

## 2025 Clare Valley Festival first events announced

The first events for the 2025 Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb Wednesday 17 – Sunday 21 September have been released including a call for people to produce their own woollen sheep for the 'Clare Valley Flocking of the Woollen Sheep'.

Sheep can be knitted / crocheted but they must use sheep's wool and sent to the festival so they can then be displayed throughout the Clare Valley in local businesses and cellar doors. At the end of the festival the sheep will then be all rounded up and made available for children's charities. The Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb website has more information and patterns.

Simon Millcock the Festival Coordinator says, "It's great to have the SA CWA Warners Group collaborating with us for many of the events including the inaugural Clare Valley knitted flock of woollen lambs. It is wonderful to have the continued support of the Clare and Gilbert Valleys Council and we also welcome Livestock SA as a supporter for this year."

Tickets are now available for some of the events including on the opening day of the Festival Wednesday 17 September:

Celebrating the influence of Women in the Sheep Industry Forum. Over a dozen speakers from across the Sheep Industry will be sharing their inspiring stories and experiences about this important industry. From farming to fashion to science and cooking this forum will educate and inspire and is supported by Livestock SA. It will be held at The Vale Community Centre – Watervale 10am – 3.30pm with the SA CWA Warnes Group catering.

**Festival Opening Dinner** with keynote speaker Liz Harfull international award-winning author. Dinner will feature lamb from Wunderbar and Four-Leaf Milling Organic Flour. Guest Cambodian Chef Mengly Mork Owner at PinakPou Restaurant Siem Reap and Chef Outta Water Associate Chefs will prepare a 2-course dinner to be matched with hand crafted, estate grown Reillys Wines. This will be held at the Mintaro Institute 6pm – 9pm.

To date there are over 30 events confirmed with some great food events for the festival but there is still time for others to be involved and you can find the expression of interest at <a href="https://cvfol.au/">https://cvfol.au/</a>

There will be a major launch of the full program on Friday 20 June 2025 in Adelaide which will include the launch of the Flinders Uni TAFE SA 'From Farm to Fashion Exhibition'.

