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AusIndustry

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au>

Climate Ready Program

<http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/InnovationandRandD/ClimateReadyProgram/Pages/ClimateReadyProgram.aspx>

The Climate Ready Program is one of the three elements of the \$240 million Clean Business Australia initiative. The other elements are Re-Tooling for Climate Change and Green Building Fund.

The Climate Ready program (\$75m over 4 years) is a competitive grants program providing grants from \$50,000 up to \$5m on a matching funding basis to support research and development, proof-of-concept and early-stage commercialisation activities to develop solutions to climate change challenges.

The program opened for applications on 28 July 2008. The following are the closing dates for the first four rounds:

Round 1 - 4 September 2008 (this round is now closed)

Round 2 - 4 December 2008 (this round is now closed)

Round 3 - 12 March 2009 by 5:00pm AEDST

Round 4 - 25 June 2009 by 5:00pm AEST

City of Perth

<http://www.cityofperth.wa.gov.au/>

Convention Scholarship 2008 – 09

<http://www.pcb.com.au/pdf/City%20of%20Perth%20Scholarship%20Flyer%200809.pdf>

The Scholarship is designed to assist the winner in their personal and professional development, either through attendance at a relevant international conference, or undertaking further study in their chosen field of endeavour.

The Scholarship covers air travel as well as accommodation and registration expenses to a maximum of \$10,000.

Applications for entries closed on Friday 27th March, 2009.

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

<http://www.daff.gov.au>

FarmReady Industry Grants

http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/farmready/farmready_industry_grants2

FarmReady Industry Grants provide funding for eligible groups to undertake projects that help their members adapt to climate change.

Funding of up to \$80,000 each financial year is available for eligible projects which increase industry self reliance and preparedness to adapt to climate change.

Round 1 of the FarmReady Industry Grants closed on 17 February 2009. A decision about the timing of the next round will be made later this calendar year.

FarmReady Reimbursement Grants

http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/farmready/farmready_reimbursement_grants



Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

<http://www.daff.gov.au>

Primary producers and Indigenous land managers are able to claim up to \$1500 each financial year to attend approved training courses, with funding also available to cover excess travel, accommodation and child care expenses.

Drought assistance

- **Exceptional Circumstances Exit Grant**
http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/exit_package.htm
Farmers affected by the severe drought conditions can get help to leave farming through the Exceptional Circumstances Exit Grant. The Exit Grant, of up to \$150,000 is a one-off, time limited payment to farmers considering their options outside of farming. The amount of Exit Grant reduces once the farmer's net assets, after the sale of the farm, reach \$350,000 with the Exit Grant reducing to zero when the net assets reach \$575,000. .
- **Exceptional Circumstances Advice and Re-training Grant**
http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/exit_package.htm
Farmers who are eligible for the Exit Grant can also receive up to \$10,000 for professional advice and retraining to help them plan for life after farming.
- **Exceptional Circumstances Relocation Grant**
http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/exit_package.htm
Farmers who accept the Exit Grant may also access up to \$10,000 to help with relocation expenses and to access job seeking services after they have sold the farm.

More information on these Grants can be found on the [Centrelink Exceptional Circumstances Exit Package website](#).

Exceptional Circumstances Relief Payment (ECRP)

http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/payments/exit_package.htm

Commonly called 'income support', assists farm families in EC declared areas who are experiencing difficulties meeting basic living expenses.

Income support is also available to agriculture-dependent small businesses – see Small Businesses.

ECRP is paid at a rate equivalent to the Newstart Allowance and is subject to an assets and income test similar to that for Newstart. Assets, including the farm, that are essential to the running of the business are not included in the assets test. The payments are delivered by Centrelink on behalf of the Australian Government and are taxable.

For more information visit www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/individuals/drought_assist.htm

Professional Advice and Planning Grants

<http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/assistance/advice>

Professional Advice and Planning Grants of up to \$5500 (GST inclusive) are available to assist drought affected farm businesses to access professional advice to assist their drought management and recovery processes.

The grants may be used for

- obtaining advice such as a farm business viability assessment
- the development of a farm business plan incorporating a drought management and recovery plan, or
- to obtain financial and agronomic advice about what changes may need to be made to ensure that the farm business recovers from the drought.

Farmers in Exceptional Circumstances declared areas can apply on behalf of their farm business. Only one Professional Advice and Planning Grant per farm business will be issued.

Applications should be received before 12 June 2009.



Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

<http://www.daff.gov.au>

Country Women's Association – Emergency Aid Grants

<http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/assistance/cwa>

Community grants of up to \$3000 are available to community groups, schools and not-for-profit organisations to help meet the costs of holding events and providing support to drought affected communities. Examples include community events, excursions or information sessions. Grants can also be used to fund support packs, pamper packs, or to maintain community facilities where there is a wide community benefit.

