

**2007 Nuffield Australia
AWARDS DINNER
FRIDAY
5th OCTOBER 2007
Program**

2007 Awards Dinner

6.30 pm Pre dinner drinks

Entrée served

Seated

Introduction by John Foss, Nuffield Scholar (2000)

Formal welcome by Peter Nixon, Chairman, Nuffield Australia

Presentation to pre-1965 scholars by Brendon Smart,
Immediate Past Chairman, Nuffield Australia

Main course

Keynote address by Michael Chaney,
Chairman, Business Council of Australia

Dessert

Presentation of 2007 Nuffield Australia Scholarships by
Peter Nixon assisted by David Brownhill, Deputy Chairman,
Nuffield Australia



Mission Statement

Nuffield Australia promotes excellence
in all aspects of Australian agricultural production,
distribution and management
through the adoption of local and international best
practice and the continuous development of a unique
network of industry leaders and innovators.



NUFFIELD LOGO - KEEPING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

'Chinese Whispers' is a party game which, by its very nature of passing messages down the line of party-goers, both amuses and misleads with the final participant proclaiming a message very different from the one whispered by the first guest! Something similar has happened in relation to the origins of the now widely familiar Nuffield crest, and perhaps a few comments may set the record straight.

In England in 1934 William Morris was created a peer in recognition of his contribution to the motor industry, and extensive charitable works. His inclination was towards adopting the names of either Morris or Cowley to accompany his new title, but both these names already belonged to other members of the peerage so he settled for his further choice of Nuffield.

A Grant of Arms followed and it was Lord Nuffield's decision that the crest of his Coat of Arms should be adopted by the Nuffield Foundation, and later the Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust. In heraldic terms the crest is described as being "on a Wreath Or and Gules a demi Bull Gules armed and unguled Or resting the sinister hoof on a Winged Wheel Gold". In less pedantic parlance the bull in the crest is taken from the Arms of the City of Oxford, and the wheel which it holds represents the motor industry in which this remarkable man left his footprint in history, and bestowed upon us such a legacy of philanthropy.

By Caroline Nixon

Scholarships to be awarded.

Three **grain grower scholarships** supported by **GRDC**

An **aquaculture and/or fish producer** supported by the
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

A **chicken meat grower or livestock manager**
supported by **Rural Industries Research and
Development Corporation, Chicken Meat Program**

A **vegetable grower** funded by the **National Vegetable
Levy** and sponsored by **Horticulture Australia Limited**
in partnership with **AUSVEG**

A **fruit grower** supported by
Apple and Pear Australia and **Horticulture Australia**

A **livestock producer** supported by
Meat & Livestock Australia

A **woolgrower scholarship**
supported by **Australian Wool Innovation**

A **primary producer** supported by **Rabobank**

A **mixed grain and livestock producer**
supported by **Landmark**

A **grain grower** supported by
the **Grain Growers Association**

A **primary producer to study natural resource
management** supported by **Sidney Myer Fund**

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 Industries,
Fisheries and Mines**

Simon Tiller

Simon Tiller, from Esperance, WA, receives a 2007 scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.



Simon will study biofuel technology, hay, straw and grain usage and processing, feed lotting, feed grain and fodder production and integrated storage systems - basically any farming systems that add value to, or recycle, many or all of their products and byproducts.

Simon and his wife Felicity live 130 km north east of Esperance on a 8000 hectare no stock, control traffic, continual cropping property. Simon has been involved in the family farm for 10 years and his parents remain involved in the farming enterprise.

He is committed to adding value to the farm's product and creating another dimension to the business by using all of the farm's produce and byproducts.

Simon is a committee member for his local farming group, Beaumont Better Farming Group, which is focused on precision agronomy. He is also involved with the South East Wheat Growers Association and the Control Traffic Farming Association.

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Mathew Stott

Mathew Stott, from Darlington Point, NSW, receives a 2007 scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.



Mathew will study deep sub-surface drip irrigation on medium-to-heavy clay soils, on a variety of crops, but with a particular emphasis on grain crops.

