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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Nuffield Scholarship winners announced

Eleven outstanding primary producers from across Australia were today named winners of Australia's most prestigious agricultural award, at a presentation ceremony in Canberra, Victoria.

The Australian Nuffield Farmers Scholars Association presented scholarships worth a total of more than \$240,000, following a rigorous selection process.

The 2004 Nuffield Scholarship winners join an elite group of about 1200 scholars from around the world. Each scholarship is valued at \$22,000 and supported by leading Australian primary producer and agribusiness organisations.

"The Australian Nuffield Farming Scholars Association provides a select group of young Australian farmers with scholarships to travel internationally to expand their personal horizons while exploring agricultural issues and opportunities in a global context," said Association chairman Brendon Smart.

"We are focussed on developing the practical, managerial and commercial capacities of each scholar to enable them to be better farmers and to make a significant contribution to the future of Australian agriculture," Mr Smart said.

"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 through the doors which will be opened and the opportunities provided for life-long learning and improvement. The scholarships are awarded on the strength of the applicants' vision, enthusiasm and determination to pursue their farming goals."

Mr Smart said many Nuffield Scholars had gone on to become active leaders in agriculture and in the community, making valuable and significant contributions.

"For many, their scholarship experience has changed their lives by opening their eyes to the wider world and giving them the confidence to pursue their goals," he said.

The Nuffield Scholars will depart Australia in either March or June 2005 to join other scholars from around the world in a compulsory group study program. This will involve two weeks in Australasia, two weeks in North America and two weeks in 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, Ireland, Canada, Zimbabwe 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.

**The 2004 winners, their scholarships and proposed study programs are:**

Mark Branson, Stockport SA, receives the 2004 scholarship for a grain grower in the southern zone, supported by GRDC. He will study Precision Agriculture, Canopy Management through more efficient Nitrogen management, and of secondary importance No-Till and Controlled Traffic systems.

Simon Turnbull, Warren NSW, receives the 2004 scholarship for a grain grower in the northern zone, supported by GRDC. He will study cropping rotation to maximise kilos of production/ha, eg grain, drymatter, carrying capacity, \$/ha and cattle handling, weight gains, vitamin needs and cattle stress from feedlots to abattoirs resulting in dark cutters.

Mark Modra, Port Lincoln SA, receives the 2004 scholarship for a grain grower in the western zone, supported by GRDC. He will study deep tillage and nutrition and the interaction of soil fauna and flora in these systems.

Jonathan Shaw, Katherine NT, receives the 2004 scholarship for a primary producer in Northern Territory, supported by the Northern Territory Government Department of Business Industry and Resource Development and Horticulture Australia. He will study Marketing and Biological Farming, focusing on soil balance, nutrition and irrigation management.

Paul Zuidema, Leongatha South VIC, receives the 2004 scholarship for a primary producer supported by Landmark. He will study more in depth, large farming and its problems in cow management, business planning and environmental problems, and free stall barns as a possible solution to our environmental problems, as he feels these areas are the biggest hurdles farmers will have to face in the future. He would also like to investigate agricultural technology, and its benefits or disadvantages to present day dairy farming.

Graham Clothier, Lucindale SA, receives the 2004 scholarship for a livestock producer, supported by Meat and Livestock Australia. He will study Branded Lamb Products, Quality Assurance programs running in lamb industries overseas and the feedlotting of lamb. The aim being to gain an intimate knowledge of the Branded Lamb industry worldwide and what makes it tick, reflecting on the successes and failures of those in the industry to assist in the positive direction of the Australian Lamb Industry for the future.

David Cattanach, Darlington Point NSW, receives the 2004 scholarship for a primary producer supported by Rabobank. He will study Greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation options for agriculture, climate change predictions, possible adaptation strategies for agriculture and carbon trading possibilities.

Michael Hastings, Winchelsea VIC, receives the 2004 scholarship for a primary producer to study a new and emerging industry, supported by Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation. He will study the use of different organisational structures and their roles to strategically market and brand agricultural goods and the use of supply chain management to improve price stability and control of producer returns. In addition he will look at different agricultural production systems that could be used to increase farm efficiency, investigate ostrich genetic programs and the potential role of a central international ostrich genetic improvement centre.

David Cox, Esperance WA, receives the 2004 scholarship for a primary producer in Western Australia supported by CSBP, CBH & Grain Pool of WA. He will study production and management of high yielding crops (10t/ha+), foliar nutrition, disease management, stubble management and high moisture grain management of heavy crops (7-10t/ha).

