LambEx hailed a success

The sheep and lamb industry in the South Australian Murray-Darling Basin region was showcased at the Third LambEx Conference held recently in Adelaide.

The conference included a bus tour for delegates to meet South Australian producers on their farms.

The bus tour provided 35 sheep and lamb breeders with the opportunity to hear from Sanderston sheep farmer Tim Starkey about how he is managing his property and livestock after devastating bushfires in January 2014.

Mr Starkey spoke with the tour group about protecting valuable top soil in burnt paddocks and how he maintained feed for his ewes and lambs after losing vital grazing and cropping land in the Eden Valley fires earlier this year.

The bus tour also travelled to Thornby Grain-Fed Lamb at Sanderston, where Alex and Paul McGorman explained the daily management of their finishing feedlot, which aims to optimise lamb growth before market, and demonstrated the benefits of electronic identification.

South Australian Murray-Darling Basin Natural Resources Management Board Presiding Member Sharon Starick said the LambEx conference was a great opportunity to show other producers two successful farming families in the region.

“Both farming families actively manage their soils, water and vegetation as part of their thriving businesses,” Mrs Starick said.

Mrs Starick also congratulated John, Alex and Paul McGorman from Thornby Trust, who won first prize for the Best Carcass at the LambEx Conference from 66 carcasses submitted for judging.

More than 900 delegates from around Australia and 70 exhibitors attended the successful two-day conference, which provided exceptional speakers and an extensive trade exhibition as well as the bus tour.

Photo caption: Tim Starkey speaking with the interested tour group about protecting valuable top soil in burnt paddocks and how he maintained feed for his ewes and lambs after losing vital grazing and cropping land in the Eden Valley fires earlier this year.