

## **PROGRAM FOR AUSTRALIAN SALERS 2017 AGM FARM TOUR**

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:**

1. Read the program below. If you would like to join us:
2. Organise your own travel to Melbourne.
3. Book accommodation at one of the 2 suggested motels (or wherever else you wish to stay).
4. Let Peter Rogers know if you want a reservation for dinner on Saturday night and if you want a seat on the bus.

Simple! If any questions, ring Peter in the evening on 0408330198.

### **Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Meet at Airport Tourist Village, 37 Ardlie Street, Attwood, Vic 3049

Ph: 03-93331619. Web: <https://www.atvm.com.au/>

Airport Tourist Village is 6km/10minute taxi drive from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport.

8:30am Bus departs Airport Tourist Village

9:00am Arrive Ray-MondeDeux, 250 Dalrymple Road, Sunbury (31km from hotel)

10:30am Depart Ray-MondeDeux

12:00 noon Arrive Knowsley Salers, 345 Hills Road, Derrinal, 3523 Vic. (92km from Ray-MondeDeux)

Lunch and Cattle viewing

4:00pm Depart Knowsley Salers

5:30pm Arrive Airport Tourist Village (120km from Frank's property)

6:30 – 7:30pm Australian Salers Association AGM at Airport Tourist Village Melbourne.

7:30pm Dinner Best Western Airport Motel, 33 Ardlie Street Attwood Vic 3049

Ph: 03-93332200. Web <http://www.airportmotelmelbourne.com.au/> (3 minute walk from Airport Tourist Village)

### **Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Bus departs Airport Tourist Village Melbourne

9:45am Arrive Reg Mickelborough's, 175 Corinella Road, Corinella Vic (131km from hotel)

12:00 noon Depart Reg Mickelborough's

12:30 Arrive Salco 4860 South Gippsland Highway, Lang Lang (24km from Reg's)

Lunch and Cattle viewing

4:00pm Depart Salco

5:30 Arrive Melbourne Airport (110km from Salco)

### **Transport**

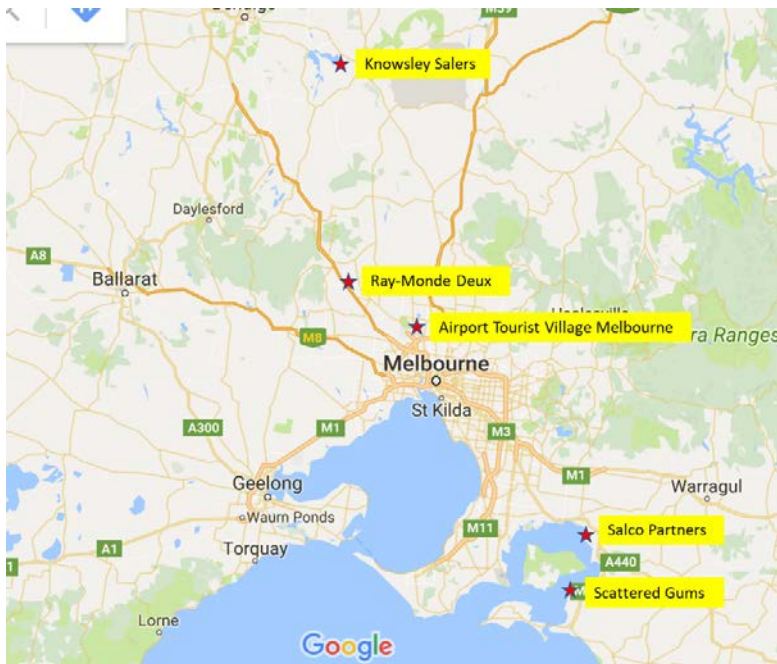
Total distance to be travelled over the weekend is approx. 510km. We have organised a bus for the weekend for those who do not want to drive 510km and would also like to have the opportunity to chat with other Salers breeders while travelling. We will book either a 21 or 25 seater; depending on demand. A charge will be levied per person to cover costs, estimated in the region of \$50 per head. If you would like to book seats on the bus, please let Peter Rogers know (preferably by email: [peter.rogers4@gmail.com](mailto:peter.rogers4@gmail.com), or phone: 0408330198) as soon as possible. People who have booked ahead of time will have priority.

## **Brief Description of Properties to be Visited**

### **Saturday Morning**

**Ray-Monde Deux** <https://www.ray-mondedeux.com/>

600 acres owned by John and Tristia Lakey with 200 acres pasture, Ray-Monde Deux was created with a



mission to generate quality farm products, employing environmentally sound farming practices and targeting a niche market that is interested in knowing about the origins of their food and ensuring that it is all free range and well cared for: Happy, healthy and humane! Along with other produce, John and Tristia produce free range pasture-fed Salers beef fed on native pastures and grasses, 30-36 months of age. They currently have 5-6 steers fattening at the Sunbury property with a small herd of 14 Salers breeders at another property at Bacchus Marsh. Salers meat has generous marbling, and is marketed as 'The French Wagyu'. John and Tristia sell to restaurants in bulk cuts, half or full carcass quantities. Dry-aging is available on request.

