



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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RAS CALGARY YOUTH AWARDS ANNOUNCED

Regional youth representatives to head to the Commonwealth Agricultural Conference in Calgary, Canada

The **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** has announced the winners of the Agricultural Development Committee and RAS Youth Member Calgary Youth Awards. These two individuals will attend the annual **Commonwealth Agricultural Conference** in **Calgary, Canada**, worth almost **\$6,000**, from the **7th to 17th July, 2006**, culminating in the world-renowned **Calgary Stampede**.

Susan Bower and **Mark Schembri** will represent the RAS in Canada and have the opportunity to participate in a forum focusing on global Agricultural Issues, and to participate in the ***Next Generation*** forum.

Susan Bower, an Agribusiness Manager with the National Australia Bank in Moree, was chosen by the RAS Agricultural Development Committee for her passion to represent NSW and Australian Rural Youth and gain new ideas that could be utilised at all levels of the Show movement.

Mark Schembri is an Equine Vet and director of the Department of Reproduction at Agnes Banks Equine Clinic. Mark was chosen to represent RAS Youth Members in Calgary with views to assisting in further developing the traditions, visions and values of the RAS.

"This lucky pair has a wonderful opportunity to observe, participate and learn from their experience in Canada," said **Mrs Sue White, RAS General Manager, Agriculture**. "Their 11 day tour will touch on many aspects of the agricultural industry, on a global scale, and will highlight methods, market expectations and farming realities relevant to commonwealth countries, including Australia."

"Young people like Susan and Mark are the future of our industry, and the RAS recognises the need to develop our youth for generations of Australians to come."

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