

2008 Annual Conference

30 Years As One Voice

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Day 2 – Annual Conference Update

Day two of the NSW Farmers' Association Annual Conference has wrapped up in Sydney with a Gala Dinner at the Sydney Showground.

Some of the highlights of the day included:

- Tarcutta farmer Alan Brown and Booligal farmer Graham Morphett were elected Vice Presidents of the NSW Farmers' Association.
- NSW Farmers' Association President Jock Laurie joined NSW Department of Primary Industries Minister Ian Macdonald to launch Landlearn – a program that aims to better educate young children about primary industries production.
- The winners of the Tertiary Scholarship Awards were announced, each being awarded a scholarship of \$5000. Winner were Edmund Green (Nimmitabel), Pip Job (Cumnock), Jessica Lee (Larras Lee), Lachlan Rothwell (Mendooran), James Austin (Trangie), Ashlene McKay (Canowindra), Matt Schiller (Hay) and Kathrine Amos (Gunnedah).
- Annual Conference voted to lobby for the Federal Government to fund a program to deliver safeguards to grain growers in relation to grower payment and quality control.
- Delegates voted to lobby the Federal Government for Telstra's ISDN broadband service to be maintained until an appropriate replacement service is available.
- Delegates voted to lobby the State Government to allow for free travel in regional and rural areas for pre-school aged children.
- Delegate voted to lobby the NSW State Government to obtain a program similar to the Victorian Government's Young Farmer's Finance Scheme.

WINNER OF FARMER AND YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR WILL BE ANNOUNCED TONIGHT AT THE NSW FARMERS' ASSOCIATION GALA DINNER.

WINNERS OF THE MACKELLAR MEDIA AWARDS WILL ALSO BE ANNOUNCED.

The Annual Conference continues tomorrow, with highlights including:

- Debate over calls for the Federal Government to axe the water buyback scheme.
- Debate over the need for full price disclosure of the water market.
- Debate over calls for a court challenge opposing State Government legislation giving mining precedence over farming land.
- NSW Farmers' Association Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Conference will conclude tomorrow. A meeting of the Association's Executive Council will be held on Friday.

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