

Mount Burdett – Young Farmers Capacity Building

This capacity building project, funded through the Mount Burdett Foundation (Chris Reichstein's legacy) aims to upskill and build the confidence of young farmers who are keen to take on leadership roles within the local farming community. The training will be delivered to at least 10 young people (under 35 years of age – or close enough!) involved in agriculture in the Albany, Plantagenet and Cranbrook shires over a period of 18 months. The training will include:

- Finance training delivered by 'Successiv' and 'Smith Thornton Accountants' - to assist building financial literacy to efficiently and effectively run farm/small rural businesses x 3 sessions.
- Life/Business coaching specifically for the agricultural industry with 'Farm Owners Academy' - working towards achieving good work/life balance, imperative for young families and to keep the younger generation of farmers farming x 2 sessions.
- Governance training delivered by 'AICD - Governance Essentials' – providing an entry level understanding of governance and responsibilities of board members so that participants have the confidence and understand the responsibility of taking on leadership roles on grower group, sporting community, or community services boards x 1 course.
- Public speaking training delivered by Bluesee Pty Ltd (Esther Price) – giving those with limited exposure to public speaking the tools, skills and, importantly, the confidence to stand up and be heard in public forums or in roles of responsibility x 1 session.
- 2-night study tour (WA-based) to meet with inspirational leaders within the agricultural sector in WA. Attendees to hear the journeys of these leaders, where they started, how they got to where they are now, and what advice they can pass on to the next generation.

The training will be spaced so as not to overwhelm participants but to keep the momentum going. There will be a social aspect (i.e. group dinner) to each training session to allow the group to form relationships.

The SCF young farmer's program will be kicking off in June 2025 – keep an eye out for expressions of interest coming soon!

