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Gary Sansom Scholarship: applications invited

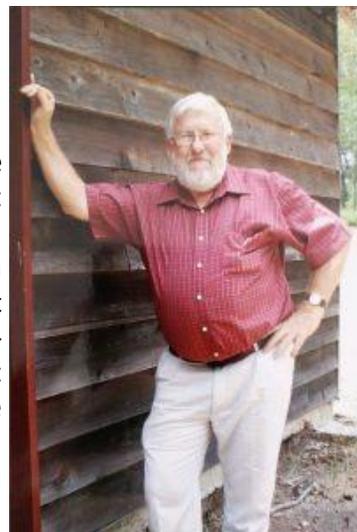
The annual Gary Sansom Scholarship is now open to applicants. This postgraduate scholarship is designed specifically to support the AgriFutures Chicken Meat Programme industry priorities.

The Scholarship is named in honour of the late Gary Sansom AM, a Queensland chicken grower who among other positions served as QFF President, AgriFutures Chicken Meat Advisory Panel Chair and Australian Chicken Meat Federation President. He was a long-standing supporter of programmes encouraging new people in to the chicken meat industry and championed several communication and training initiatives vital to the industry.

Please see link below for details about the scholarship and the application form:

[https://www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/scholarships/gary-sansom-](https://www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/scholarships/gary-sansom-scholarship/)

[scholarship/](https://www.agrifutures.com.au/people-leadership/scholarships/gary-sansom-scholarship/) Applications are now open and close 24 February 2021 at midnight AEDT.



Mr Gary Sansom AM

It's a good time to compare electricity retailers



Last week I met with a 24-shed grower who recently reviewed his electricity supply arrangements through ACGC-sponsor Enervest. He is now on a much better deal and could not speak highly enough of the professional and thorough way in which Enervest examined his situation and came up with the best options for his farms. With electricity prices on the way down and retailers competing vigorously for market share, growers should be looking for better deals, and this glowing endorsement for Enervest is a good sign. Give Enervest a ring on 1300 164 211 and tell them you're an ACGC member.



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NFF Leadership and Capability Development Programme



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Are you a young person involved in the chicken meat industry and interested in learning how to play a stronger part for your fellow growers? This year, the National Farmers' Federation is running a leadership programme, that will focus on building policy and advocacy experience within the agriculture sector.

Before the programme commences in March the NFF will be asking for young people from NFF member industries to sign up as participants, and this means that there will be great opportunities for Australian chicken growers to take part. If this sounds like you, all you need do at the moment is think about it, and wait until you see an application invitation in the *ACGC News* over the next month or two. Meanwhile, if you'd like to discuss the programme, please make contact.

Welfare Standards and Guidelines for Poultry: latest developments

After grinding to something of a halt last year, the job of finalising Australia's Poultry Welfare Standards and Guidelines was handed to the Independent Poultry Welfare Panel, formed by the government for that purpose. Recently the Panel advised the Australian Chicken Meat Federation that it had appointed ACIL Allen Consulting to provide a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS), assessing the economic effects of proposed new or altered Standards on the poultry industries.

Once the RIS is complete, by early March the Panel will provide the Standards and Guidelines in draft form for industry comment. If all goes well, the entire process will have concluded by May this year.

Potential contaminants and hazards in alternative chicken bedding materials and proposed guidance levels: a review

An interesting look at the organic chemical contaminants (e.g., pesticides), elemental contaminants (e.g., arsenic, cadmium, and lead), biological contaminants (phytotoxins, mycotoxins, and microorganisms), physical hazards, and management hazards that may be associated with Australian litter materials can be read [here](#).

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