



21st Century
Careers in
Agriculture



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Dates

August

23rd MMLLEN Agriculture Horticulture Careers Expo, Swan Hill
27th La Trobe University Open Day Bendigo – Agribusiness

September

3-6th Elmore Field Days
11th Dookie Open Day

13th Birchip Cropping Group Main Field Day including a student stream

October

7th- 8th St Arnaud Ag Show
13th – 14th Donald Ag Show
14th Boort Ag Show
21st Charlton Ag Show

November

17th National Agriculture Day.

7km west of Kinnabulla on Kinnabulla West Road

NICK POOLE KENTON PORKER PETER HAYMAN

BCG MAIN FIELD DAY

Wednesday 13 September 2023

RISK AWARE AND ON-TASK DECISION MAKING CAPACITIES, EQUIPMENT, EARLY ADOPTERS, SOFTWIRE MANAGEMENT, PASTURE DEMONSTRATIONS, E.D. DATA, RAY ACTION OFF, HERBICIDE AND FUNGICIDE MAPPING AND 100+ MORE!

8am - 4pm | Free for members, \$50 for non-members

Birchip Cropping Group Field Day

I hope you are looking forward to the Birchip Cropping Group Field Day on Wednesday 13th September

The student activities run between **10am – 2.30pm**, but the Field Day hours are 9am-4pm and students are welcome to stay all day. Address is 7km west of Kinnabulla on the Kinnabulla West Road.

Remember to submit your bus invoices to NCLLEN to be paid

Also, lunches will be provided. The BBQ team will keep a student tab. Students should bring a drink bottle. Please let me know if there are any specific dietary requirements.

Please submit your final student numbers by **Friday 1st September**

Be a livestock contractor!

We are lamb-marking on our farm this week. We use a livestock contractor to do our lamb-marking, mulesing, dipping and crutching. Our contractor (James Hipwell) started his career working for farmers on weekends picking up lambs. Then, armed with a ute, a dog and some lamb marking cradles he started his own business and now marks over 100,000 lamb per year.

This is an example of a startup business that may suit local young people. Unlike cropping and harvest contracting, where expensive machinery is required, livestock contract work requires less capital. Sheep work is sometimes very physically intensive, and many farmers (like me) may be relieved to pass on the job to a young contract team.



Many sheep breeders are breeding sheep with less creases around the breach, so mulesing is not necessary. Willera Merinos in Serpentine <https://www.willera.com.au/> are a sheep stud that breed for this quality and might be worth contacting, if you are focusing on the animal welfare debate in your class.

Resources for classes

[Good Meat | Resources](#)



[ACCESS RESOURCES](#)

FREE CLASSROOM PACKS | Posters and Paddock to Plate Card Game!

To celebrate the launch of this suite of Australian Good Meat resources, the team at Meat and Livestock Australia are giving away free classroom packs to teachers across Australia!

[COMPLETE ONLINE FORM](#)

Around Our Schools

East Loddon CSU Visit

Charles Sturt is AWESOME: Pictured is Tom, Ned, Zoe (former student) and Josh at CSU in Wagga Wagga NSW. Students travelled there to tour the campus and find out more about their Bachelor of Agriculture, Ag Science and Agri Business. We were really fortunate to be shown around by a second year student. Who was very generous with her time showing us lectures and tutorials in action, the library, various accommodation options, sporting and social facilities and most importantly the FARM. Yes, CSU has their own farm. Also we saw cattle with holes in them where students can explore the process of food and nutrients being consumed and passing through the intestines of the cow. We were also very fortunate to meet up with former student Zoe Lister. She kindly met us at the food bowl and answered all our questions, then proceeded to add more info from her experiences (such valuable snippets of info). Zoe then introduced us to some of her friends and took us for a tour of her accommodation also. **Thanks to Sarah Krahe for this report**



Boort District School at Pyramid Hill Salt



Pyramid Hill College at Kerang Agriculture Careers Day



Birchip P-12 School - Unit 2 Ag and Hort class trials, working with BCG



Chris Cook (driving), Angus Butterfield and Tom Jones sowing the plots



Students spreading urea on different plots



Thomas Jones from BCG explaining soil test results from the trial area

Ag Tech

AGRI-TECH CHECK

Free Teacher PD

This workshop, run in partnership with the VAAHE, will teach you the skills and knowledge needed to incorporate the 'Agri-tech Check' learning modules into your teaching program across years 7-12.

