



BRIDGET DUNN MEMORIAL AWARD – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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In 2013, the Australian pork industry lost one of its most passionate and valued members, Bridget Dunn, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. In honour of Bridget and her dedication to the industry, the Bridget Dunn Memorial Award was established. The winner of this year's award will once again be announced at the Victorian Pig Fair (VPF) on 14–15 April 2015.

Bridget was the Manager of the Girgarre Piggery in Victoria and was well known for her love of pigs and the pork industry. Her enthusiasm rubbed off onto others and many wonderful stockpeople learnt their skills under her tutelage.

This award takes the form of a travel scholarship, covering accommodation, airfares and registration to the 2016 Pan Pacific Pork Expo (PPPE), to be awarded to a non-management piggery employee. The award is sponsored by Don KRC, a division of George Weston Foods, and the VPF Committee.

Gail Smith from Kia-Ora Farms was the first and very deserving recipient of this award. The VPF Committee is now seeking nominations for this award, to give other non-management staff that are as keen and passionate as Gail the chance to attend the 2016 PPPE.

Just like Bridget herself, the nomination process will be as streamlined and fuss-free as possible. Nominations are open to stockpeople in all states. Applications should consist of a nomination letter written by a referee (no longer than one A4 page), and should be accompanied by a short resume (no longer than one A4 page), and contact details of at least two other referees.

The closing date for entries is the 20 March 2015. Entries can be posted to Dr Pat Mitchell at 3068 Prairie-Rochester Rd., Prairie VIC 3572 or emailed to pat.mitchell@australianpork.com.au. The Judges' decision will be FINAL and no correspondence will be entered into.

The VPF will be held on the Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 April 2015 at the Bendigo Exhibition Centre, located at the Bendigo Showground. Entry for producers and their employees is free. As with previous Fairs, in addition to the trade show, the Pig Fair Program will be crammed full of many different events including the seminar program, the ever famous "Pig Out" cocktail party and a host of networking sessions.

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