Mathew, 25, is currently in partnership with his father, Richard, and younger brother, Andrew, in a branch of a 4th generation family farming enterprise. Stott Management Group has 1800 hectares of irrigatable land and a further 600 hectares of grazing country. The current cropping enterprise consists of seed crops such as sunflowers, sorghum, corn, lucerne, onions, carrots, wheat, canola, oats and triticale.

Commercial grain crops include wheat, popcorn, white and yellow gritting maize, faba beans, and tomatoes for processing and drying. There is also a 100 hectare vineyard of wine grapes. Small areas of clover and lucerne have been established to help keep livestock numbers consistent. Livestock numbers vary but at any one time the enterprise has 180 cows with calves at foot. Lamb production is small, from 200 to 500 at varying times. With diminishing water supplies it is crucial to increase yields while using less water. Mathew's challenge is to find more efficient and environmentally sustainable methods of irrigation.

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Mark Graham

Mark Graham, from Popanyinning, WA, receives a 2007 scholarship supported by the Grains Research and Development Corporation.



Mark will study the opportunities and risks for Australian agriculture in the changing energy market with a focus on broadacre cropping. He will examine how the changing price of energy has, and will continue to, affected prices of grain, fuel, fertiliser, chemicals and land.

Mark and his wife Claire have two sons, William and Edward, and live north of Narrogin in the mixed farming area of Western Australia.

They farm multiple properties in the surrounding region along with Mark's parents. The farming operation is mostly grain focused, cropping 5000 hectares, with a mix of wheat, barley, canola, oats and export hay.

Sheep remain an important part of the farm's rotational balance with wool Merinos being mated to Poll Dorsets for meat production.

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Lester Marshall

Lester Marshall, from Coffin Bay, SA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.

Lester will study the development of a regional brand, how to use company brands to underpin this, and the importance of using branded products from these companies to drive market pull.



Lester's involvement in aquaculture began in 1992 when he started to develop an oyster farm at Coffin Bay on the Eyre Peninsula.

He now manages 24 hectares of oyster farms with approximately 10 staff producing some 300 tonnes of oysters a year.

Lester is the chair of the fishing and aquaculture target team and a director on the Eyre Regional Development Board.

He wants to develop a strong regional brand for South Australia's Eyre Peninsula that cements its reputation as Australia's seafood frontier.

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Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

Robert Kestel

Robert Kestel, from Gingin, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation's Chicken Meat Program.



Robert will study on-farm management systems to improve the environmental status of chicken meat farms, strategies to enable chicken meat farms to continue farming at the urban-rural interface and animal welfare issues.

Robert, with his wife Robyn, is raising their four children on their farming property in Gingin. He has a healthy involvement with his local community and is a past Gingin Shire Councillor.

Robert is the managing director of B J&R Enterprises Pty Ltd. The company grows meat chickens on contract for Inghams on a 58 hectare property that houses 175,000 birds in five naturally ventilated sheds. Robert produces 5.7 batches of chickens a year and hopes to expand the farm to 400,000 birds.

Robert also carries out a small hay making and beef cattle operation on the property.

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**Rural Industries Research and
Development Corporation**

Tim Harslett

Tim Harslett, from Amiens, QLD, receives the 2007 scholarship funded by the National Vegetable Levy and sponsored by Horticulture Australia Limited in partnership with AUSVEG.



Tim will study mechanised harvesting and different methods of disease management.

Tim is a fourth generation vegetable farmer and lives near Stanthorpe in the mountains of south-east Queensland.

The farming enterprise's main crops are celery, Chinese cabbage and cos lettuce. Because of the farm's altitude the farming operation is limited by cold winters and therefore can't produce year round.

Tim is a part owner of the business and has been home on the farm for about five years, since completing a degree in Agricultural Science (plant/soil) at the University of Queensland and travelling overseas.

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Know-how for Horticulture™

Jason Jarvis

Jason Jarvis, from Donnybrook, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Apple and Pear Australia and Horticulture Australia Ltd.

