



MEDIA ALERT

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Cattle Council of Australia and AgForce tour of Central Qld

Cattle Council of Australia (CCA) President, Bill Bray, will be touring parts of Central Queensland this week.

Hosted by AgForce, Mr Bray will spend the next five days visiting beef cattle properties, as well as attending a number of AgForce Branch meetings with AgForce Cattle Board Members and Cattle Policy Director, Sue Dillon.

Mr Bray said the tour follows on from a successful visit to the Northern Territory earlier this year, and he hopes to embark on more visits to beef producing regions across Australia in the coming months.

"These visits are as much about listening to producers as it is about communicating the work program of the Council," Mr Bray said.

"The Council is in the fortunate position of being informed daily of the latest in the beef industry, both in Australia and overseas.

"It is our role as the peak producer organisation representing beef cattle producers to share this knowledge as far and as wide as possible."

AgForce Cattle Board Member and CCA representative, Ian McCamley, welcomed Mr Bray to the region.

"Over the next five days, AgForce is looking forward to showing Mr Bray the diverse Central Queensland cattle industry and discussing the issues affecting the region," Mr McCamley said.

CCA/AgForce tour itinerary

Monday August 21 – Afternoon tour of Nardoo Station, Emerald. Following the tour, AgForce Branches have been invited to talk to Mr Bray at the Emerald Explorers Inn from 4pm to 6pm.

Tuesday August 22 – Visit to Goonoo feedlot and tour of Ian McCamley's property "Ganadero" at Comet.

Wednesday August 23 - Property inspections in Comet/Springsure area, followed by a combined Branch meeting at "Birrong", which will be hosted by the Rolfe family.

Thursday August 24 - Explanation of Arcadia Valley properties and operations, followed by Moura and surrounding Branches meeting at "Bears Lagoon," which will be hosted by the MacTaggart family.

Friday August 25 - Visit to Gracemere Saleyards in Rockhampton, followed by the Rockhampton Branch dinner.

Media wishing to speak with Mr Bray can contact him on 0429 307 561. For further information contact AgForce Cattle Policy Director, Sue Dillon, on 0417 760 481.