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Nuffield scholarship for Esperance grain grower

Grain grower Simon Tiller from Esperance, WA, will tonight be awarded Australia's leading farming scholarship, a Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship.

Mr Tiller is one of only 16 Australians to receive a 2007 Nuffield Scholarship. He will be presented with his award tonight at the Innovative Farming Australia awards dinner, part of the Nuffield Australia Spring Tour being held in Fremantle, WA.

Nuffield Farming Scholarships, each worth \$25,000, give young Australian farmers the opportunity to travel internationally and explore agricultural issues and opportunities in a global context. There are about 1300 Nuffield scholars worldwide.

Mr Tiller will use his scholarship, sponsored by the Grains Research and Development Corporation, to investigate how to create a sustainable farming system that uses all its products and byproducts.

He will study farming systems that use or recycle most of their byproducts into biofuels and hay, straw, feed grain and fodder products. He will also explore integrated storage systems.

Mr Tiller, who farms 8,000 hectares at Esperance, says the town's isolated location means there is very little opportunity to sell grain into domestic markets. "There is also no market for straw; and freight costs to supply dairy or feedlots generally place us out of the market. Export hay is also too expensive to freight, again limiting rotation and weed control options," he says.

He sees obvious opportunities in using canola to make biofuels; grain, fodder and straw as feed; and byproducts such as manure to replace or supplement fertiliser. "This may be a way of bringing the markets to us and making our cropping enterprise more profitable, and more environmentally friendly."

Nuffield Australia CEO Mr Jim Geltch says many Nuffield Scholars go on to become active leaders in agriculture and the community.

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

The 16 2007 Australian Nuffield Scholars will leave 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.

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. Mr Tiller hopes to travel to North and South America, Europe and Asia.

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