



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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YOUTH OF REGIONAL NSW TO SHINE

Judging of the 2009 Rural Achievers Award

The Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS) is preparing to choose eight young people from across country NSW, to be the 2009 RAS Rural Achievers.

This year 28 entrants will compete for the prestigious Award, which is now in its 20th year. The Rural Achievers Award recognizes future young leaders who are making a significant contribution to their local community and to rural Australia.

“This Award recognises the achievements and desires of young Australians,” said RAS Agricultural Development General Manager, Mr Bernie O’Sullivan. “They represent the future of agriculture in this state, and this country, and are wonderful ambassadors for their regions.”

In Tamworth judges will be considering 6 young people as finalists, 12 competitors will be judged at Wagga Wagga on Monday 8 December and 10 young people will be out to impress the panel in Orange on Thursday 11 December.

“Rural Achievers will have the opportunity to network with a range of industry experts throughout the course of their trip to the Sydney Royal, helping them achieve their ambitions and kick start their careers,” said Mr O’Sullivan.

Eight finalists will receive an all expenses trip to Sydney. They will be invited to attend Australia’s largest event, the **Sydney Royal Easter Show, 9 April – 22 April**. During their time in Sydney, they will also receive a tour of Rural Press, home of The Land, a trip to Parliament House, and be invited to attend a cocktail reception at Government House.

The judges are; John Fairfax - Chairman Marinya Media, John Dwyer – General Manager The Land, David Moor - President Agricultural Societies Council of NSW, and Jenny Dudley - wife of RAS President Glenn Dudley.

2009 Rural Achievers Award Judging Schedule:

Tamworth	Wagga Wagga	Orange
Powerhouse Motel	Country Comfort Motel	Turner Vineyard Lodge
Thursday, 27 November	Monday, 8 December	Thursday, 11 December

Media representatives are invited to attend the judging sessions between 12.15 and 12.45pm. Interview and photo opportunities will be available with the judging panel and Rural Achievers entrants.

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