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Equity Trustees congratulates Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarship recipients

Equity Trustees congratulates dairy farmers, Duncan Macdonald from Tasmania, and Daniel Meade, from Victoria, who were awarded the 2016 Nuffield Australia Farming Scholarships last night.

“We are delighted for Duncan and Daniel and applaud Nuffield Australia for its role in co-ordinating these scholarships which support not only the recipients but also the development of agricultural practices and innovation in Australia,” said Tabitha Lovett, General Manager of Philanthropy at Equity Trustees.

“As co-trustees of the William Buckland Foundation and the Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation which this year supported the scholarships, we are proud to play a part in contributing to the development of the dairy industry through the Scholars’ research and shared learnings. It is a great example of how philanthropy can respond to challenges and empower change for individuals and communities,” she said.

Duncan, from Yolla (near Burnie) in Tasmania, will travel to Africa, New Zealand, Ireland and the USA on his 2017 Nuffield Scholarship, supported by Bonlac Supply Company and the [Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation](#). Duncan, together with his partner and father, runs two 200-hectare milking properties and a young stock block. He will investigate new collection and processing options for dairy data – how autonomous farm monitoring and decision making through low cost sensors and smart processing can improve farm efficiency and profitability.

Daniel, from Garvoc (near Warrnambool) in Victoria, plans to travel to the United Kingdom, the United States, India, China, Canada and New Zealand on his 2017 Nuffield Scholarship, supported by the [William Buckland Foundation](#). Since 2013, Daniel and his partner have been involved in a 125-hectare heifer rearing business. Daniel is an Associate Board Member with WestVic Dairy. He plans to use his Nuffield Scholarship experience to investigate industry representation and the importance of agriculture to rural communities with the aim of enhancing the development of Australian agricultural policies that benefit the broader agricultural industry, as well as the many communities that rely heavily on agriculture in our country.

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