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OF THE AUSTRALIAN RURAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

A unique opportunity for selected rural and regional leaders to undertake a program of personal growth and develop the skills, knowledge and networks needed to be effective in regional, state, national and international arenas.

Comprising professional and personal leadership skills development, examination of key national and international issues and interaction with leaders in government, industry and the community.

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Martin Adlington
Newcastle NSW
Telstra Country Wide, Telstra Scholarship

Martin is Telstra Country Wide's Area General Manager for Newcastle and Lake Macquarie in New South Wales. Martin has over ten years' experience in senior telecommunications roles covering customer service, sales and marketing. He is a current Board member of the Hunter Business Chamber, Huntertech (an ICT consortium) and the Hunter Medical Research Institute Foundation. Martin is a graduate of the General Manager's Program at the Australian Graduate School of Management.



Rebecca Arnott
Brisbane QLD
Meat and Livestock Australia, Meat Leader Scholarship

Rebecca is the 1824 Brand Manager for the Australian Agricultural Company (AACo). She has spent ten years working in the beef industry in Australia, UK, Canada, US and Zimbabwe. Rebecca is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and is a Director of Queensland Polo. Rebecca has a Bachelor of Rural Science from the University of New England and a Master of Business Management in the Agriculture and Food Industries from the Royal Agricultural College, Cirencester, UK. Rebecca was 2004 NSW Rural Woman of the Year.



Chris Blanchard
Wagga Wagga NSW
Grains R & D Corporation, Grains Leader Scholarship

Chris is a senior lecturer in the School of Wine and Food Sciences, Charles Sturt University. He holds a PhD in molecular biology and has been conducting research in the area of cereal science for the past six years. Chris is the current Chair of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute Cereal Chemistry Division Committee. He has a broad range of research interests including the chemical and physical properties of cereals, molecular structure of cereal genomes, molecular characterisation of molluscs and the study of genetic diseases caused by chromosome microdeletions.



Alison Bowman
Wagga Wagga NSW
Rural Industries R & D Corporation, Rural Women's Scholarship

Alison is the Director of NSW Department of Primary Industries Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute and Research Leader for the Southern/Central NSW Farming Systems Group. She holds a PhD and Bachelor of Agricultural Science from the University of Sydney and a Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management from Flinders University. Alison has previously worked as a Research Agronomist (Pastures) for NSW Department of Primary Industries at Walgett, Grafton and Trangie.



Sally Branson
Hay NSW
Rural Press Ltd, Rural Press Scholarship

Sally is the Executive Officer for South West Australian Shearers' Hall of Fame, a Board Member of Murray Machismo, Southern Riverina Rural Advisory Service (Hay) and Lead-On Griffith. Sally holds a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and Art History).



Caroline Brown
Riverside TAS
News Limited, News Limited Scholarship

Caroline is the State Program Officer for Women in Rural Industries Program in the Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment. The project works to increase the recognition of the needs and aspirations of people involved in agriculture, in particular women and farm families. Caroline aims to raise the profile of agriculture as a forward thinking and vibrant industry as well as encouraging women to realise their potential in decision making for agriculture and seafood industries. Caroline has been actively involved with many community groups and rural boards in Tasmania and nationally. Caroline holds a Diploma in Financial Planning.



Roger Buckley
Melbourne VIC
Dept of Primary Industries – Vic, Departmental Scholarship

Roger is Manager Business Development for the Minerals and Petroleum Division of the Department of Primary Industries, Victoria. The position includes facilitation of major resource development projects, marketing and promoting investment opportunities in Victoria's resources sector and enhancing the development of technology and technology transfer relevant to Victoria's earth resources. Roger holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) majoring in geology and a Diploma in Environmental Science. Roger's community involvement includes local sporting clubs and a scout group.



Annette Burke
Palmerston NT
Rural Industries R & D Corporation, Community Leader Scholarship

Annette is Mayor of Palmerston, a city of 25,500, 30% of whom are under 15. Annette has been Mayor for eight years and Alderman for four. Prior to this, Annette moved around Australia and overseas teaching foreign languages, ESL and communications skills at high schools and university. Annette chairs the Crime Prevention Beacon Foundation, Seniors Advisory and is also a member of the Charles Darwin University Foundation Board and the Senior High School Reference Group. Annette has a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), Diploma of Education and Masters in Applied Linguistics. Her passion is to make a difference in her community, particularly with youth.



