

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

17 April 2007

2007 Nuffield Scholarship applications open

Fourteen outstanding primary producers from across Australia have the opportunity to explore overseas farming practices as 2007 recipients of Australia's most prestigious agricultural award - the Nuffield Scholarship.

The 2007 industry-sponsored scholarships, valued at \$25,000 each, are now open to Australian primary producers. Winners will be selected based on their farming and leadership capabilities, and their potential to make a strong, valuable contribution to the future of Australian agriculture.

According to Nuffield Australia CEO Mr Jim Geltch, if Australian agriculture is to compete and succeed internationally, our farmers must establish themselves as innovators at the forefront of agricultural production, distribution and management worldwide. "Our farmers need to recognise changing consumer preferences, adopt new technologies and techniques, and maintain sustainable operations," he said.

"Australia needs farmers with a global view who can articulate and satisfy the needs of the agricultural industry and the community."

Nuffield Australia's Scholarship program provides farmers with the opportunity to become knowledgeable about the forces shaping international trade policy in key markets, the issues behind consumer sentiment, and technological advances led by producers in other countries.

Scholarship recipients participate in a Global Focus Program where they spend six weeks in New Zealand, Asia, Europe, North and South America studying agricultural marketing, trade and environmental issues. They then spend at least 10 weeks researching the topic of their choice in whatever countries best suit their individual needs.

"The information Scholars gather while overseas helps them to make rational management decisions that position their farming enterprises so they benefit from international opportunities as they arise," Mr Geltch said.

Successful Scholarship recipients will join an elite group of more than 1200 Scholars from around the world, many of whom have gone on to become influential in agriculture, industry and the community.

Nuffield Scholarships in 2007 are available for:

- grain growers in northern New South Wales or Queensland, supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC)

Further information:

Jim Geltch
CEO, Nuffield Australia
T +61 (0)3 5480 0755
M 0412 696 076

Peter Nixon
National Chairman, Nuffield Australia
T +61 (8) 9651 6027
M 0419 047 335

Page 2

- a grain grower in southern New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia or Tasmania, supported by GRDC
- a grain grower in Western Australia supported by GRDC
- a wool grower supported by Australian Wool Innovation
- a livestock producer supported by Meat and Livestock Australia
- a mixed grain and livestock producer supported by Landmark
- a primary producer supported by Rabobank
- a primary producer supported by Bayer CropScience*
- a dairy farmer in Victoria supported by the Geoffrey Gardiner Dairy Foundation*
- a vegetable grower supported by Ausveg and Horticulture Australia*
- a fruit grower supported by Apple and Pear Australia, Summerfruit Australia and Horticulture Australia*
- a primary producer in South Australia supported by Nufarm
- a primary producer in Western Australia supported by Cooperative Bulk Handling and CSBP
- a primary producer in the Northern Territory supported by the Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry, Fishing and Mines.

* subject to funding

Applications are now open and close on 30 June, 2007. Application forms are available from the Nuffield Australia office on 02 6964 6600, via email: enquiries@nuffield.com.au or on the website: www.nuffield.com.au

The 2007 Scholars will be announced in October.

- ENDS -

To interview recent Nuffield Scholars in your region, please consult the attached list (please note 2006 Scholars are currently on tour; 2005 and 2004 Scholars are listed).

Further information:

Jim Geltch
CEO, Nuffield Australia
T +61 (0)3 5480 0755
M 0412 696 076

Peter Nixon
National Chairman, Nuffield Australia
T +61 (8) 9651 6027
M 0419 047 335