

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

2006 SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTERS

ABB Grain  
Australian Wool Innovation  
Gardiner Foundation  
Grains Research and Development Corporation  
Incitec Pivot  
Landmark  
Meat and Livestock Australia  
Rabobank  
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation  
Sidney Myer Fund  
Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation

**Page 1 of 2**  
**9 March 2007**

## Nuffield Scholars present latest farming know-how

Biofuels, organic lamb markets and efficient water use in irrigation are among topics to be discussed by Nuffield Scholars at next week's Nuffield Australia Autumn Tour, held on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula.

The annual tour gives returning Nuffield Scholars an opportunity to present the latest research findings on farm practices studied during their overseas scholarships.

Nuffield Australia awards scholarships each year to young Australian farmers. The recipients have the opportunity to increase their practical farming knowledge, management skills and techniques by studying farming practices covering a range of agricultural sectors, from grains, meat and fibres, to horticulture and aquaculture, as well as emerging industries such as biofuels.

The Autumn Tour attracts participants from across Australia. This year's attendees will hear returning Scholars discuss the future of Australia's biofuels industry, whether aerobic rice is viable for Australia's rice industry, and value-adding to grains by providing branded or traceable products.

Nuffield Australia CEO Mr Jim Geltch said the tour presented an opportunity for people to hear first-hand from farmers who have travelled overseas about the latest farming technologies and issues surrounding global agriculture.

The Nuffield Autumn Tour is sponsored by Ausplow, Australian Wool Innovation Limited, the Future Farmers Network, Grain & Graze, Nufarm, ABB and Eyre Travel.

Returning Scholars presenting at the tour are sponsored by the Grains Research and Development Corporation, Sidney Myer Fund, Rabobank, Meat and Livestock Australia and the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation.

**What: Nuffield Australia Autumn Tour – Scholars' Presentation Day**

**Who: 2005 returning Nuffield Scholars**

**Where: Boston Bay Wines, 6km north of Port Lincoln on the Lincoln Hwy, Eyre Peninsula, South Australia**

**When: Friday 16 March 2007, 1.15pm – 4.35pm**

**For information: Peter Treloar, 0427 764 292 or email: enquiries@nuffield.com.au**

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

## The six returning scholars speaking at the Autumn Tour are:



**Caroline Brown**, from Maitland, South Australia, who received the 2005 scholarship for a grain grower, supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation. Ms Brown studied renewable energy, particularly biodiesel, and researched oil crop production and processing techniques.

**She can be contacted on phone 08 8832 2504 or email [cbrown@internode.on.net](mailto:cbrown@internode.on.net).**



**Anthony Brandsema**, from Turners Beach, Tasmania, who received the 2005 scholarship for a primary producer, supported by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation. Mr Brandsema, a greenhouse tomato grower, looked into controlled environment management and plant physiology in a closed production system.

**He can be contacted on phone 03 6428 2319 or email [jbrandse@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jbrandse@bigpond.net.au).**



**Dave Fulwood**, from Cunderdin, Western Australia, who received the 2005 scholarship for a grain grower, from the Grains Research and Development Corporation. Mr Fulwood used his scholarship to explore the value-adding potential of providing fully traceable grain products.

**He can be contacted on phone 08 9635 1127 or email [david@fulwood.com.au](mailto:david@fulwood.com.au).**



**Garry Hannigan**, from Broken Hill, New South Wales, who received the 2005 scholarship for a livestock producer, supported by Meat & Livestock Australia. Mr Hannigan used his scholarship to gain an understanding of the market for organic lamb in countries where there is high disposable wealth.

**He can be contacted on phone 08 8091 6498 or email [churinga@bigpond.com](mailto:churinga@bigpond.com).**



**Leigh Vial**, from Swan Hill, Victoria, who received the 2005 scholarship for a primary producer supported by Rabobank. Mr Vial has used his scholarship to investigate different irrigation techniques, looking particularly at aerobic rice - which doesn't need flood irrigation.

**He can be contacted on phone 03 5034 0552 or email [leroy2@iinet.net.au](mailto:leroy2@iinet.net.au).**



**Andrew Watson**, from Boggabri, New South Wales, who received the 2005 Lady Southey Scholarship for a primary producer to study natural resource management supported by the Sidney Myer Fund.

Mr Watson has looked into water use efficiency for crop irrigation, and believes Australian farmers' techniques compare favourably with those of farmers worldwide.

**He can be contacted on phone 02 6743 4263 or email [brigadoon@northnet.com.au](mailto:brigadoon@northnet.com.au).**

**Further information:**

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