Jason will study maintaining and improving quality and yield during the conversion stage of organic certification for fruit production.



Jason is a third-generation farmer and the current WA Apple and Pear Council Chairman. He studied Horticultural Management at Lincoln University in New Zealand.

In partnership with his parents, the farming enterprise consists of four main components: a 15 hectare apple orchard, a 220 hectare + (120 hectare leased) beef cattle unit (Red Poll breeders), a packhouse facility that contract pack fruit for other growers and exporters, and a pony stud and riding stables.

Jason and his parents farm using biological methods and aim to become certified organic. They constantly work to improve soil health and the nutritional quality of their produce.

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Sam Archer

Sam Archer, from Gundagai, NSW, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Meat & Livestock Australia.

Sam will study natural resource management stewardship schemes.



Sam and his wife Sabrina run a 1500 hectare grazing enterprise at Gundagai, turning off 1st cross Wagyu and 2nd cross Dorpers. They aspire to run a regenerative farming system to the point where their environmental, social and financial capital compounds annually.

In 2000 Sam purchased the family farm and committed to its full-time management. The property, Kincora, is a demonstration site for the Environmental Services Scheme, a NSW pilot program seeking to establish a market price for environmental credits - namely carbon, soil, water, salinity and biodiversity.

In 2008, Sam will travel to Europe and North America to research natural resource management stewardship schemes in an effort to engage the farm sector in developing economic instruments to deliver environmental outcomes.

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Benjamin Ranford

Benjamin Ranford, from Cleve, SA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Australian Wool Innovation.

Ben will study methods to meet increasingly tough business challenges.



Ben is a fourth generation farmer, cropping cereals and running a 1200 breeding ewe, self-replacing, dual-purpose sheep flock on 3000 arable hectares. He wants to ensure farming's future, but says being a 'good farmer' is no longer enough to meet business challenges.

Ben wants to see how other agricultural communities have secured vibrant futures, and identify ways that his community and others in Australia can restore a balance of economic power to farmers, ensuring the long-term viability of farming communities.

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Jane Bennett

Jane Bennett, from Elizabeth Town, TAS, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Rabobank.

Jane will study trends in regional product development and point of difference for branding in conjunction with the nature of distribution channels (particularly innovative systems) for regional produce.



Jane is the Managing Director of Ashgrove Cheese, a family business established in 1993 to add value to milk produced on the Bennett family's farming enterprise Ashgrove Farms, located in Elizabeth Town in central northern Tasmania.

Ashgrove Cheese specialises in the production of award winning hard and semi-hard traditional styles of cheese as well as innovatively flavoured cheeses featuring locally grown Tasmanian ingredients. The business features a retail shop showcasing an extensive range of Tasmanian-produced gourmet food and wine and an educational tourism facility.

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Rabobank

Graham Finlayson

Graham Finlayson, from Brewarrina, NSW, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by AWB Landmark.

Graham will study natural resource management – specifically, the use of livestock in improving the diversity, health and regeneration of the semi-arid rangelands of Australia.



Graham and his wife Cathy own and manage an organic certified livestock-based enterprise north of Brewarrina in western NSW. Diversification into complimentary enterprises such as tourism and a strong focus on the environmental health of their landscape has been integral in the ability of their business to succeed through seven years of drought.

Graham is born and bred in the semi-arid western division and is passionate about the potential of the rangelands to be greatly improved through alternative strategic grazing management, and the ability of smaller family owned farms to be increasingly profitable.

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Murray Scholz

Murray Scholz, from Culcairn, NSW, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Grain Growers Association.

Murray will study Integrated Weed Management, specifically looking at the effects of GM crops on weed management and at non-chemical methods of weed control.



Murray Scholz farms with his wife Emma and parents in the Eastern Riverina of NSW. Their family has farmed in the area since 1919.

They have a 1640 hectare property of which they continuously crop 1200 hectare in a wheat, canola and lupin rotation. They began direct drilling in the mid 1970s and adapted to no-till in the mid 1980s.

On their non arable country they run a 200 cow purebred Shorthorn herd targeting the high marbling Japanese feedlot market.

