Field Days opening moved to day one



THIS year's Yorke Peninsula Field Days official opening will be on the Tuesday afternoon — the first day of the event — instead of the Wednesday, as in previous years.

The field days run for three days: Tuesday to Thursday, September 30 to October 2, at the event's permanent site near Paskeville.

"It made sense to open the event on the first day, rather than the Wednesday, as by then the event was more than half over," YPFD chief executive Peter Anderson said.

"We are very pleased to have Member for Grey Tom Venning open the field days this year, and visitors are welcome to attend the Guest Speakers Centre at 3pm to hear his opening address, followed by the presentations of award winners."

Mr Anderson said exhibitor site sales were tracking well, with bookings at 480 and expected to reach the 500-site target. All 145 indoor spaces have already sold out.

The event would showcase the best in agricultural and general interest products and services, he said, with plenty of events and entertainment for all age groups.

New this year is a steam-powered tractor, which will be operating on site.

"At the other end of the technology spectrum, drone demonstrations will show how they can be used for a range of agricultural tasks, including field mapping and specialised spraying," Mr Anderson said.

The Green Plains track will return, guiding children and their families to 16 exhibitors where they can learn about local services and collect giveaways. Participants include the SES, SA Police, the Ag Learning Centre, and the Northern and Yorke Landscape Board.

Other highlights include fashion parades, shearing displays and the tractor pull.

Farm safety will be a feature, with Safework SA in the guest speaker program along-side legal and accounting experts discussing farm business issues.

Online sales of tickets to YPFD opened in early August and will be available up to and during the event.

Tickets bought online are \$22 per adult for one day and \$5 for children; tickets will also be available at the event, via cash or credit card, for \$25 per adult for one day and \$5 for children.

However, people are encouraged to buy online to save lining up at the gates. For ticket sales, go to www.ypfield-days.com.au.



TEAM EFFORT... Committee members, volunteers and staff are working hard to prepare for the 2025 YP Field Days. Back: Adrian Mason, Tim Millard, Martin Kenny, Luke Graham; front: Rosalie Pearce, Chris Koch, president Greg Stevens, chief executive Peter Anderson, vice-president Rachel Ayles.

Function centre on track

VISITORS to the 2025 Yorke Peninsula Field Days will be able to see progress on the \$680,000 function centre, constructed from an Ahrens steel silo to complement the new office building and toilet block.

YPFD chief executive Peter Anderson said construction was on schedule, with work about to begin on the internal fit-out and kitchen facility, located between the new office building and the function centre.

It is planned for the venue to host agricultural and community activities year-round, generating economic and social benefits for the region. The centre is designed to accommodate training sessions, conferences, product launches and weddings, with seating for 100 people, full AV facilities, an adjoining commercial kitchen and an enclosed courtyard.

"Quite a number of local machinery suppliers and other local businesses have expressed keen interest in using the function centre for product launches, seminars, conferences and the like," Mr Anderson said.

"The function centre will also be available for community use, so expressions of interest and bookings will be welcome."