AACC Emerald Campus Open Day will be held from Saturday, 9 September to Sunday, 10 September 2006, and will feature an in-depth tour of AACC'S cattle property, Berrigurra, course demonstrations, interactive displays and a delicious BBQ lunch.

AACC Emerald Campus Manager Jim Sands said the Open Day is a unique opportunity to investigate the benefits of a career in agriculture.

"AACC is at the forefront of rural training in Australia, and our Open Day provides prospective students with the chance to experience first-hand AACC's practical, progressive courses," he said. "Our horse course demonstrations are always a crowd pleaser, as is the dust and noise of our chainsaw demonstrations."

On the Saturday, prospective students will be treated to a personal tour of AACC's cattle property, Berrigurra from 1pm to 5pm followed by afternoon tea.

Then on the Sunday, prospective students can enjoy demonstrations of horse shoeing and riding, tour the irrigation farm and wander through agricultural machinery displays from 8.30am to 1pm.

Current students and staff will also be on hand to provide career and study advice, and information on AACC's courses and services throughout the day.

Mr Sands said the Emerald Campus is really leading the way in terms of meeting the ongoing and evolving training needs of the agricultural workforce.

"Our courses have been developed with valuable input from local employers and industry groups, and are about more than just cattle or horses or irrigated cotton," he said.

"We're also preparing our students to tackle Australia's critical water issues. For example our beef students are taught how to manage pastoral resources and our cropping students are shown how to get the most out of their crop."

Future job prospects for Emerald Campus students are another benefit for students preparing to study at the AACC Emerald Campus, and Mr Sands said 95 per cent of AACC's full-time course graduates gain employment within three months of completing their course.

"We can pretty much guarantee our cropping students a job," he said.  
"Our students get offered work even before they've finished their course."

For more information on AACC's Open Days, please visit [www.aacc.edu.au](http://www.aacc.edu.au)

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**Photo attached.**

**Caption:** Watch the dust fly at the AACC Emerald Campus Open Day