Murray is also involved with the organising of the Henty Machinery Field days and was the founding chairman of one of his local Landcare groups.

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Ben Forsyth

Ben Forsyth, from Meekatharra, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Sidney Myer Fund.

Ben will study methods for ensuring an ecologically sustainable future in the arid pastoral zone of inland Western Australia and maximising returns on that land including the potential of heat-adapted *Bos taurus* and composite breeds.



Ben comes from a pastoral background having been born to his family station of 'Three Rivers', located in the East Gascoyne of Western Australia.

With his parents and two brothers, Ben operates Beefwood Pastoral Company Pty Ltd. Beefwood also has properties in the West Gascoyne north of Carnarvon and in the North Midlands near Eneabba.

All the properties are dedicated to sustainable beef production, with a small portion of the Eneabba farms planted to hay each year.

Ben has the dual roles of Production Manager and Environmental Manager. He is the resident Manager of 'Three Rivers' and has had extensive experience on the Eneabba properties.

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A stylized, cursive signature of Sidney Myer in black ink.

SIDNEY MYER FUND

Annabelle Coppin

Annabelle Coppin, from Port Hedland, WA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by CBH and CSBP.

Annabelle will study the Australian live export cattle trade and how to develop a sound understanding of the marketing chain beyond the farm-gate.



Annabelle is headstock person and station overseer of East Pilbara Cattle Company. This is an equal business partnership with her parents and brother.

The operation consists of a 500 000 hectare pastoral lease in WA's North West as well as two farming properties 1500km south, that together make up 2300 hectares.

The stations are primarily used for running 5500 Droughtmaster cross breeders and the southern properties for finishing the sale animals. The business relies heavily on the live cattle trade as its marketing avenue with 90 per cent of all sale animals sold to South East Asian and Middle Eastern markets.

Annabelle flies a fixed wing aircraft, enjoys working horses and cattle, travelling, and is passionate about Australian agriculture.

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Matthew Munzberg

Matthew Munzberg, from Tanunda, SA, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Nufarm.

Matthew will study how to maximise grower returns without sacrificing quality in the vineyard, with a focus on using regional branding and marketing to improve returns to farmers.



Matthew is a 4th generation grapegrower. He currently manages 45 hectares of vineyard on the floor of the Barossa Valley, started by his great grandfather and built upon by his grandfather and father. He is a director of the family company that runs their farming operations and sells grapes to a number of well-known Barossa wineries.

The family also manages and runs Mad Dog Wines which in 1999 produced its first vintage, a Barossa Valley Shiraz. The company has grown steadily over the ensuing years and now also produces a Sangiovese wine. As well as supplying local markets, Mad Dog is also exporting to a number of international markets.

For some time Matthew has been maintaining a web blog, to help provide a direct connection with his consumers and provide an insider's perspective on the day-to-day running of his vineyard.

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Jarrold Ryan

Jarrold Ryan, from Parap, NT, receives the 2007 scholarship supported by Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries & Mines.



Jarrold will study the production of fodder in tropical environments.

Jarrold is the General Manager and a shareholder of his family's enterprise Northern Australia Fodder Exports.

Their property, Early Storms, is situated approximately 260km south west of Darwin in the Douglas Daly region of the NT. The region is located in a monsoon climatic zone with an average annual rainfall of between 900 and 1000 mm.

Early Storms is about 600 hectares, broken into 200 hectares of irrigated fodder production (2 x 100 ha centre pivots), 100 hectares of dryland cropping and 300 ha of bushland. Irrigated Sudan Grass is the predominant crop with dryland tropical hay species such as Jarra Grass and Cavalcade also produced seasonally. Although the property was originally purchased to be a R & D site, the recent drought conditions in southern and eastern Australia have seen operations ramped up to not only supply the family's dairy operation in SA but also the local market, feedlots in NSW and Queensland, and dairy operations in Victoria and South Australia. This season Northern Australia Fodder Exports is exploring the possibility and viability of fodder seed production under irrigation and dry land conditions.

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