



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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## **RAS RURAL ACHIEVERS AWARD FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES**

### **Recognising Future Rural Leaders**

Time is running out for the chance to be rewarded for your contribution to rural NSW.

Do you live and work in rural NSW?

Do you have an interest in agriculture or rural affairs?

Are you passionate about your local community?

If so, the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) wants to hear from you.

Nominations for the **RAS 2009 Rural Achievers Award** are filling fast.

The RAS welcomes entries from young community leaders, trades people, professionals, business owners, people working in the Agricultural sector and students who represent the future direction of rural Australia.

The Rural Achievers Award has a proud history of recognising the contributions young Australians make to their rural communities. Over the past 18 years, 151 young people have been selected for the title.

**Sydney Royal Easter Show General Manager, Michael Collins**, says winning the title of RAS Rural Achiever can be an important step in helping young rural Australians achieve their ambitions and kick-start their career.

“Many past Rural Achievers are now employed in key agri-business careers and work on successful properties thanks to the networking opportunities, media attention and prizes they received,” said Mr Collins.

Eight finalists will receive an all expenses paid trip to the **2009 Sydney Royal Easter Show**. This includes a ‘behind the scenes’ look at Australia’s largest annual event, a tour of Rural Press – home of The Land newspaper, invitations to numerous official functions, personal outfitting in the latest country clothing and much more.

Efforts and involvement in Show communities and rural areas as well as enthusiasm, ambition and leadership are considered key components in selecting RAS Rural Achievers.

The eight finalists will be chosen from the Zone Judging Sessions to be held in December 2008 at Tamworth, Orange and Wagga Wagga.

The RAS Rural Achievers Award is open to all residents of NSW aged between 20 and 27. Entries close **Friday 7 November 2008**.

To enter, please visit [www.sydneyroyal.com.au](http://www.sydneyroyal.com.au) and download an application form, or contact Katie Christensen P 02) 9704 1293 E [kchristensen@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:kchristensen@rasnsw.com.au)

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