Maria Calyun
Port Augusta SA
Office of Indigenous Policy Coordination, Indigenous Leader Scholarship

Maria is the Team Leader of the Well Child Program at the Pika Wiya Health Service, working with Aboriginal families and children around health and well being issues. She also delivers health promotion sessions to various schools and child care centres in Port Augusta. Maria is involved in the community through the Port Augusta Youth Centre, the Aboriginal Women's Centre, the Aboriginal Women's Advisory Group – Maternal Health, the Child and Youth Health Management Committee, the Aboriginal Sports and Recreation Committee and the Aboriginal Women's Leadership Program through OIPC – Canberra.



Maurice Collins
Mount Pleasant SA
Australian Wool Innovation, Wool Innovation Scholarship

Maurice is the manager/owner of a 100ha property east of Adelaide and has been producing fine wool merinos and prime lambs for more than 30 years. Maurice chairs the Tungkillio Land Care group and is also involved in Soils Boards, Catchment Groups, Natural Resource Centres and the Native Grass Resources Group. Natural resource management reform is high on his agenda. Maurice continues to lead his community by example in all natural resource work undertaken on his property.



Colleen Condliffe
Salisbury West VIC
National Foods Ltd, National Foods Scholarship

Colleen is a primary producer at Salisbury West and is also a Councillor with the Loddon Shire Council. Colleen is committed to community and rural development. Examples of Colleen's community involvement include: State Government Chief Electrical Overhead Clearance Board, Chair - Women's Health Loddon Mallee Board, the YFF's Water Resource Committee, Inglewood Resource Centre Board, the Loddon Shire Tourism Board, the Youth Board, the Loddon Shire/Marcus Oldham Agriculture Youth Leadership Program and President - Salisbury West Land Care. Colleen has a Company Director Certificate and a Diploma of Business Management.



Gabrielle Cusack
Galong NSW
Commonwealth Dept of Transport and Regional Services, Departmental Scholarship

Gabrielle has her own environmental marketing company, Cusack Marketing, developing strategic alliances between the environment and the community, including a current project at St Clements Monastery. Gabrielle is primarily involved with project management, developing and implementing commercial farm forestry models for agribusiness, Government agencies and farmers. Her philosophy is about making a difference; assisting in creating change in rural communities that are proactive, having positive outcomes that benefit the community as a whole. Gabrielle holds a Diploma in Rural Business Administration.



Cameron Dart
New Farm QLD
Dept of Primary Industries – QLD, Departmental Scholarship

Cameron is the Manager of Meat Standards Australia (MSA) for Meat and Livestock Australia. He is responsible for national operations, products, services and future policy and strategic development. Prior to joining MLA in 1998, Cameron worked with corporate landholders in the NT, feedlots in Northern NSW and then moved into the processing sector. Cameron's passion is converting R&D into commercial applications enabling substantial economic and cultural change.



Peter Delis
Darwin NT
Horticulture Australia/Dept of Business, Industry and Resource Development – NT, Industry Leader Scholarship

Peter is the Managing Director of Jabiru Tropical Orchards and Cockatoo Tropical Orchards, a recognised leader in technology and export development, with access to the Japanese market. Active in industry issues, Peter is currently a member NT Mango Industry Association, NT Horticultural Partnership Group (Ministerial Advisory Committee), Horticulture Australia (Industry Advisory Committee), Australian Mango Industry Export Committee and Chairman of Australian Mango Industry Business Code on the National Horticultural Code of Practice. Peter holds a Bachelor of Business Information Systems.



Michael Doyle
Griffith NSW
Australian Lot Feeders Association, Industry Leader Scholarship

Michael is the Manager of Australia Meat Holdings Prime City Feedlot, part of an integrated, customer focused, high quality, value added business supplying the Japanese market. Under his management it has achieved National Feedlot of the Year in both 2003 and 2004. Michael has been involved in the feedlot industry for 12 years, including seven years at AMH Beef City. In 1996 he won the Young Lot Feeder Achiever Award. Michael holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Rural Technology from the University of Queensland.



