Darwin hosts national conference on Nuffield Farming Scholars

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The Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Dr Chris Burns MLA, today encouraged primary industry workers with vision, enthusiasm and determination to apply for a prestigious Nuffield Farming scholarship for study overseas.

The NT Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development have sponsored a Nuffield Scholarship, which aims to promote excellence in Australian agricultural production, distribution and management by encouraging the industry to adopt best practice and continuous development.

The Scholarships are managed by the Australian Nuffield Farming Scholar’s Association, a unique network of industry leaders and innovators within the Primary Industry sector, and provide financial assistance to participants of $21,000 to cover costs that include an overseas study program in their country of choice.

Participants have described the scholarship program as a life changing experience, where they have gained a deep understanding and global perspective of the politics, cultures and challenges of competitors and allies.

Dr Burns will present a welcoming address to the National Conference of the Australian Nuffield Farming Scholar’s Association at 10:00am on 12 April at the Carlton Hotel, Darwin.

Dr Burns said that the Northern Territory primary industry is an area of rapid growth, especially live cattle export, commercial fishing and horticulture.

"The Territory sponsored Nuffield Scholarship is an indication of the Government’s commitment to growing our Primary Industries, and I encourage eligible applicants to participate in this rewarding experience.

"It is important for the benefit of Northern Territory agriculture to build on our knowledge and experience base of best practice methods for this industry,” Dr Burns said.


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