

PO Box 1385, Griffith NSW 2680  
T 02 6964 6600 F 02 6964 1605  
E enquiries@nuffield.com.au W www.nuffield.com.au  
A.B.N. 33 092 327 396

**2007 SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTERS**

Apple and Pear Australia Limited	Landmark
Australian Wool Innovation	Meat and Livestock Australia
Ausveg and the National Vegetable Levy	Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry,
Cooperative Bulk Handling	Fisheries and Mines
CSBP	Nufarm
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation	Rabobank
Grain Growers Association	Rural Industries Research and Development
Grains Research and Development Corporation	Corporation Chicken Meat Program
Horticulture Australia Limited	Sidney Myer Fund

**5 October 2007**

## Nuffield 2007 scholarship winners announced

Sixteen outstanding primary producers from across Australia will today be named winners of Australia's most prestigious agricultural scholarship, at a presentation ceremony in Fremantle, WA.

Nuffield Australia Chairman Mr Peter Nixon will present the scholarships, worth \$400,000 in total, at the Innovative Farming Australia Conference, part of the Nuffield Spring Tour.

The 2007 Nuffield Farming Scholarship winners join an elite group of about 1300 scholars worldwide. The scholarships are valued at \$25,000 each and are supported by leading Australian primary producer and agribusiness organisations.

Mr Nixon said the scholarships gave young Australian farmers the opportunity to travel internationally and explore agricultural issues and opportunities in a global context.

"We are focussed on developing the practical, managerial and commercial capacities of each scholar to enable them to be better farmers and to make a significant contribution to the future of Australian agriculture," Mr Nixon said.

"A Nuffield scholarship can open doors, and provide opportunities, for life-long learning and self improvement. The scholarships are awarded to men and women who are judged to have the greatest potential to create value for themselves, their industries and their communities, and are awarded on the strength of the applicants' vision, ability and determination to pursue their farming goals."

Nuffield Australia CEO Mr Jim Geltch said many Nuffield Scholars had gone on to become active leaders in agriculture and the community.

"For many, the scholarship experience has changed their lives by opening their eyes to the wider world and giving them the confidence to pursue their goals," Mr Geltch said.

The 16 Australian Nuffield Scholars will be joined, for one week, by about 30 international Nuffield Scholars in Melbourne and rural Victoria before leaving Australia in either February or June 2008 for a compulsory Global Focus Program. This will involve travel to China, North America, South America and Europe investigating agricultural marketing and trade issues, environmental issues and experiencing the different social and cultural aspects of each region.

They will meet with scholars from other countries including the UK, New Zealand, Ireland, Canada and France, to exchange ideas and experiences, and join a network of people who are at the cutting edge of primary industry.

Following the initial six-week program, the scholars will go their individual ways to pursue specific study programs in the country or countries of their choice.

**Further information:**

**Jim Geltch**  
CEO, Nuffield Australia  
T +61 (0)3 5480 0755

Page 2

## 2007 winners, their scholarships and proposed study programs



**Sam Archer**, from Gundagai, NSW, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Meat and Livestock Australia.

Sam will study the theory and practice surrounding the use of market-based instruments in natural resource management.

Sam can be contacted on: phone: 02 6944 1473 or email: [sam@wallabycreekpastoral.com.au](mailto:sam@wallabycreekpastoral.com.au).



**Jane Bennett**, from Dunorlan, Tasmania, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Rabobank.

Jane will study what is required to establish a regional branding point-of-difference for Tasmanian produce.

Jane can be contacted on: phone: 03 6368 1105 or email: [jane@ashgrovecheese.com.au](mailto:jane@ashgrovecheese.com.au).



**Annabelle Coppin**, from Port Hedland, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Cooperative Bulk Handling/CSBP.

Annabelle will study how to improve the competitiveness of Australia's live export cattle trade.

Annabelle can be contacted on: phone: 08 9176 4954 or email: [tamungunyahfarm@bigpond.com](mailto:tamungunyahfarm@bigpond.com).



**Graham Finlayson**, from Brewarrina, NSW, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by AWB Landmark.

Graham will study natural resource management; specifically, the use of livestock in improving the diversity, health and regeneration of semi-arid rangelands.

Graham can be contacted on: phone: 02 6874 4921 or email: [bokharaplains@bigpond.com](mailto:bokharaplains@bigpond.com).