### **Saturday Afternoon**

#### **Knowsley Salers**

Owned by Frank Hill. Frank is a commercial breeder who runs a mixed livestock business that includes 400 Salers breeders on a 4000 acre property near Derrinal in Victoria. The business also runs 1000 ewes and a Limousin Stud. As a commercial operation Frank has identified Salers as the most profitable cattle breed available, with fertility, calving ease and feed conversion as the key parameters of importance. Frank also selects for larger animals (frame size 8-10) with a big pelvis. Calves are sold at 9 months and retained heifers are joined at the same age. Most significant reason for having Salers is profitability.

### **Sunday Morning**

#### **Scattered Gums**

Owned by Reg and Anne Mickelburgh, nearest town is Corinella, close to Westernport Bay in West Gippsland. Reg and Anne run a Salers Stud with about 35 breeders on 80 acres. Reg started with Salers in the 1980's after experiencing calving problems in other breeds in a situation where no one lived on the property with the cattle. Reg's breeding strategy has been focussed towards easy going quiet animals that are early developers suitable for the vealer market. Scattered Gums has also had significant past successes in the show ring and in carcass competitions. Reg and Anne are now experiencing an emerging market for Salers females as breeders. Most significant reason for having Salers is calving ease in an operation where cattle calve without anyone living on the property.

### **Sunday Afternoon**

**Salco Partners** <http://salcopartners.com.au/>

Owned by Peter Rogers and Cheryl Bass, nearest town is Lang Lang, close to Westernport Bay in West Gippsland. Peter and Cheryl run a Salers Stud with 120 registered breeders on 320 acres. Salco started with the importation of 5 Salers heifers from France in 1988 and has invested significantly in sourcing genetics from top French and New Zealand bloodlines through regular AI programs. Our breeding strategy has been focussed towards commercial attributes including a live calf every year, docility, polling and growth rates. We use Breed Plan to assist with selection for low birth weight, maternal milk and growth rates. Most significant reason for having Salers is calving ease in an operation where cattle calve without supervision.

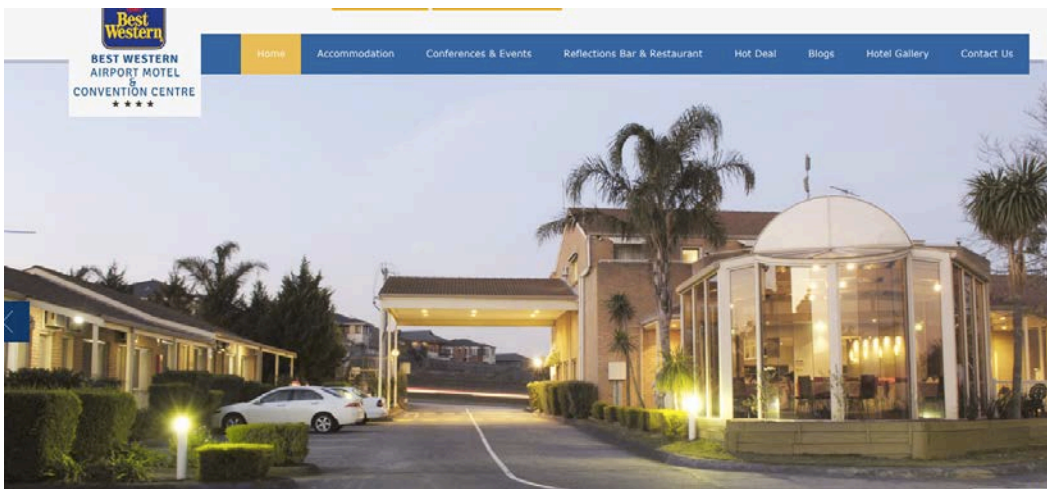
## **Accommodation**

1. Airport Tourist Village (approx. 6km taxi ride from Tullamarine airport)  
Address 37 Ardlie Street Attwood Vic 3049  
\$145 for 2 person studio, \$160 for 2 bedroom unit  
All have kitchens  
Ph 03-93331619 Web <https://www.atvm.com.au/>



This venue is where the bus will leave from at 8:30 am on Saturday and 8am on Sunday and where we will have the AGM at 6:30pm on Saturday.

2. Best Western Airport Motel (approx. 6km taxi ride from Tullamarine airport)  
Address 33 Ardlie Street Attwood Vic 3049  
~\$145 for a double. Rooms only. No kitchens  
Ph 03-93332200 Web <http://www.airportmotelmelbourne.com.au/>



This venue is approximately a 3 minute walk away from the Airport Tourist Village and is where we will be having dinner at 7:30 pm on Saturday evening after the AGM.  
\$24-\$34 for main meals.