Additional $120,000 to support Australia’s horticulture sector

Australia’s horticulture sector has thrown its support behind the Masterclass in Horticulture Business, with an additional $120,000 worth of scholarships to support the development of industry leaders.

This brings the total value of scholarships available in 2018 to $330,000, which will support approximately 33 horticulture professionals to participate in the masterclass.

The University of Tasmania’s Dr Alistair Gracie said the strong support demonstrated the masterclass was providing tremendous benefits to the horticulture sector.

“The masterclass provides participants with access to the best research from around the world, by combining the expertise of the prestigious Wageningen Academy in the Netherlands, New Zealand’s specialist land-based Lincoln University, and the University of Tasmania, which is ranked 44th globally for agriculture,” Dr Gracie said.

“We are helping to enhance the skills of upcoming horticulture professionals, empower them to take their businesses to the next level and successfully lead the sector into the future. A key part of this is access to the best research and understanding global trends in horticulture, international business, innovation, value chains, governance and risk.”

Dr Gracie said 2018 would be the first time scholarships had been offered specifically for people working in the apple and pear, cherry, and summer fruit sectors.

The scholarships available in 2018 are:

- 21 vegetable industry scholarships, valued at $210,000;
- Six apple and pear industry scholarships, valued at $60,000;
- Two cherry industry scholarships, valued at $20,000;
- One summer fruit industry scholarship, valued at $10,000;
- Nursery industry scholarships to the value of $30,000.

The masterclass was held for the first time in 2017 and involved approximately 20 horticultural professionals from around Australia. It is supported by funding from Hort Innovation.

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