

**MEDIA RELEASE** 

Thursday 10 April 2025

## From raw fibre, to yarn, to fabulous finished wool products, experience two huge days celebrating all things wool at the Canberra Wool Expo

Canberra's Sunday best, the <u>Old Bus Depot Markets</u>, will spend two huge days showcasing all things wool at the upcoming two-day <u>Canberra Wool Expo</u>, taking place Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 May 2025.

"This is the chance for all visitors to Market to see the complete process from raw fibre, to yarn and then to the many fabulous finished wool products at this two-day wool extravaganza," said Old Bus Depot Markets' Manager, Richard Vagi.

"Locals and visitors to Canberra can come along to Market and enjoy demonstrations including hand-spinning, weaving, crochet and cross-stitch, have a chat with the region's most talented craftspeople and designers, and get up close to alpacas, llamas and sheep," Richard continued.

Canberra Wool Expo has a long history at the Markets, with this being the event's 12<sup>th</sup> year. Having moved from a single day event to a two-day expo back in 2017, the event pulls crowds from near and far who come for the pure love of wool and its many uses. In 2025, the expo will have more wool stallholders than ever before – and from all around Australia too. Just a few of the wool producers attending include Black Wattle Yarn from Murrumbateman in New South Wales, Fibre Naturally Woollen Mill from Macclesfield in Victoria, and Kaalund Yarns from Banyo in Queensland.

"Whether you like the comfort of rugging up all cozy and warm in woollen garments in the cooler weather, find it relaxing to knit, crochet or craft with wool, or want to see some more traditional wool practices in action, the Canberra Wool Expo will be a great weekend out," said Richard.

"Many craftspeople from Canberra, the surrounding region and interstate come to create, demonstrate with, and sell wool at the Canberra Wool Expo. And families love it because the kids can get up close to llamas, Hephner the alpaca and Andy and Armani, two Black Nose Valais sheep," Richard continued At the Canberra Wool Expo visitors can try their hand at giant crochet with the Knitters Guild NSW (Capital Region Group). Visitors can also browse and buy hand felted garments and accessories, designer and farm label knitwear, and woollen yarns including hand spun and hand dyed.

Canberra Wool Expo will be held at the Old Bus Depot Markets in Kingston, Canberra, on Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 May 2025. The Expo will be open from 9.30am – 2.30pm each day. For more information, visit <u>www.obdm.com.au</u>

## **Diary Date:**

## Canberra Wool Expo at the Old Bus Depot Markets

When: Saturday 17th and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Where: Old Bus Depot Markets, Wentworth Avenue, Kingston ACT

**Time:** 9.30am- 2.30pm

**Contact:** (02) 6295 3331

More info: <u>www.obdm.com.au</u>

## Wool stallholders attending Canberra Wool Expo 2025 (current at time of media release)

- Black Wattle Yarn, Murrumbateman NSW
- Bellevue Park Wool, Nimmo NSW
- The Purl Box, Strathdale VIC
- Handmade by Catkin, Banks ACT
- Fibre Art in Australia, Hunters Hill NSW
- Adagio Mills, Orange NSW
- Medowie Smocking, Medowie NSW
- Kaalund Yarns, Banyo QLD
- Sheep street, Banks ACT
- Craft By Bella Store, Bridgewater SA
- Fibre Arts Shed, Jilliby NSW
- Dyed By Hand Yarns, Buchan South VIC
- EleventyOne Windmills, Adamstown Heights NSW
- The Shepherd's Choice, Portland NSW
- Three Mums' Yarn, Holder ACT

- The Australian Wool Store, Sydney NSW
- Hodgepodge Skeins, Springwood NSW
- Fibre Naturally Woollen Mill, Macclesfield VIC

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