Individual grants of up to \$2000 per household are available to drought affected families in rural areas. This includes farmers, farming dependent contractors, service providers and local rural businesses. The grants are available to help meet essential household expenses and other basic necessities.

Due to high demand, Emergency Aid Grants are no longer available in some states as funds have been expended and no further assistance is available at this stage. For more information visit [CWA website](#).

Recognising Women Farmers

http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/community_networks_and_capacity_building/recognising_women_farmers

Offers support to stage events that will build the leadership and representative capacity of women in primary industries—to strengthen primary industry productivity and build rural, regional and remote community resilience to a changing climate.

Under the RWF grants round, the government will provide funding of up to \$50,000 for eligible events and will seek either a cash and/or in-kind contribution from successful applicants. Funding could support an additional component to an existing event that focuses on building the leadership and representative capacity of women and increasing their awareness of a changing climate.

Applications closed 9 April 2009 5pm (AEST).

Next Gen Farmers

http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/community_networks_and_capacity_building/next-gen-farmers

Next Gen Farmers offers support for projects to improve the leadership and representative capacity of young people entering or involved in primary industries, particularly in the context of the challenges and opportunities in these industries as a result of a changing climate. The fund is a part of the government's Australia's Farming Future initiative.

The department is now seeking applications for eligible projects for young people through Next Gen Farmers.

Grants of up to \$50,000 are available.

Applications closed 9 April 2009 5pm (AEST).

Climate Change and Adjustment Program

<http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/climate-change-adjustment-assistance>

Climate Change Adjustment Program is part of Australia's Farming Future and will assist primary producers adapt and adjust to the impacts of climate change.

Assistance will be provided for:

- targeted training activities
- individually tailored adjustment advice
- assistance while you consider your future in farming.



Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry

<http://www.daff.gov.au>

An advice and training grant of up to \$5500 is available to both you and your partner, if you meet the eligibility test, and may be used to receive advice and training from recognised professional advisers and registered training organisations, TAFE and universities.

The grant may be used for activities such as financial assessment and planning, and advice and training directly or indirectly related to climate change impacts. The grant can also be used to obtain legal and personal advice where the advice is linked to managing the impacts of climate change, including if you decide to sell the farm.

Australian Agricultural Industries Young Innovators and Scientists Awards

<http://www.daff.gov.au/brs/science-awards>

The Australian Agricultural Industries Young Innovators and Scientists Awards supports young people to pursue their innovative scientific ideas that will develop long term benefits to Australia's rural industries. The 2008 winning projects range from examining improving pregnancy rates in dairy cows, to investigating salmon that can adapt to suboptimal temperatures, and developing technologies to generate renewable energy from wine waste products.

Young Australians aged between 18 and 35 working or studying in rural industries can apply for grants for up to \$20,000 each. One of the winners will also receive the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Award, gaining an additional \$30,000 to advance their research outcomes and career.

Funding can be used for a research project, an industry visit, further study into a specific area or attending conferences.

Funding is available on an annual basis.

Department of Environment and Conservation

<http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/>

Low Emissions Energy Development Fund

The Premier's Climate Change Action Statement, released in May 2007, outlined a range of initiatives to address climate change in Western Australia. A key tool in meeting this challenge will be new, low emission technologies that reduce the State's carbon footprint.

The Climate Change Action Statement therefore included a \$36.5 million Low Emissions Energy Development Fund to provide financial incentives to support technological advances that cut greenhouse gas emissions. Applications for the second round of funding were called for in July 2008, with the application period closing on 11 September 2008.

A third round of applications is expected to be called for in July 2009.

Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal – FRRR

<http://www.frrr.org.au/index.asp>

Small Grants for Small Rural Communities Program

<http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=4>

A small grants program for small rural Australian communities will offer about \$850,000 a year in grants to benefit people in rural and remote communities.



Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal – FRRR

<http://www.frrr.org.au/index.asp>

Currently, applications that support the following areas of interest will be given preference:

- Community development involving Youth
- Resettlement of immigrants in rural Australia
- Community Infrastructure
- Community hardship in drought effected areas

There are two rounds of Small Grants per year. Closing dates are 31 March and 30 September 2009.

Helping Hands

<http://www.frrr.org.au/programsDetail.asp?ProgramID=15>

Helping Hands, a program to assist small rural communities, is offering grants of up to \$50 000 to not-for-profit organisations with projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, supported by the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

Preference will be given to projects that support, among others, community infrastructure, capacity building, access to training and the environment.

