

Rural women in the spotlight

RURAL success stories will be a feature of the Women in Agriculture and Business state conference at Chardonnay Lodge later this month.

The line-up of speakers for Friday, July 23, includes Tim Burvill, a winemaker and exporter of Hereford beef to Denmark and Dr Scott McCoombe, a lecturer at the National Centre for Farmer Health in Hamilton, Victoria.

Penola success stories, Lynda Croser of Live Life Designs, child safety award winner Dr Anne Johnson and Lisa Gulyas from the Coonawarra Vignerons' Association are also on the program.

State president Adair Dunsford of Keith said the Wattle Range WAB branch was to be congratulated for suggesting the Penola district as the venue for the annual two-day state conference.

"WAB estimates that a state conference generates about \$20,000 in income for the host district for food, accommodation, bus and venue hire for the delegates," Mrs Dunsford said.

"Wattle Range WAB saw this opportunity for Penola and has been strongly supporting the organisation for the event,"

About 100 WAB members and their partners will attend the conference, travelling from all over South Australia.

Industrial chaplain and motorbike enthusiast John Deer from Mount Gambier is the conference dinner speaker at the Penola Sports Club on July 23.

The program for Saturday, July 24, includes visits to the Mary MacKillop Centre, John Riddoch history centre, a town walk and winery and industry visits.

WAB currently has 29 branches throughout the state, with five new branches added since 2006 – the latest at Kapunda.

It has provided educational opportunities and a network for rural women in South Australia since 1917 and is the oldest rural women's group in Australia.

For registration forms contact Meg Partridge on 8226 0250, Adair Dunsford on 8756 7037 or visit the WAB website – www.pir.sa.gov.au/wab



GUEST SPEAKER: Penola businesswoman Lynda Croser is speaking at the Women in Agriculture and Business state conference in Coonawarra next week. Penola child safety award winner Dr Anne Johnson and Lisa Gulyas from the Coonawarra Vignerons' Association are also on the program.