You will learn how to access and navigate the three online platforms used in GPS Cows, AgriWebb and Escavox modules, and share them with your students. We will also demonstrate one learning activity from each module.

Register now: bit.ly/Agri-Techcheck

Monday 30 October 2023
 CQUniversity Campus,
 120 Spring St Melbourne.
 8.30am - 3pm

Catering provided
 Please bring your own laptop

A free workshop to fine-tune your ag-tech teaching skills.

NCLLEN can offer **CRT support** to your school if staff would like to attend.

Warrick McClelland Scholarship

Warrick McClelland Memorial Agricultural Industry Scholarship

Introduction

Warrick McClelland, a passionate farmer and agricultural devotee, tragically died in a car accident in 2018. To honour his memory and to strengthen educational opportunities in agriculture, the McClelland family is offering the Warrick McClelland Memorial Agricultural Industry Scholarship

This scholarship will assist a student who wishes to pursue a career related to agriculture to undertake further studies (Diploma or above). It will help to cover living and education expenses.

Award Value \$5,000 per year for up to 3 years of tertiary (Diploma or above) study.

Eligibility To be eligible for this Scholarship the applicant must

- have completed year 12
- be able to demonstrate a connection with the southern Mallee (Buloke, Yarriambiack, Gannawarra and Loddon shires or the Swan Hill Rural City Council)
- be enrolled in tertiary (Diploma or above) studies in a field relating to agriculture.

Selection criteria Selection is based on:

- a brief Curriculum Vitae providing an indication of the applicant's background, interests and subjects studied
- a written statement or video demonstrating how the applicant's proposed tertiary study relates to the agriculture sector (approximately 200 words)
- a written statement or video of the applicant's work or career ambitions (approximately 100 words).

A successful applicant of the award, will be expected to:

- undertake some paid work experience on the McClelland Farm (e.g., harvest during the summer holidays) in at least one of the three years of the scholarship.
- on a semester basis, provide evidence of enrolment in and the successful completion of the previous semester to the McClelland family for each year of further study.

Submissions may be made directly to Tim and Julie McClelland at timandjulie@bigpond.com by 30 November each year. Offers and refusal will be provided by 30 January the following year.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Tim McClelland 0408 136 947 or Anne McClelland 0428136947

Ag Gap Year

Applications are now open. Please consider sharing this opportunity with your students and local farmers. It is a wonderful initiative by the NFF. <https://agcareerstart.com.au/>

Gap year Students receive a

- Full-time paid farm job with a passionate host farmer
- A \$4,500 Training and Engagement Bursary to upskill yourself
- Funding to travel for industry events
- A dedicated support team
- A network of peers across the country

Gap Year host farmers

- Employ a young Australian for 10-12 months and share your skills, knowledge, and industry insights as a farm-host
- Contribute to the future agricultural workforce by giving someone a start in industry
- Access a new labour market by leveraging AgCAREERSTART's recruitment process
- Challenge yourself and develop skills as an employer and a mentor
- Receive a \$2,000 grant
- Get support from the AgCAREERSTART team to mentor and train your participant
- Gain access to industry events and the broader National Farmers' Federation network

In the Garden

My grandfather, Hilty, always said that things will start growing from the 14th August, so its time to get crackin' in the garden.

I was overjoyed to meet Millie Ross from Gardening Australia last week at the Loddon Shire Flood Recovery Event at the East Loddon Wool Shed. Millie emphasised that connecting with nature after floods, fires and droughts, can teach us about resilience and regrowth. She shared stories about the healing power of gardening and the natural world. She also inspired us with her love of producing food and with her joy in embarking on unconventional garden projects.



In the orchard, our navel oranges are delicious at the moment and the blood oranges and mandarins are also tasting good. My grandma taught me to scoop out the middle of an orange and its still one of my favourite ways to eat an orange. We also dry out the orange skins after we juice them, and use them as fire-lighters. I have also been using my trusty dehydrator to dry orange so it can be used in cocktails particularly a Blood orange Negroni.



Orange cake is an old favourite. Here is a recipe from the NFF that I use (mine doesn't quite look so artistic!).



[Citrus butter cake - AustralianFarmers](#)

Here are some good links to what it is like to be an orange farmer and other links to the exciting world of oranges.

[An Ode to Oranges - AustralianFarmers](#)

<https://farmers.org.au/cornersmith-x-australian-farmers/meet-an-orange-grower/>



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