

# MEDIA RELEASE



The Hon **David Hawker** MP  
Federal Member for Wannon



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## LOCAL APPLICATIONS CALLED FOR WOMEN FARMER GRANTS

Local individuals and organisations that support the role of women in primary industries are being urged to apply for funding under the *Recognising Women Farmers Grants*, Federal Member for Wannon, David Hawker, said today.

“More and more women are taking a leadership role in the development of local primary industries,” Mr Hawker said.

“These grants support activities and events that allow women to share their knowledge and develop their skills and business networks. I certainly encourage local organisations to take advantage of the grants in order to host events that further the involvement of women in primary industry.”

Mr Hawker said the *Recognising Women Farmers grants* offer support for activities that will build the leadership and representative capacity of women in primary industries—to strengthen primary industry productivity and build rural, regional and remote community resilience.

*Recognising Women Farmers* offers support to stage events for women living and working in rural, regional and remote Australia that:

- Build and share knowledge and experience
- Increase access to planning tools and resources
- Develop leadership and management skills
- Develop programs to increase participation in agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries
- Develop skills to contribute more effectively to government and industry decision making
- Build networks among rural, regional and remote Australians.

“As the local Member, I’d be happy to personally support grant applications that help advance the work of our wonderful local women who are involved in farming and agriculture. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available and applications close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November,” he said.

To find out about eligible activities, how applications are assessed and the details of the program go to:

[http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/community\\_networks\\_and\\_capacity\\_building/recognising\\_women\\_farmers](http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/australias-farming-future/community_networks_and_capacity_building/recognising_women_farmers)

or phone the Australia’s Farming Future hotline on 1800 638 746.

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