Helping Hands is an annual grant. Applications usually close in October.

Grower Group Alliance

www.gga.org.au

GGA Scholarship

The Grower Group Alliance (GGA) scholarships are open to students studying agricultural science or related degrees and undertaking an honours project in 2009.

Two scholarships are available to students who wish to undertake their honours project in conjunction with one of the 45 grower groups in the GGA network. Each scholarship is worth \$2000, with \$1000 for the student and \$1000 to cover field research expenses.

The aim of the scholarship is three-fold: to encourage new partnerships between grower groups, students and researchers; develop projects with increased relevance and application to farming systems; and create improved employment opportunities for students.

Applications closed 28th November, 2008.

GRDC

www.grdc.com.au

GRDC Investment Plan 2009-10

<http://www.grdc.com.au/director/apply/investmentplan>

The GRDC's Investment Plan 2009-10 (Open and Multi-stage Tenders) is now closed.

The GRDC Investment Plan for 2010-11 is expected to be released on the 13th of August 2009.

Grains Industry Development Awards (IDA)

[http://www.grdc.com.au/director/apply/travelandconferenceawards/Grains%20Industry%20Development%20Awards%20\(IDA\)](http://www.grdc.com.au/director/apply/travelandconferenceawards/Grains%20Industry%20Development%20Awards%20(IDA))

The GRDC Industry Development Awards (IDAs) are specifically targeted at groups of Australian



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grain growers for study tours or other forms of training approved by the GRDC. The aim is to develop new skills, build relationships and acquire new information that will contribute to building a sustainable and profitable grains industry.

GRDC places a high priority on the dissemination and communication of knowledge gained from the experience offered through the IDA.

The GRDC invites and assesses Industry Development Award applications twice a year. The 2008 two closing dates were:

- Friday 29 August 2008 (for study undertaken between December 2008 and June 2009), and
- Friday 27 February 2009 (for study undertaken between June 2009 and January 2010).

Travel Awards

<http://www.grdc.com.au/director/apply/travelandconferenceawards/travelawardsform>

The GRDC offers financial assistance to grains industry individuals or small groups wishing to attend a conference or undertake travel that may ultimately benefit the Australian grains industry. GRDC places a high priority on the dissemination and communication of knowledge gained from the experience offered by Travel Awards.

Australian grain growers wishing to obtain support for a study tour must submit a GRDC Industry Development Award (IDA) Application. This is because some of the reporting requirements set out in the Travel Award Final Report are not applicable to grain grower study tours. The IDA Final Report is designed to better capture the learning outcomes of such tours.

Travel Award Applications should not be included as part of any other GRDC research project or attached to other GRDC applications.

The GRDC invites and assesses Travel Award Applications twice a year. The 2008 two closing dates were:

- Friday 29 August 2008 (for travel between December 2008 and June 2009), and
- Friday 27 February 2009 (for travel between June 2009 and January 2010),

Training Awards

<http://www.grdc.com.au/director/apply/Training%20Awards>

The following Awards are available:

- Agricultural Training Awards
- Grains Industry In-Service Training
- Grains Industry Research Scholarships
- Grains Industry Undergraduate Honours Scholarships
- Grains Industry Senior Fellowships
- Grains Industry Visiting Fellowships

The GRDC invites and assesses applications once a year. The application closing date for 2008 was 31 October 2008.

Horticulture Australia Limited

http://www.horticulture.com.au/working_hal/overview.asp

HAL invests around \$80 million annually in projects in partnership with the horticultural sector.

These projects cover research and development and marketing activities.

HAL is currently running more than 1400 projects covering a diversity of topics including export



Horticulture Australia Limited

http://www.horticulture.com.au/working_hal/overview.asp

market development, domestic marketing, industry analysis, industry development, commercialisation, product integrity, biosecurity, postharvest, emerging technology, natural resource management, climate change, crop production, plant health, breeding and biotechnology.

Projects are funded through R&D levies, marketing levies and voluntary contributions. All HAL's R&D activities are supported by the Australian Government through the provision of matching funding.

Industry Call Submission period 8 October – 17 November
General Call Submission period 17 January – 16 March

Land & Water Australia

<http://www.lwa.gov.au/funding>

No funding opportunities are current

Landcare Australia

<http://www.landcareonline.com/index.asp>

Junior Landcare Grants Program

http://www.landcareonline.com/funding_opportunity_details.asp?fo_id=6

Junior Landcare is Landcare Australia's youth program, which aims to get kids actively involved in their environment and enable them to develop sustainable habits from a young age. It is a great, hands-on way to get kids connecting with and learning about nature, as well as encouraging them to get outdoors.

