

2024 PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR PROGRAM

(Program draft as at 30 May 2024 and subject to change, noting that a full busload is required for tour to proceed. Deposits need to be paid by 10 June.)

Sunday 21 July	Timing	Travel time	Details
Depart Coffs Harbour hotel for Crossmaglen	8.30-9.00am	30mins	
VISIT 1: Bake family dairy farm	9.00-10.30am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 144-hectare north coast farm that has been in the family for over 100 years 400 head of milking cows Grows own fodder crops on leased land Further information: https://thefarmermagazine.com.au/a-dairy-farming-family-continue-rto-build-upon-their-success-in-coffs/
Depart Crossmaglen for Ebor Falls	11.00am-12.30pm	1hr 30mins	
LUNCH	12.30-1.30pm		
Depart Ebor Falls for Black Mountain	1.30-2.40pm	1hr 10mins	
VISIT 2: Deanos Smoked Trout farm	2.45-4.00pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300-acre property of which 10 acres are set aside for the Trout farm 8 Springwater ponds On-site trout hatchery Further information: https://deanosmokedtrout.com.au/
Depart Black Mountain for Armidale	4.00-4.30pm	30mins	
Check-in Armidale Hotel(s)	4.45pm		
DINNER	6.30 pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes guest speaker TBC
Monday 22 July	Timing	Travel time	
Depart Armidale hotel for UNE	8.30-8.45am	15mins	
VISIT 3: University of New England (UNE) Smart Farm	9.00-10.30am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made up of eight properties covering 3,655 hectares The SMART Farms provide problem-based experiential learning Home of the Precision Agriculture Research Group, Further information: https://www.une.edu.au/research/research-centres-institutes/smart-farm/sfic
Depart Armidale for Glen Innes	10.30am-12.00pm	1hr 30mins	
LUNCH	12.00-1.00pm		
Depart Glen Innes for Rangers Valley	1.00-1.30pm	30mins	
VISIT 4: Rangers Valley Feedlot	1.30-3.00pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established in 1839 Specialising in long fed pure Black Angus and Wagyu cross breeds State-of-the-art feedlot operations

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further information: https://www.rangersvalley.com.au/
Depart Rangers Valley for Grafton	3.00-5.30pm	2hr 30mins	
Check-in Grafton hotel	5.30pm		
DINNER	6.45pm		
Tuesday 23 July	Timing	Travel time	
Depart Grafton for North Boambee Valley	8.30-9.40am	1hr 10mins	
VISIT 5: Oz Group (Blueberries)	9.45-11.15am		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% Australian farmer-owned co-operative Largest Blueberry packhouse in Australia Seven fully automated packing machines Further information: https://www.ozgroupcoop.com.au/
Depart Boambee North for Coffs Harbour	11.15-11.35am	20mins	
VISIT 6: Big Banana (Photo opportunity only)	11.40-12.20pm	40mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home of the Big Banana – bring your smile! Further information: https://bigbanana.com/
Depart Big Banana for Coffs Harbour hotel	12.20-12.30pm	10mins	
Arrive at Pacific Bay Resort/TOUR END	12.30pm		Check-in won't be available until 3pm, however, lunch will be available (at own cost) in the hotel bistro.

TOUR MAP

