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Nuffield Australia announces 2010 Scholarship winners

Eighteen outstanding primary producers from across Australia will be named winners of Australia's most prestigious agricultural scholarship at a presentation ceremony tonight at the Hawkesbury Race Club tonight.

Nuffield Australia Chairman Mr David Brownhill will present the scholarships, worth \$486,000 in total, at the Innovation in Australia Farming Conference, part of the Nuffield Spring Tour.

The 2010 Nuffield Farming Scholarship winners join an elite group of about 1400 scholars worldwide. The scholarships are valued at \$27,000 each and are supported by leading Australian primary producer and agribusiness organisations.

Mr Brownhill says the number of scholarships awarded has tripled during the past decade, as a wider range of industries within the primary industry sector increase their investment in innovation, leadership, and networking capacity.

"Nuffield is focused on developing the practical, managerial and commercial capabilities of each scholar to enable them to be better producers and to make a significant contribution to the future of Australian agriculture," Mr Brownhill said.

"The scholarships give primary producers the opportunity to travel internationally and explore agricultural issues and opportunities in a global context. 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 each applicant's 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 2010 Australian Nuffield Scholars will leave Australia in February, June or September 2010 for a compulsory Global Focus Program. This will involve travel to China, North America, South America, Middle East, India 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.

A summary of the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship winners follows. More information on individual scholars and their areas of study is available from the link <http://www.nuffield.com.au/news.html>. High-resolution photographs of the 2010 Nuffield Scholars can be downloaded from www.coretext.com.au/communications_images.php

For more information:

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The 2010 winners, their scholarships and proposed study programs are:



Stephen Ball, from Riverton, SA, receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

He will study disc seeding systems and high rainfall cropping practices.

Stephen can be contacted on (08) 8847 2310, mobile 0407 884 723 or email farmdog64@bigpond.com



Edward Cox, from Busselton, WA, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by Dairy Australia and the Australian Dairy Conference.

He will study fodder production and nutrition for dairy cattle.

Edward can be contacted on (08) 9753 1169, mobile 0407 884 723 or email katedcox@hotmail.com



Ian Duthie, from Triabunna, Tasmania, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.

He will study the culture of shellfish, particularly developments related to mussel hatcheries and farming.

Ian can be contacted on 03 6257 3614, mobile 0409 411 322
or email iduthie@springbayseafoods.com.au



Robert Egerton-Warburton, from Kojunup, WA, receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

He will study integrated livestock and cropping systems, and options for grazing and long-season wheat varieties.

Robert can be contacted on 08 9833 7517, mobile 0428 337 517 or email korellup@bigpond.com



Christine Ferguson, from Wanaaring, NSW, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship, supported by Meat & Livestock Australia.

She will study goat meat markets and production, and grazing strategies with goats in arid rangelands to reduce weeds and erosion.

Christine can be contacted on 02 6874 7863



David Gooden, from Lockhart, NSW, receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation

He will study responsible herbicide applications to maximise uptake and minimise chemical losses.

David can be contacted on 0269 207 438, mobile 0429 204 184 or email dhgooden@bigpond.com



Ben Hooper, from Tintinara, South Australia, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship sponsored by Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation Honeybee Research and Development Program.

He will study new apiculture techniques for hive and disease management, particularly chilling techniques, to manage bee parasites and to improve the capacity of hives to provide commercial pollination services.

Ben can be contacted on Phone 08 8757 2477, mobile 0407 820 474 or email hoopsbee@hotmail.com



Minh Hieu Ly, from Waterloo Corner, SA receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL) using the vegetable levy and matched funds from the Australian Government.

Hieu plans to investigate best practice in hydroponics to evaluate equipment and techniques, particularly those for pest and disease control in hydroponic systems.

Hieu can be contacted on 08 8380 9043, mobile 0411 088 223 or email Ly.hydroponics@gmail.com



Don Madden, from Proston, Queensland, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by Rabobank.

He will study the use of animal waste in the production of renewable fuels, particularly the use of briquetted cattle manure in gas production.

Don can be contacted on 07 4168 9104, mobile 0428 689 165, or email don@feedlot.com.au



Steven Newman, from Gumeracha, SA, receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL) using the vegetable levy and matched funds from the Australian Government.

He will study new technologies to reduce labor requirements and improving crop yields through better soil management.

Steven can be contacted on 08 8389 1236, mobile 0417 861 942, or email stnewman@bigpond.net.au



Graeme Nicoll, from Fish Creek, Victoria receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation.

He will study how to improve the resilience of dairy farming systems.

Graeme can be contacted on 03 5683 2663, mobile 0427 832 663, or email nicollg@dcsi.net.au



Rowan Paulet, from Flynns Creek, Victoria, receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

He will study the integration and management of cropping and livestock enterprises in high rainfall areas.

Rowan can be contacted on 03 5197 7290, mobile 0427 924 435 or email rowpaulet@hotmail.com



Marty Phillips, from Innisfail, Queensland, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Queensland branch of Nuffield Australia.

He will study aquaculture production techniques to improve fish flavor and reduce environmental impacts.

Marty can be contacted on 07 4063 2344, mobile 0408 835 447 or email marlinka@bigpond.com



Alan Redfern, from Wee Waa, NSW, receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Grain Growers Association.

He will study groundcover management to preserve water for crop use, to improve the flexibility of farming systems to respond to seasonal conditions and market opportunities.

Alan can be contacted on mobile 0428 860 292 or email alawee8310@hotmail.com



Alastair Starritt, from Womboota, NSW, receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

He will study how to measure and improve soil carbon and potential carbon market opportunities.

Alastair can be contacted on 08 9833 7517, mobile 0428 337 517 or email korellup@bigpond.com



Brad Stillard, from Barooga, NSW receives a 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by Horticulture Australia Limited (HAL) using a voluntary contribution from the Australian Processing Tomato Growers and matched funds from the Australian Government.

He will study the management of water quality, salinity and micronutrients in tomato production.

Ben can be contacted on 03 58734052, mobile 0427 733 052 or email aingarth04@yahoo.com.au



Helen Thomas, from Manoora, SA, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship supported by Landmark.

She will study the integration of agriculture and community-supported management programs to preserve aesthetic, production and environmental values.

Helen can be contacted on 08 8848 4241, mobile 0427 484 241 or email whthomas@activ8.net.au.



Ben Tyley, from Kangaroo Island, SA, receives the 2010 Nuffield Scholarship, supported by Lady Southey Scholarship program for natural resource management through the Sidney Myer Fund.

He will study the effectiveness of different strategies to manage and rebuild fisheries.

Ben can be contacted on 08 8553 5352, mobile 0429 099 547 or email halcyon-a@bigpond.com.au