Andrew Johnson, Tintinara SA, receives the 2004 scholarship for a primary producer in South Australia supported by Nufarm and HiFert. He will study sow welfare and efficiency - specifically animal welfare and disease management and electronic identification and sow housing.

Tim Napier, Goondiwindi QLD, receives the 2004 scholarship for a primary producer to study landcare farming supported by Landcare Australia Limited. He will study how producers have become successful through the widespread adoption of holistic management principles and regenerative farming practices

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Or the individual scholarship winners:

First	Last Name	Sponsor	Study Topic	Town	State	Email	Home phone	MOBILE N
David	Cattanach	Rabobank	Greenhouse gas emissions and mitigation options for agriculture, climate change predictions, possible adaptation strategies for agriculture and carbon trading possibilities	Darlington Point	NSW	<a href="mailto:david5@inet.net.au">david5@inet.net.au</a>	02 6954 4685	0429 696 85
Timothy	Napier	Landcare	Sustainable production through the widespread adoption of holistic management principles and regenerative farming practices.	Goondiwindi	Qld	<a href="mailto:tnapier@bigpond.com.au">tnapier@bigpond.com.au</a>	<b>07 46711530</b>	0427 71833
Simon	Turnbull	GRDC North	Cattle handling, stock stress, maximum weight gains, vitamin needs on going problems down the chain of feedlots and dark cutter in the abattoirs and cropping rotation	WARREN	NSW	<a href="mailto:turnbulls.quambone@tpg.com">turnbulls.quambone@tpg.com</a>	02 68242055	0428 24205
John	Shaw	NT Govt Dept BIRD/Horticulture Australia	Marketing & People Management. Biological Farming.	KATHERINE	NT	<a href="mailto:surelines@austarnet.com.au">surelines@austarnet.com.au</a>	08 8971 7334	

Mark	Branson	GRDC South	Precision Agriculture, Canopy Management through more efficient Nitrogen management, and of secondary importance No-Till and Controlled Traffic systems	STOCKPORT	SA	<a href="mailto:marknola@bigpond.com">marknola@bigpond.com</a>	08 8528 2412	
Andrew	Johnson	SA - Nufarm & Hi-Fert	Sow welfare & efficiency - specifically Animal welfare & disease management & Electronic identification & sow housing	TINTINARA	SA	<a href="mailto:johnson@lm.net.au">johnson@lm.net.au</a>	08 8756 0063	0427 849 46
Mark	Modra	GRDC West	Deep tillage and nutrition and the interaction of soil fauna and flora in these systems	PORT LINCOLN	SA	<a href="mailto:mark@modra.net">mark@modra.net</a>	08 8684 2017	0427 866 87
Graham	Clothier	MLA	Branded Lamb Products. The aim is to produce a free-range chemical free (of residues) product of consistent eating quality all year round.	LUCINDALE	SA	<a href="mailto:greenvale@rbm.com.au">greenvale@rbm.com.au</a>	08 8765 8027	
Michael	Hastings	RIRDC	The use of producer alliances, co-operatives, and producer companies to strategically market and brand agricultural goods and their use to gain greater supply Chain management and increased price stability. I also want to study production systems and ways of increasing our farm efficiency and produce the best genetics available internationally that meet market requirements.	WINCHELS EA	VIC	<a href="mailto:hastings@gsat.net.au">hastings@gsat.net.au</a>	03 5267 2010	0439 311 30

Paul	Zuidema	Landmark	<p>Would like to study more in depth, large farming and its problems in cow management, business planning and environmental problems, and free stall barns as a possible solution to our environmental problems, as I see these areas are the biggest hurdles farmers will have to face in the future. I would also like to investigate agricultural technology, and its benefits or disadvantages to present day dairy farming</p>	LEONGATH A SOUTH	VIC	<a href="mailto:paulz@dcsi.net.au">paulz@dcsi.net.au</a>	0356 643245
David	Cox	WA - CSBP, CBH & Grain Pool	<p>Production and management of high yielding crops (10t/ha+)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· foliar nutrition,</li> <li>· disease management</li> <li>· stubble management ]</li> <li>· high moisture grain management</li> </ul> <p>of heavy crops (7-10t/ha).</p>	ESPERANCE	WA	dave.cox@telstra.com	(08) 9078 2053