



Nuffield Australia chairman Terry Hehir with 2012 Nuffield scholar Richard Weston and 2003 Nuffield scholar Richard Gardiner, from Tasmania.

Brighton farmer awarded prestigious scholarship

A BRIGHTON farmer has officially been awarded a prestigious scholarship marking his distinction in the field of agriculture.

Richard Weston was one of two southern Tasmanians who received the Nuffield scholarship to facilitate his research into topics related to the Australian agricultural industry.

Nuffield Australia awards scholarships each year to Australian farmers to increase practical farming knowledge and management skills and techniques.

The scholarship offers applicants a six-week global

focus program after which scholars pursue their individual study topic for a further 10 weeks.

On returning to Australia, it is expected the scholars will be able to actively promote agriculture-related issues and share the knowledge they have gained among their fellow farmers and the worldwide agricultural network.

Mr Weston is a mixed farmer who runs a cut-flower, olive oil and fresh produce operation.

He plans to use his scholarship to delve deeper into the gourmet food market and investigate the potential for

growing and marketing white asparagus in Tasmania.

"I believe the crop has great potential in Tasmania," he said.

"I hope to use this scholarship to travel to Germany, which is already a large producer and consumer of white asparagus."

The second award recipient, Michael Clivers from Nile – in the state's north – is the chairman of the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Grains Council.

Mr Clivers said his project would most likely see him travel to Europe and North America to assess models to

manage production systems in a diversified family business.

Essentially, Mr Clivers aims to streamline the process and eliminate duplication.

"My head is still spinning at the scale of project I've taken on board," he said.

"But the opportunity to learn, study and meet people through the Nuffield process was too good to pass up."

Mayor and councillors re-elected

BRIGHTON residents re-elected their standing councillors at the recent Tasmanian local government elections.

A total of 52.3 per cent of votes were returned in the October postal poll, slightly

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BRIGHTON Council is establishing a specialist body to advise on investment and business development in the municipality.

Mayor Tony Foster said the Brighton Industry and Housing Corporation's role would be to maximise the economic and social benefits from Council-owned land and generally support growth and development in the region.

The Council agreed to establish the corporation following a detailed presentation on development opportunities in the Brighton municipal area.

It is based on a similar model to that employed by the Melbourne City Council to develop the Docklands precinct in that city.

Cr Foster said the corpo-

ration's role would range from making recommendations on the for commercial and development to Council in its application for commonwealth funding.

"With Council land, we will be secure a financial will assist us to add and cultural amenity to the municipality," Cr Foster said.

"In developing industrial and commercial purposes, we will to generate employment opportunities for local residents ensure a commercial for ratepayers."

Cr Foster said the corporation would be consulting with business commu-

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