Coles and Yates grants are awarded quarterly. Closing dates for 2009 are as follows:

- Round 1: Friday, 6th March *[Closed]*
- Round 2: Friday, 15th May
- Round 3: Friday, 7th August
- Round 4: Friday, 23rd October

Lotterywest

<http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/about-lotterywest-grants>

Lotterywest grants are an investment in the future of your organisation and the Western Australian community. Grant opportunities support the diversity of communities and community services complementing contributions from the applicant, government, and the private sector.

Five broad objectives provide the framework for our grant-making and aspirations for our community:

- Extending the Capacity of Not-For-Profit Organisations
- Strengthening Community Service Delivery
- Enhancing Community Development Initiatives
- Valuing our State's Heritage
- Advancing Participation in Community Life

Various grant opportunities are offered within these five areas. Broad types of grants exist that may be requested under the five areas. These include:



Lotterywest

<http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants/about-lotterywest-grants>

- Equipment
- Information Technology
- Vehicles
- Service Accommodation and Community Facilities
- Time Limited Projects
- Research

Applications for most grants can be submitted at any time, and are considered in the order they are received.

MLA

<http://www.mla.com.au/TopicHierarchy/ResearchAndDevelopment/FundingOpportunities/Producerresearchsupport/Southern%20Beef%20Producer%20Demonstration%20Sites.htm>

Southern Beef Producer Demonstration Sites

Producer Demonstration Sites (PDS) are on-farm research and demonstration projects supported by MLA and form part of the MLA Southern beef program.

MLA is offering up to \$20,000 to southern beef producers and partner organisations over a two-to-three year period to undertake demonstration site projects.

Applications closed 20th March, 2009

Norman Wettenhall Foundation, The

<http://www.nwf.org.au/grants/index.html>

The NWF's objective is to support projects that enhance or maintain the vitality and diversity of the Australian natural living environment and projects seeking funding must be primarily about the preservation of Australian biodiversity

The Foundation has funded projects ranging from supporting local communities to maintain or restore habitat; to the production of education kits; and the publication and widespread dissemination of research information essential to species preservation.

Projects that involve collaboration with a number of partners across a region are of special interest. These multi-stakeholder projects are the ones we believe are most likely to have a long term effect and to most widely spread knowledge and understanding.

Closing dates: Tuesday 31st March 2009 (decision: May 2009) [*closed*]; Tuesday 30th June 2009 (decision: August 2009); Wednesday 30th September 2009 (decision: November 2009)

Nuffield Australia

<http://www.nuffield.com.au/index.html>

Farming Scholarships

The objective is to increase practical farming knowledge and management skills and techniques generally. These scholarships give Australian citizens the opportunity to study farming practices in New Zealand, Europe, Asia and the Americas and those countries best suited to the Scholar. They will also promote a closer understanding between farmers in the countries visited.



Nuffield Australia

<http://www.nuffield.com.au/index.html>

Upon returning to Australia it is expected that Scholars will be able to actively spread the knowledge and understanding they have gained among their fellow farmers and others.

Nuffield Farming Scholarships give a unique opportunity to stand back from your day-to-day occupation, and to study a subject of interest to you. You do not need academic qualifications, but you will need to persuade the Selectors that you have the qualities to make the best use of an opportunity that is only given to a few.

Applications for scholarships close approx June 30.

Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation

http://www.rirdc.gov.au/RIRDC/researchers/researchers_home.cfm

The RIRDC invests in the knowledge needs of our three portfolio areas:

- New rural industries;
- Specific established industries; and
- Cross-sectoral national rural issues

Investments are driven by Five-Year R&D plans which address the needs of each industry and ensure priorities are industry and government-driven. Overall, RIRDC's aim is for a more profitable, dynamic and sustainable rural sector.

RIRDC welcomes proposals that will meet the specific objectives, or a number of objectives, as outlined in the research priorities and in more detail in program Five-Year Plans.

The applications call process will generally follow roughly the same time lines each year. Check website around August 2009 for exact dates for 2010-11.

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Australian Council of Agricultural Societies Regional Scholarship Programme

<http://www.acas.asn.au/coca-cola/>

This program has been developed by the Australian Council of Agricultural Show Society's representing the Capital City Royal Shows and Coca-Cola Amatil. It is designed to support rural youth in Australia to complete their tertiary studies in courses that will benefit regional Australia.

To be eligible students must be a member of an Agricultural Show Society

Scholarships are awarded on a state basis. Preference in awarding scholarships will be based on the commitment to regional Australia and involvement in your local show society.

