



# *YOUNG FARMERS*

## *The Future of Irrigation II*

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### YOUNG FARMERS FORUM

## 15 & 16 March 2012 – CANBERRA, ACT

Join like-minded Young Farmers, both men and women, between the ages of 18 to 30, from around Australia for a forum specifically designed for those involved in farming and irrigation.

This **free** two day forum provides participants with information on running a business, weather and the environment, Government run farming programs, water and commodity trading, engaging with political parties and lobby organizations, and tools used for business and personal development.

Confirmed forum speakers / topics are as follows:

- ❖ LUCY KNIGHT (Freelance Journalist) – Spin Doctors & Political Media
- ❖ MATT LINNEGAR (National Farmers Federation) – Importance & Purpose of Lobby Organizations
- ❖ JULIET LE FEUVRE (Environment Victoria) – Environmental Responsibility
- ❖ RITCHIE GIBSON (Firm United Consulting) – Motivation / Goal Setting / Personal Power
- ❖ PAUL FISHER (BOYCE) – Running Your Business / Practical Accounting
- ❖ RICHARD McLOUGHLIN / LUCY VINCENT (SEWPAC) – Government Infrastructure Programs
- ❖ MAYA STUART-FOX (Dept of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency) – Carbon Farming Initiative
- ❖ TOM ROONEY (Waterfind) – The Australian Water Market
- ❖ NEIL BURGESS (Westpac) – Commodity Trading / Industry Outlook
- ❖ MICHAEL CASHEN (Department Primary Industries) – Australian Weather / Farm Adaptation
- ❖ TBA – Engaging with Political Parties

Forum will also visit Parliament House to attend a session of Question Time.

#### **WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- Accommodation (Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March) on a twin share basis (University House, Acton)
- Meals (Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March) breakfast, lunch, dinner.
- Transportation once in Canberra (\*assistance in getting to Canberra is available).
- All Forum materials (forum is being held at University House, Acton).

**REGISTRATION** – Please complete the accompanying registration form to ensure your spot is secure. This form can be filled out on computer and emailed back. **NOTE:** Space is limited to thirty (30) participants.

**TIMING** – We request that participants arrive the evening of Wednesday 14 March as registration begins at 0830 on Thursday 15 March. If your travel plans can get you into Canberra by 0830 on Thursday, please advise us. Forum will be completed by 1700 on Friday 16 March.

**QUESTIONS?** – Please feel free to contact **Mark** at our office if you have any questions. **(02) 9251 8466.**

**THIS FORUM ONLY RUNS ONCE, SO DON'T MISS THIS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY!**

**\*Travel Assistance:** Once participants are registered, we can assist in arranging car pools or offering travel advice. Some costs involved in driving or flying to Canberra can be reimbursed (this is dealt with on an individual basis).