James Gow
Melbourne VIC
Cotton R & D Corporation/Auscott/Cotton Seed Distributors, Cotton Leader Scholarship

James is Market Manager for Cotton and Summer Crops at Bayer CropScience. James started in the cotton industry in Wee Waa, NSW working in various roles that provided a comprehensive perspective of the Australian cotton industry. He is an Associate Member of Cotton Consultants Australia Inc., sits on the judging panel of the Rural Press Cotton Scholarship award and assists in organising the Southern Cotton Growers Annual Award. James holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons 1) - Wool and Pastoral Science and a Graduate Certificate of Corporate Management.



Stephen Hannan
Port Macquarie NSW
Westpac Banking Corporation, Westpac Banking Scholarship

Stephen is the Regional Executive for Westpac in Northern New South Wales, with responsibility for Northern NSW, Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands. Stephen holds the position of Regional Director of Australian Business Limited and sits on the Board of the Northern Region Westpac Surf Life Saver Helicopter Service. Stephen graduated in 1985 from Southern Cross University after studying Sports Science and is currently studying for a Diploma in Financial Planning through the Australian Securities Institute.



Vincent Hudson
Canberra ACT
Commonwealth Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Departmental Scholarship

Vincent is Manager, North Asia Section, Market Access Division in the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. He manages the Bilateral Agricultural Trade and Cooperation Relationship with a number of key Australian markets (China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan). Vincent is currently working on improving market access for Australian exporters through the Free Trade Agreement negotiations with China. Vincent holds a Bachelor of Science and Arts degree from ANU.



Ian Knuckey
Queenscliff VIC
Fisheries R & D Corporation, Fisheries Scholarship

Ian is Director of Fishwell Consulting, a company providing research and consulting services to encourage and promote sustainable fishing practices in the commercial fishing industry. Ian has a PhD in fisheries population dynamics, as well as 20 years' involvement in temperate and tropical fisheries research. Ian is a scientific member of various fisheries assessment groups of the South East Fishery. He is Chairman of Australian Seafood Co-Products and chairs the Shelf Assessment Group and the local School Board. Ian is married to Jane with two children, William and Jack.



Peter Land
Brisbane QLD
National Australia Bank, National Australia Bank Scholarship

Peter is now National Australia Bank's Agribusiness Manager (Brisbane) following a recent transfer from Dalby. He has been involved in the finance industry for 25 years, with most of this time in rural Queensland. Through NAB he has experience in various agribusiness industries and also has a keen interest in developing the next generation of young farmers.



Peter Milzewski
Rockhampton QLD
Australian Meat Processors Corporation, Industry Leader Scholarship

Peter is the Plant Manager of Australia Meat Holdings, Rockhampton. He is a member of the Australian Livestock Industries Development Corporation Committee and manufacturing sector committee representative for the Fitzroy Basin Association Inc. Peter is involved with committees assisting placement of Year 12 students in full employment, education or training. Peter was awarded the Australian Institute of Management, Rockhampton Young Manager of the Year in 2004. He holds a Diploma of Meat Management from Victoria University.



Gavin Moore
via Camden NSW
Telstra Country Wide/ National Farmers Federation, Industry Leader Scholarship

Gavin is a partner in his family business at Glenmore NSW and produces in excess of 1.3 million litres of milk annually. He is a director of the Dairy Industry Development Company Ltd, (PIDCO) and a member of Topfodder and Natural Resource Management industry steering committees. Gavin is a Committee Member of the Camden Show Society Inc serving as Chairman of advertising, marketing and promotions. Gavin holds a Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture).



Catriona Murray
Kendron QLD
Commonwealth Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Leader involved with NRM Scholarship

Cat has a background in retail, forecasting, strategic development and promotion. She is a Senior Project Officer for the Qld Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries FarmBis Program and is passionate about developing rural and regional Australia. She has worked previously in the organic industry and seeks opportunities to find and increase market opportunities for rural operators. She has a Bachelor of Environmental Design; Fashion Design and Event Management.



