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World renowned livestock scientist and autism educator to visit Tintinara



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World renowned livestock behaviour and welfare expert Dr Temple Grandin has chosen Tintinara to deliver a series of workshops to the region in July 2017.

Dr Grandin, a professor of Animal Science at Colorado State University, is a prominent international speaker and author on autism, and her visit is sponsored by the Coorong District Council, Autism SA, Iranda Beef, Regional Development Australia Murraylands/Riverland and Meat and Livestock Australia.

She will spend a week in the town of Tintinara, in the state's Upper South East, from Tuesday, July 18.

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She was also the subject of an award-winning Hollywood movie in 2010, with actress Clare Danes playing the role of Dr Grandin.

Her visit has been organised by Tintinara Regional Area Development Enterprises Incorporated (TRADE), and came as a result of an email from Iranda Beef WHS Coordinator, Erika Materne, asking for advice from Dr Grandin.

TRADE spokeswoman Deanna Dunbar said Iranda Beef's Work Health and Safety Coordinator Erika Materne contacted Dr Grandin to seek her advice on creating an animal handling program to provide staff with training.

"Erika also invited Dr Grandin to visit Tintinara, and she agreed," Mrs Dunbar said.

An in-demand speaker around the world on both autism and cattle handling, with a waiting list of more than two years.

"The town of Tintinara is enormously grateful to Dr Grandin for agreeing to spend a week with us to pass on her vast knowledge and internationally-recognised expertise on managing livestock.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our community and livestock producers and handlers from all over the state to learn from Dr Grandin, as well as an excellent promotional opportunity for our region.

"Dr Grandin will stay with a local family, and a full week of public and private activities has been organised including an opportunity for families to meet Dr Grandin and speak with her about autism," Mrs Dunbar said.

A welcome lunch will be held On Tuesday, July 18, to start the week of activities, which will include presentations: *Different Minds Create Diverse Communities* (July 19); *Livestock Management Systems* (July 20); *Improving Livestock Handling* (July 21).

Proceeds from events during the week will go towards local community projects and a percentage will be donated to a charity of Dr Grandin's choosing.

She is being hosted by the Tintinara Regional Area Development Enterprise (TRADE) with grant support from the Coorong District Council, who have allocated \$5,000 to the event from their Community Events, Grants and Donations budget.

Mrs Dunbar said the event could not have occurred without the generous support of sponsors and donors.

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“This is an amazing opportunity to showcase what our region does best, producing quality livestock,” Ms Dunbar said.

TRADE is planning several separate events, including a gala luncheon.

“We hope that strategic alliances will be built with Members of Parliament, primary producers, key local community groups and local government, regional development and other organisations.”

Mrs Dunbar said TRADE believed Tintinara had the ability to foster similar programs into the future and saw Dr Grandin’s visit as the catalyst for future networking.

Bookings for the welcome lunch are essential, and tickets for the lunch and other events can be purchased at: <http://bit.ly/2pMM7Lm>

Keep up with Dr Grandin’s visit on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TintinaraTRADE/>

Tue 18 July: Gala Luncheon 11am – 3pm

Tintinara War Memorial Hall

Includes Two course meal

An afternoon hosted by TRADE, where Dr. Temple Grandin will share her personal journey in agriculture, animal behaviour science and her experiences with autism.

SA TV personality Leigh McClusky will MC the event creating many opportunities to network with leading industry experts

Wed 19 July: Different Minds Create Diverse Communities 10am – 3pm

Tintinara War Memorial Hall

Includes lunch

Dr. Grandin will celebrate that every community needs different minds.

Explore ways children can investigate their interests. Learn the benefits of raising children in a rural environment. Experts in the Autism field will share their knowledge and give practical strategies for educators, SSOs and parents.

Thurs 20 July: Livestock Management Systems 1pm – 4pm

Tintinara War Memorial Hall

Includes afternoon tea

Dr. Temple Grandin is an animal behaviour scientist who has been instrumental in the development of animal processing and handling systems (includes yard design). Her principles of calm livestock movement and creating calm environments are the foundation for better overall production.

Fri 21 July: Improving Livestock Handling 10am – 4pm

Tintinara War Memorial Hall

Includes light lunch

Following on from Thursday, Livestock Management Systems, Improving Livestock Handling will explore ways to improve animal handling within your management system, to gain the rewards of fewer

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