**Further information:**  
Jim Geltch  
CEO, Nuffield Australia  
T +61 (0)3 5480 0755

Page 3



**Ben Forsyth**, from Meekatharra, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Sidney Myer Fund.

Ben will explore strategies that will ensure an ecologically sustainable future for the arid pastoral zone of inland Western Australia. He will also investigate the most suitable cattle for maximum returns on this land and the potential for heat-adapted *Bos taurus* breeds and composites in this region.

Ben can be contacted on: phone: 08 9981 2932 or email: [benforsyth@wn.com.au](mailto:benforsyth@wn.com.au)



**Mark Graham**, from Narrogin, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

Mark will study the changing dynamics of the energy market and its possible effects on Australian agriculture including domestic market opportunities for energy products from broad acre crops.

Mark can be contacted on: phone: 08 9883 6055 or email: [mark.clairegraham@bordnet.com.au](mailto:mark.clairegraham@bordnet.com.au).



**Tim Harslett**, from Amiens, Qld, receives the 2007 scholarship funded by the National Vegetable Levy and sponsored by Horticulture Australia Limited in partnership with AUSVEG.

Tim will study disease and weed management in vegetable crops and how they are related to soil health.

Tim can be contacted on: phone: 07 4683 3326 or email: [timh@halenet.com.au](mailto:timh@halenet.com.au).



**Jason Jarvis**, from Donnybrook, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Apple and Pear Australia Limited and Horticulture Australia.

Jason will study how to maintain and improve fruit quality and yield during the conversion stage of organic certification.

Jason can be contacted on: phone: 08 9731 1363 or email: [twinpack@bigpond.com](mailto:twinpack@bigpond.com).

Further information:  
**Jim Geltch**  
CEO, Nuffield Australia  
T +61 (0)3 5480 0755

Page 4



**Robert Kestel**, from Gingin, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation's Chicken Meat program.

Robert will study animal welfare in the meat chicken industry and rear-end technology for controlled environment shedding.

Robert can be contacted on: phone: 08 9575 2395 or email: robertkestel@bigpond.au



**Lester Marshall**, from Coffin Bay, SA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.

Lester will study how to develop a powerful regional brand and thereby gain a competitive advantage for regional products.

Lester can be contacted on: phone: 08 8685 5021 or email: lester@coffinbayoysterfarm.com.au.



**Matthew Munzberg**, from Tanunda, SA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Nufarm.

Matthew will study how to maximise grower returns without sacrificing quality in the vineyard.

Matthew can be contacted on: phone: 08 8563 2758 or email: Kammunz@hotmail.com.



**Ben Ranford**, from Cleve, SA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Australian Wool Innovation.

Ben will study the different business models that exist to secure vibrant futures for agricultural communities.

Ben can be contacted on: phone: 08 8628 2152 or email: benkathy@activ8.net.au.

**Further information:**  
Jim Geltch  
CEO, Nuffield Australia  
T +61 (0)3 5480 0755

Page 5



**Jarrod Ryan**, from Douglas Daly, NT, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry, Fishing and Mines.

Jarrod will study the production of fodder in tropical environments, for both irrigated and dryland farming.

Jarrod can be contacted on: phone: 08 8985 2113 or email: [JRyan@nafe.com.au](mailto:JRyan@nafe.com.au).



**Murray Scholz**, from Culcairn, NSW, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Grain Growers Association.

Murray will study alternatives to herbicides for weed control, including crop competition, crop and herbicide rotation, mechanical control and genetics.

Murray can be contacted on: phone: 02 6036 5220 or email: [mbscholz@bigpond.com](mailto:mbscholz@bigpond.com)



**Mathew Stott**, from Darlington Point, NSW, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

Mathew will study sub-surface drip irrigation on medium-to-heavy clay soils.

Mathew can be contacted on: phone: 02 6968 4148 or email: [mathewstott@hotmail.com](mailto:mathewstott@hotmail.com).



**Simon Tiller**, from Esperance, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

Simon will study biofuel technology, hay and straw usage and processing, feed lotting, feed grain and fodder production and integrated storage systems.

Simon can be contacted on: phone: 08 9078 7012 or email: [simon.tiller@bigpond.com](mailto:simon.tiller@bigpond.com).

Further information:  
**Jim Geltch**  
CEO, Nuffield Australia  
T +61 (0)3 5480 0755