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Sheep Camp

The inaugural two-day Sheep Camp in Boyup Brook over the weekend of 23&24 May, organised by agVivo Events and hosted at Rylington Park, attracted a full contingent of 20 students from universities and ag colleges. The camp allowed participants to take part in activities ranging from moving stock with working dogs to genetics; from office management to low stress stock handling; from animal husbandry to Sheep Meat Eating Quality; from shearing and wool handling to technology; from measuring feed on offer in the paddock and feed budgeting to careers in the sheep industry.

"We wanted to offer students a chance to compliment their studies with some solid real life sheep skills. A chance to get down and get dirty and learn how to do particular sheep tasks for themselves," said event organiser Erin Gorter, of agVivo events said. "We were able to give them an opportunity to learn more about sheep in context, as part

of a whole farm production system, in the hope they will consider a career in the sheep industry in their future plans."

Those running and presenting at the camp were impressed with the enthusiasm of the participants. "The students were enthusiastic and the depth of questioning highlighted their interest in the sheep industry," shared Mandy Curnow, DAFWA senior development officer.

From foggy morning starts to evening debriefing sessions, the Sheep Campers' days were jam packed with learning and experiences…and maybe some late nights around the campfire! It was also about meeting others in the sheep

industry and expanding networks. With a mixture of institutions represented, and many industry leaders attending over the weekend, the students certainly got to do plenty of that! Some even came away from Sheep Camp with awards for further opportunities to finetune their sheep skills and knowledge.

The Sheep Camp students all went back to their studies full of enthusiasm, with some fantastic real life experiences in sheep behind them, and some exciting sheep industry prospects in front of them.