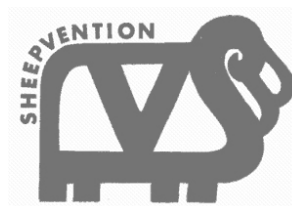


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Home Paddock Hits a Home Run for Sheepvention 2017

The Sheepvention Home Paddock Pavilion started from modest beginnings five years ago. This year it will be brimming with wool craft, gardening and children's activities. A very popular pavilion at Sheepvention, and favourite amongst families, the Home Paddock has never failed to deliver as a fun and interactive space.

"We are very lucky to have a great range of displays, seminars and activities on offer this year. Our main children's performance is the Jitterbugs. Children can dance and sing with Frankie the spider and Jess the gorgeous butterfly whilst learning about the magic of our ecosystem. Families can also drop by and partake in the South West Tafe Children's activities, the Sheepvention Kids Farmers' Market, one of the community group displays or the felting workshops from Sylvie. We even have some extra community groups this year and it will be great to have the Hamilton Wool and Craft Guild back, Hamilton Community House, Henty CWA, Quilters, the Wood Turners and Botanical Gardens groups" said Peta Anderson, Business and Events Manager.

Gardening enthusiasts are also lucky to enjoy new seminars from Peppermint Ridge's Julie Weatherhead. Julie is an environmental scientist and ecologist and has researched and developed the use of ecosystems to enhance organic vegetable gardening. Julie has written the *Australian Native Food Harvest: a Guide for the Passionate Cook and Gardener*. Her book provides practical advice for growing, harvesting and using Australian native plants in the garden and kitchen. Julie will present on 'Australia's Native Foods for the passionate cook and gardener'.

Keith Edwards from The Diggers Club will be back. Keith is a landscape architect with a passion for soil health and organic products. Keith's designs have made their way to the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. His work with Diggers Club can be seen across their public gardens on the Mornington Peninsula, Blackwood, Olinda plus at the Diggers Centre at the Adelaide Botanical Gardens. Sheepvention visitors can visit one of Keith's talks on both days of the event in the Home Paddock.

There will be a range of trade stalls and a coffee cart to keep everyone happy. Plus Rachael Treasure will be speaking at 10am on Tuesday 8 August and selling and signing books.

Sheepvention takes place on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 August at the Hamilton Showgrounds, Victoria. Tickets to Sheepvention can be purchased at www.hamiltonshowgrounds.com.au for \$18, Children and full time students are free. Entry at the gate for adults is \$20. Further information is available on the website.

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