



# NUFFIELD UPDATE

## FEBRUARY 2009

### AUTUMN TOUR - CAIRNS

The Autumn Tour and Scholar Presentations in Cairns is rapidly approaching. This tour will provide an excellent opportunity for Nuffield Scholars, Alumni and Sponsors, to visit unique farming properties in Northern Queensland and listen to the recently returned scholars as they report on their study tour.

The tour will incorporate a range of farm businesses unique to this part of the country, including a barramundi farm, banana plantation, coffee plantation, mango farm, tour through cane country and a visit to the World Heritage Daintree Discovery Centre. For those people remaining in Cairns on Sunday morning you may wish to take part in a Half Day Cruise to Green Island, enabling you to socialise with the Nuffield family in a relaxed setting.

The Friday morning will commence with the Keynote Speaker from the Rabobank Food & Agribusiness Research and Advisory Team. This will then be followed by reports from ten recently returned scholars. Just prior to lunch two 2008 Scholars from New Zealand will also provide a brief report. The day will finish that evening with dinner with Nuffield Scholars, Alumni, Sponsors and invited guests.

All delegates are reminded to please register to attend the Autumn Tour and book accommodation in Cairns.

### NUFFIELD SCHOLARS CONTRIBUTING TO AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURE

Andrew Heinrich has been contributing to a new initiative, MLA Producer Diaries. The diaries are designed to give an insight into the issues being confronted by producers across the country and how they are managing their businesses through these current tough times – both climatic and economic. The diaries can be found at: <http://www.mla.com.au/TopicHierarchy/InformationCentre/Producer+diaries/default.htm?ac=sheep>

### REPORTS AVAILABLE

Bert Kelly, one of the two Nuffield Australia's first Scholars in 1951, report has been retrieved from the archives and posted on the Nuffield website. Read about agriculture in the UK from an Australian perspective, 58 years ago.

In addition, our two (one ex) erstwhile Parliamentarian's reports have also been posted. Neil Andrew 1975 and Bruce Scott 1983

### NUFFIELD CALENDER

Month	Date	Event
Feb 09	20-3 April	Global Focus Program
March 09	1-7	Contemporary Scholars Conference in UK
	3-4	ABARE in Canberra
April 09	1	Applications open for 2010 Scholarships
	15	2008 Scholar debrief Cairns
	16-19	Autumn Tour in Cairns
June 09	30	Applications close for 2010 Scholarships

### WORTH SHARING

Dear Sir,

We are fairly regular shoppers at RM Williams and have just purchased items for our farm staff for Christmas. We enjoy these trips down from the country and find your staff very helpful. However, your ladies clothing has increasingly become the victim of fashion for the younger slimmer figure, rather ignoring the stalwarts from the bush who want comfortable, sturdy country wear with just a whiff of fashion! I am further intimidated by Catherine Martin's latest collection based on the film 'Australia'. Very elegant, but most people have given up wearing top hats and see-through blouses whilst riding their horses or crutching. I am moved to express myself as follows:-

We shop at RM Williams  
We'd like the world to see  
That when you are successful  
You can grace their shop like me

We think the goods are finer  
than those you buy elsewhere  
It's a shame they're made in China  
But with this we have to bear

We do have just one grumble  
And we need to make the point  
There's little for big country girls  
Although we search the joint

Gone the days of robust clothes  
And strong divided skirts  
Now skirts, however short and sweet  
Are really made for flirts

RM is now danger  
Of becoming quite a bore  
Their clothes just follow fashion trends  
And seem like other stores

So, good old RM Williams  
We love your boots and whips  
But do turn back the clock and make  
Some clothes for ample hips

Bring back the well-cut faithfuls  
The styles that really please  
And make the country wives declare  
RM's shopping's such a breeze!

Of course this is written in jest but it does have a serious aspect. Please keep in mind your more mature customers - perhaps you should get a designer to create a Bush Budget Range especially in view of the current economic crisis - I'm not talking outsize - more in the 14 & 16 sizes.

Kind regards,  
Yours faithfully, Caroline Nixon (Moorra, WA)

### NUFFIELD BIRTHS

Jess and Damien Smart are the proud parents of twins; Harry Oscar and Isabel Grace, born Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**AUTUMNTOUR, CAIRNS**

16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009

*"Innovation in Australian Farming"*

**Full Name:**

.....  
.....

**Address:**

.....  
.....

**Phone:**

.....  
.....

**Email:**

.....  
.....

