



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW

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## NSW'S EIGHT RAS RURAL ACHIEVERS ANNOUNCED

The **Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS)** is pleased to announce the winners of the **2007 RAS Rural Achievers Award**. Eight young Australians have been selected from across NSW for their contributions and achievements in agriculture and rural affairs.

The winners were chosen from a strong field of candidates in three separate judging sessions in regional NSW. The eight winners now receive an all-expenses paid trip to Sydney for the **2007 Sydney Royal Easter Show**.

### The RAS Rural Achievers are:

- Sophia Butler, Branxton
- Cameron Clarke, Rylstone
- Daniel Dickeson, South Tamworth
- Peter Godbolt, Binnaway
- Tim Robinson, North Albury
- Anne Starr, Guyra
- Stephanie Tarlinton, Cobargo
- Anna Unger, Peak Hill

"We have been extremely impressed with the quality of this year's finalists," said **Sue White, General Manager, Agriculture**.

"Based on previous years, 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 Rural Achievers now work on successful properties and are employed in key agri-business careers because of the opportunities on offer, via the media attention and prizes," said Mrs White.

All Rural Achievers will have an exclusive 'behind the scenes' look at the Show, win prize money up to \$2,000 and be given tours of *The Land* and Rural Press. They will also be involved in many activities both at the Show and around the city including a visit to Parliament House and a reception at Government House. A key element of their activities will be stewarding in the livestock sections at the Show.

***The 2007 Sydney Royal Easter Show runs from 5 – 18 April 2007!***

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