Cheryl Rix
Wentworth NSW
Horticulture Australia, Horticulture Leader Scholarship

Cheryl is a partner in a horticultural property on the Darling River, growing product for domestic and export markets. She has a background in business consulting and is the Chairperson of the Wentworth Community Bank. Cheryl is currently focused on volunteer work in her community while raising her young children. She has lobbied for fairer education in small schools through the Isolated Children's Parents Association and is active in a number of education committees. Cheryl has a Bachelor of Commerce from Melbourne University and is a Chartered Accountant.



Eddie Roos
 Toowoomba QLD
 Commonwealth Dept of Health and Ageing, Rural Health Scholarship
 Eddie is a general practitioner in the rural community of Withcott and a business owner in Toowoomba. He has worked as Senior Medical Officer and General Practitioner in Bowen, Goondiwindi and Toomelah Aboriginal community. Eddie has been involved in the Division of General Practice network and currently is Vice President on the Board of Southern Queensland Rural Division of General Practice and rural representative on the Board of the Queensland Division of General Practice.



Waverley Stanley
 Southport QLD
 Commonwealth Dept of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Indigenous Leader Scholarship
 Waverley is a Community Capacity Builder with the Lumbu Indigenous Community Foundation in Brisbane that supports, empowers and motivates Indigenous individuals and communities to achieve economic, sustainable outcomes. Waverley is also director of his own business, Pathway to Success, which conducts personal development and motivation workshops throughout Australia. Waverley is also Chief Executive Officer of his own not-for-profit company Yalar, supporting Indigenous children for education scholarships throughout Australia.



Christine Tucker
 Geraldton WA
 Fisheries R & D Corporation, Fisheries Scholarship
 Chris is the Administration Manager for Marlyne Trading Pty Ltd, a lobster fishing company. Chris has 17 years mixed farming experience and 10 years with a national rural retail enterprise in WA. She is National President and Chairwoman of Women's Industry Network Seafood Community and a member of the National Rural Women's Coalition Secretariat. Chris is the Coastal and Marine Community representative on the Northern Agricultural Catchment Council Management Committee. Chris has completed the Australian Institute of Company Directors course.



Daniel Walker
 Yass NSW
 CSIRO, Departmental Scholarship
 Daniel is Program Leader for CSIRO's Sustainable Ecosystems "Resource Futures" research program. He has a PhD from the University of Wales. Daniel's research contributes to sustainable regional development processes that maximise economic opportunities and quality of life for communities, while maintaining the integrity of the environment and maximising future opportunities. Much of his work has been in northern Australia and east and south Asia.



Matt Wentzel
 Kingaroy QLD
 Australian Meat Processors Corporation, Industry Leader Scholarship
 Matt is the Operations Manager at Swickers Kingaroy Bacon Factory, the second largest pork processor in Australia. Swickers also processes cattle and backfatters, and has an alliance with Hans Continental Smallgoods and one of Australia's largest agri-business groups, CHM. Matt has a keen interest in the sustainability and development of rural and regional communities and in the development of integrated supply chains to support industry. Matt holds a Bachelor of Business, majoring in Management.



Penny Williams
 Albany WA
 Dept Local Government & Regional Services - WA, Departmental Scholarship
 Penny is the Link-Up Officer/Case Worker with the Great Southern Division of General Practice and the Great Southern Aboriginal Health Service. Penny is a member of the Foundation's Committee for the University of Western Australia. She is also an Executive Committee member of the Southern Aboriginal Corporation and is the women's representative for the South West Aboriginal Land & Sea Council.



Kate Wilson
 Hopetoun VIC
 Grains R & D Corporation, Grains Leader Scholarship
 Kate is a partner in a broadacre grain farm with her husband and two young children. An agronomist by profession, Kate has an intricate knowledge of the issues facing local Mallee farmers and their families. She works with local growers on long-term sustainability through crop selection, rotation and nutrition planning. Kate is passionate about living and working in a rural community. She holds a Diploma of Applied Science (Farm Production) from Longerenong Ag College.



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