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Forum showcases research and innovation for sheep producers

Sheep producers will hear about new research and technology to benefit their farm businesses at a forum in July, hosted by the [Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation](#).

The annual forum on Friday 7 July brings together speakers from the Australian sheep industry, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) and Charles Sturt University (CSU).

Graham Centre Director, Professor Michael Friend said, "Our aim is to showcase research and innovation that can make a real difference to the profitability and sustainability of sheep enterprises.

"From drones in the sky, to soils in the paddock and new technology to assess lamb carcasses, the 2017 event will give producers much to think about."

- Livestock consultant Mr Bruce Hancock from Rural Solutions and the Sheep Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) will discuss production on-farm and the impact on meat quality.
- NSW DPI research scientist Dr Stephanie Fowler will explain the use of technologies in lamb carcass assessment.
- CSU researcher Dr Shawn McGrath will discuss his research into calcium and magnesium deficiencies and lamb survival.
- NSW DPI research officer Dr Edward Clayton will present the latest results on managing the diets of sheep and lambs to boost human health benefits.
- NSW DPI research officer Dr Gordon Refshauge will offer timely advice about common sheep diseases to look out for when grazing cereal crops.
- Mr Ben Watts from Bralca consulting will explain how drones are being used in agriculture.
- NSW DPI development officer Ms Helen Burns will talk about managing acid soils to boost pasture growth.

The forum will be held on Friday 7 July from 9am to 1pm at the CSU Convention Centre.

Producers can register at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=280144> and the cost of \$25 per person includes morning tea and lunch.

The forum is supported by Australian Wool Innovation Sheep Connect, Meat and Livestock Australia, NSW DPI, NSW Local Land Services, Rabobank, and CSU.

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The Graham Centre is a research alliance between Charles Sturt University (CSU) and the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI)