**AGRIFUTURES RURAL WOMEN’S ACCELERATION GRANT**

**OVERVIEW:**
AgriFutures has introduced a new and separate program called the AgriFutures Rural Women’s Acceleration Grant program. It will run separately however it will complement the Rural Women’s Award process aiming to provide a leadership and development opportunity to women who are not quite ready to apply for the Award.

Seven Australian women per annum will be granted with a learning and development bursary (not cash) of up to $7,000 for professional development to enable them to bring their idea, cause or vision to life.

**VISION:**
To foster growth and development in women involved in Australia’s rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities. To enable future involvement in the hallmark AgriFutures Rural Women’s program.

**GRANT VALUES:**
- Empathetic
- Authentic
- Cooperative
- Confident
- Courageous
- Grit
- Resourceful
- Pragmatic
- Clarity of purpose
- Inclusive
- Innovative

**LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:**
- Individual leadership development
- Collective empowerment

**GRANT CRITERIA:**
- Applicants need to be over 18 years old and identify as female.
- They have an idea, cause or vision (not yet realised) which aligns with one or more of three categories: Community, Collaboration, Commercial.
- Idea, cause or vision aligns to the values of the AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award Program and will have a positive impact on rural communities or businesses.
- No finalists announced.
- Seven women per annum will be provided with the grant.
- Grant recipients are invited to attend the Gala Dinner.
- Success grant recipients are able to apply for the AgriFutures Rural Women’s Award in the future.
- Successful grant recipients will not become part of the RWA Alumni. Instead, they will become part of an Acceleration Grant Alumni group.
- RWA State/Territory Winners, National Winners and Runner-Ups are ineligible to apply for the grant, however all other RWA Alumni (State Finalists) are eligible to apply.
GRANT INVESTMENT

- $7,000 L&D budget per winner
- Winners can choose their own learning and development option experience.

NB: Travel and accommodation to the Gala Dinner will be arranged and covered by AgriFutures.