**Accommodation**

Please Book Directly with the Hotel and Mention  
You are Attending the Nuffield Conference

**The Sebel Cairns (Phone 07 4031 1300)**

**NB: *The rates of the rooms may vary depending upon bookings***

City/Mountain View Rooms \$185 per night

Habour View Rooms \$199 per night

Premium Rooms \$220 per night

NB: Buffett Breakfast an additional \$25/person

**Pacific International Hotel (Phone 07 4044 1884)**

Single/Twin/Double \$135 per room per night

Triple \$190 per room per night

(Incl. full buffet breakfast for single \$155/room per night, for twin/double \$175/room per night, for triple \$195 per room per night)

**Registration**

*NB. All Prices Incl GST*

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Scholars briefing/debriefing

Dinner,

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Farm Tours, Scholars Presentations and Gala Dinner  
(Returning to Cairns very late on Saturday 18th April)

Dinner Only, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Cost \$440

Half Day Green Island Cruise

Cost \$110

Cost \$69

**Attend**

(please tick)

**Total Paid:\$**.....

Direct credit banking details:

A/c Name: ANFSA Conf Account

Bank: National Australia Bank

BSB: 082-632 Account No: 86-726-9782



P.O. Box 586 Moama NSW 2731 Direct

Ph: (03) 54800755 Fax: (03) 54800233

enquiries@nuffield.com.au

[www.nuffield.com.au](http://www.nuffield.com.au)

**NUFFIELD**  
AUSTRALIA  
FARMING SCHOLARS

P.O. Box 586 Moama NSW 2731 A.B.N. 33 092 327 396  
Phone: (03) 54800755 Fax: (03) 54800233  
enquiries@nuffield.com.au [www.nuffield.com.au](http://www.nuffield.com.au)

**AUTUMN TOUR**  
**CAIRNS, QLD**  
**16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2009**  
***"Innovation in Australian Farming"***



### WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL

#### *Dinner:*

7:00pm Dinner Villa Romana,  
The Esplanade, Cairns

### THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL

7.30 am Depart Cairns  
8:40 am Meet with Marty Phillips, at a  
Barramundi Farm near  
Mourilyn, Innisfail  
10:00am Depart Barramundi farm for  
Tully  
11.00 am Arrive Tully and meet with a  
local agronomist, Peter Reed  
to hear about the sugar cane  
industry  
Includes Lunch in Tully at the Gorge  
1:30 pm Depart Tully and visit Mackay's  
Banana Farm.  
3:30 pm Continue on farm tour to  
Malandra  
6.30 pm Return to Cairns  
**Dinner**  
7-7:30 pm Shangri-La hotel, Cairns

### FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Scholar Presentations

Venue: **The Sebel Cairns**  
8:00 am Registration  
8:30 am *Key Note Address::*  
Rabobank, FAR Senior Analysts  
9:00 am Lester Marshall  
9:30 am Annabelle Coppin

10:00 am Morning Tea  
10:30 am Graham Finlayson  
11:00 am Jason Jarvis  
11:30 am Tim Harslett  
12:00 am Ali Undorf Lay and Craige  
Mackenzie,  
2008 New Zealand Scholars  
12:30 pm lunch  
1:30 pm Mark Graham  
2:00 pm Matthew Munzberg  
2:30 pm Jarrod Ryan  
3:00 pm Afternoon Tea  
3:30 pm Simon Tiller  
4:00 pm Jane Bennett  
Finish at 4:30 pm

#### **DINNER**

Ballroom - The Sebel, Cairns  
6:30 pm Pre Dinner Drinks  
**Includes Key Note Speaker**

### SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL

7:30 am Depart Sebel Cairns  
9:30 am Arrive Dole Daintree Organic  
Banana Farming – Ronnie  
Dimitui and Marc Jackson  
Morning Tea – Incl. Banana Cake made  
from Dole Organic Bananas

*Sponsored by*



11:15 am Depart Farm  
11:25 am Arrive Daintree Discovery Centre,  
includes coffee.

12:10 pm Depart Discovery Centre  
12:20 pm Arrive Daintree Tea Farming  
**TBC**  
1:10 pm Depart Tea Farm  
1:20 pm Arrive Thornton Beach –  
Lunch  
1:45 pm Depart Thornton Beach  
3:50 pm Arrive Blushing Acres Pty Ltd.  
Sam & Kylie Collins. *They  
have owned and operated a  
Mango farm near Dimbulla  
since 2002*  
5:00 pm Depart Blushing Acres  
5:40 pm Arrive Jaques Coffee Planta-  
tion. Robert & Linda *Jaques  
moved to Australia from Tan-  
zania in 1974 and estab-  
lished the first coffee planta-  
tion in Australia. They also  
built the first mechanical cof-  
fee harvester.*

6:25 pm Depart Jaques  
6:50 pm Arrive Kuranda Resort and  
Spa for Dinner  
9:15 pm Depart Resort  
9:45 pm Arrive The Sebel, Cairns

### SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Depart Cairns  
or  
Optional Half Day Cruise to  
Green Island  
Departure 9:00 am, return 1:00 pm