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YOUNG NW TASMANIAN FARMER WINS INAUGURAL SCHOLARSHIP

Caitlin Radford wears many hats in the Tasmanian agricultural space, including Agfest Committee Member, President of the NW Dressage Zone, Event Director of Dressage Tasmania's State Championships and President of the North Motton Rural Youth Club.

And now she has another hat to don – the inaugural winner of Primary Employers Tasmania's new scholarship aimed at supporting the development of current and future employers in Tasmania's agricultural industries.

Miss Radford, a fifth-generation farmer at Moriarty near Devonport, will utilise the \$2500 scholarship funds to attend the 2020 Rabobank Farm Managers Program in Christchurch, New Zealand, in June this year.

The Primary Employers Tasmania selection panel was highly impressed by the quality of Miss Radford's application and her passion for further developing her professional capacity to deliver global employment best practice in the agricultural sector.

"I was born into farming and I have always loved the outdoors," Miss Radford said. "In recent years, I have been taking every opportunity possible to challenge myself, expand my knowledge, develop new ideas for our family farm and gain new leadership skills so I can engage in best practice to manage people.

"It's humbling to hear people ask about the young blond girl – me – and what I can deliver, so it's always great to surprise them with my ideas.

"There are endless opportunities in agriculture, and I am so thankful to Primary Employers Tasmania for this scholarship, which will bring me a step closer to my dream of taking over the family farm. I encourage all young Tasmanian farmers to consider applying. You just have to have a go."

The Rabobank Farm Managers Program focuses on enabling participants to hone management and leadership skills, influence business decisions, improve communication and efficiency skills, and develop financial management and budgeting systems.

Primary Employers Tasmania President Felicity Richards said Miss Radford was an outstanding candidate for the scholarship, which is aimed at farmers under 35 years of age, based in Tasmania with at least two years' experience in primary industry.

"We are looking forward to Miss Radford sharing her learnings from the New Zealand conference, and Primary Employers Tasmania has no doubt that she will continue to play an important leadership role both on and off farm," Ms Richards said.

Primary Employers Tasmania offers two \$2500 scholarships each year. The second 2020 scholarship will close on 31 July. Application forms are available on the website www.primaryemployers.com.au or via email pet@primaryemployers.com.au.

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