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Fashion, Art and a Tenor are just some of the new additions for this year's Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb

This year's Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb 18-22 September 2024 will include the inaugural Clare Valley Festival of the Lamb Wool Fashion Design Awards and Exhibition. This will feature woollen fashion designs by TAFE SA 2nd year Advanced Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology students.

The judging panel will be the Consul of Italy in South Australia Ernesto Pianelli, Clare and Gilbert Valleys Mayor Allan Aughey OAM, Fashion Designer Emily Riggs and Rosemary Michael Leachim Wool.

This free exhibition will be held in the Auburn Institute Friday 20 – Sunday 22 September 10am – 2pm and combine with a Clare High School Student Wool Art Exhibition. Both will be launched at 1pm on Thursday 19 September with an afternoon tea.

The Arts Collective Clare Valley will be hosting Art of the Lamb at the Clare Art House, 8 Mill Street from 4 September and open daily 10.30am – 3pm except Tuesdays. The exhibition will include work by local artists and a travelling display from the Australian Tapestry Group. There will be an official opening on Friday September 20th at 5pm featuring guest speaker Wendy Pfeiffer, president of the Royal Society of Arts SA and prize winning ovine artist.

Thursday night 19 September will be the Greg Cooley Wines Poetry, Tenor and Community Dinner at the Mintaro Institute. The Community Dinner has been an annual feature of the festival and this year Greg Cooley is curating a wine list from some of the Clare Valley Italian varieties. The night will take on further an Italian theme with Tenor Andrew Pryor a former long-standing members of the Ten Tenors performing.

Simon Millcock Festival Coordinator says, "It's exciting to see the festival expanding and bringing various forms of arts, creativity and culture to help showcase and tell the story of the importance that the sheep industry has for the Valley. This will complement the various venues who are holding culinary events."

The festival is now the Clare Valleys annual spring equinox festival that combines the first buds of the vines and the premier time for new-season lamb that is lean, tender and ideal for a wide range of recipes.

Expressions of interest for venues seeking to hold events in 2024 are still open and they can contact Simon Millcock 0407819000.