Closing date for NSW applicants was the 28th February 2009. Closing date for VIC, SA, WA, QLD and NT applicants is the 30th June 2009 - Early Applications will be appreciated.

Blackwood Agricultural Scholarship

<http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/undergrad/fnas?f=241170>

The \$40,000 scholarship was started in 2005 as a joint sponsorship between Milton and Emma Moore, principals of Blackwood Murray Grey and KDM Angus, Boyup Brook, and Landmark, WAFarmers, and Farm Weekly, with auditors Pascoe, Hudson, Broom and Blyth.

It is open to any student enrolling in an accredited agricultural tertiary degree. The scholarship offers



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four \$10,000 scholarships, one each year, with each winner receiving annual payments of \$2500 paid retrospectively on the successful completion of each study year for the duration of their degrees, up to a maximum of four years. Students enrolling in a four year degree can potentially receive the maximum \$10,000, while graduates of a three-year degree receive up to \$7500.

Applications closed 09 Feb 2009

Janice Klumpp Award

http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/naturalsci/janice_klumpp

For the study of Nature, Flora and Fauna. This award is open to all students of The University of Western Australia. Selection is based on:

- Academic Achievement
- Excellence of a programme of study or research project, which aims to further interest in, and knowledge of, nature, flora and fauna

Applications closed 30 April 2008

Jean Rogerson Studentships

http://spe.publishing.uwa.edu.au/latest/scholarships/undergraduate/rogerson_nas

The purpose of the scholarship is to assist and encourage Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences students from regional or remote Western Australia to commence their undergraduate studies in the Faculty. There are up to four scholarships available each year.

The value of the scholarship is \$5000. The scholarship provides financial assistance for accommodation fees at the University's Hall of Residence or at another residential college affiliated to the University in the recipient's first year of enrolment.

Applications closed 9th January 2009

National Council of Women WA - Science & Technology Bursary

http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/undergrad/women/ncwwa_bursary?f=241609

This bursary is available to a female student studying a science or technology course in Western Australia at a Year 12, TAFE or University level.

The cash amount of \$750.00 will be presented to the successful applicant and may be used for:

- Course fees including summer school courses
- Study aids
- Attendance at seminars and/or conferences.

Applications closed 30 January 2009

Commonwealth Education Costs Scholarships (CECS)

Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarships (CAS)

http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/undergrad/cs_swans_schols/eligibility/cs

Commonwealth Scholarships (CS) are intended to assist students receiving a Centrelink payment or who can demonstrate financial hardship, Indigenous students, and students from rural and regional areas with costs associated with higher education.

Western Australian Internet Association

<http://www.waia.asn.au/communitygrants>

Internet-related Community Funding

Community-focused organisations and individuals are benefiting from funding to assist in the growth and development of the Internet community in Western Australia.

WAIA has allocated \$20,000 in grant funds to be provided each year of the three year program.



Western Australian Internet Association

<http://www.waia.asn.au/communitygrants>

Individual grants of between \$2,000 and \$5,000 are available for worthwhile purposes, projects and activities.

Examples of activities or projects for which funding requests may be approved include Internet safety and awareness programs for children or schools; operation of community-based Internet-related training programs, improved community access to Internet networks, and Internet-related community advisory or help services.

Funding can be provided for a broad range of Internet-related community projects within Western Australia. Funding preference will be given to community-focused not-for-profit organisations or individuals with community focused not-for-profit projects.

Applications for the next round of funding will be open July 2009.

Wheatbelt Development Commission

<http://www.wheatbelt.wa.gov.au/funding.php>

Royalties for Regions

In 2008-09 a contestable grants scheme is available to support projects in the Wheatbelt region. The Wheatbelt Regional Grants Scheme aims to improve economic and community infrastructure and services in the region through funding projects that will assist in attracting investment and increasing jobs or help to improve the quality of life in the region.

Funding is available to assist the development of infrastructure, services and community projects, including the provision of headworks, and to assist in the broad development of the community, including the establishment of services and programs. Funding is intended to support the development of resilient communities and contribute to regional areas being vibrant and interesting places in which to live.

The funding round closed on 25 March 2009.

WWF-Australia

<http://wwf.org.au/ourwork/species/tsngrants/>

Threatened Species Conservation

established to support and inspire communities to conduct on-ground work for the ongoing health of our natural environment, specifically targeting the needs of nationally threatened species and ecological communities.

Funding is provided for activities such as:

- Habitat restoration
- Weeding and feral animal control
- Monitoring and surveying species populations
- Fencing
- Fire management

Applications for Round 11 closed 30 May 2008.

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