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Media Release



Aussie author, Rachael Treasure to Officially Open Sheepvention

Renowned author, Rachael Treasure will open Sheepvention on Monday August 7th at 12pm.

Rachael describes herself as an author and a regenerative agriculturalist. Amongst her talents she lists working as a jillaroo, rural journalist, ABC radio broadcaster, professional wool classer, part-time vet nurse, family farm manager, drover and stock camp cook.

She has written six bestselling novels and she is published in Germany and the UK. In addition she has written a screen play collaborated on songs with the Wolfe Brothers and written three non-fiction books. One of these being, *Dog Speak*, a self-published book created as part of her Tasmanian Rural Women of the Year rural bursary. Rachael has a great passion for working dogs and will often mention Hamilton dog trainer and breeder, Ian O'Connell's Kelpies in her novels. Ian and Rachael struck up a friendship through the love of the Kelpie breed. Rachael has been over to the Casterton Kelpie Muster several times and was once gifted one of Ian's pups.

Visitors to Sheepvention can see Rachael at the opening of Sheepvention, and also at the Home Paddock stage on the Tuesday 8th of August. Rachael will be talking and signing books including her newly released memoir *Down the Dirt Roads*. We are also sure that Rachael will be seen checking out the Farm Dog events throughout Sheepvention.

Sheepvention will be held at the Hamilton Showgrounds, Hamilton, Victoria. Tickets will be available at www.hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au or at the gate.

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