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## NEW NUFFIELD SCHOLAR DETERMINED TO KEEP INJURED FARMERS ON THE LAND

Rob Cook, from Suplejack Station in the Northern Territory, will tonight be awarded a prestigious Nuffield Scholarship supported by the Northern Territory Department of Resources and ANZ.

In 2008, Rob was left a quadriplegic after a helicopter accident on the family cattle station. He has contributed and participated in the beef industry of the Northern Territory for the past 13 years with a very physical and hands-on approach.

He says “as this is no longer possible, I am looking to arm myself with the tools, skills and knowledge to remain a productive member of the industry and contribute with a more theoretical approach.”

Rob will use his Nuffield scholarship experience to learn more about global beef industry technologies that are relevant to northern Australia. In particular he hopes to meet farmers in similar situations as him around the world, to learn how they have overcome the challenges they face day-to-day.

He hopes with the knowledge he will gain travelling, and by sharing his own experiences, he will be able to prevent farmers who get injured having to walk off or be pushed off their properties. Rob says keeping this experience in the industry would be hugely beneficial.

Rob would like to travel to Brazil, which he says is the lowest cost producer of beef in the world, Argentina, whose residents consume more beef individually than any other country as well as America, Indonesia and Egypt.

Nuffield Australia is an organisation which provides an opportunity to Australian farmers to travel overseas on an agricultural research scholarship. It is a 16-week program which consists of both group and individual travel. The next group will be travelling through New Zealand, North America, Brazil, Mexico and France in February-March 2011.

ANZ's head of Agribusiness Development, John Redpath says they are pleased to take up the opportunity to co-sponsor Rob, saying “we congratulate Rob Cook as a worthy recipient of the Nuffield Scholarship. He has displayed a tremendous amount of talent and courage in his career so far and we look forward to supporting him with his Nuffield experience.”

Rob is available for interviews to talk about his planned study.  
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A high-resolution photo of Rob is available for download from [nuffield.com.au/gallery.html](http://nuffield.com.au/gallery.html)