

# Media Release



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## SCHOLARSHIP TO UNDERPIN NEW LEADERSHIP SKILLS

North West poultry farm manager Harry Gilligan will advance his leadership and management skills to underpin global employer best practice after being awarded Primary Employers Tasmania's second Empower the Employer scholarship.

Mr Gilligan, the Farm and Maintenance Manager at Redbank Poultry at Sisters Creek, has worked in Tasmania's primary industries for 12 years and has a life-long commitment to learning, management and farm safety. He currently manages the broiler breeder enterprise, which employs 15 people all involved in producing 90,000 day-old broiler chicks per week for Nichols Poultry.

He is extremely excited about completing a CERT IV in Leadership and Management, and utilising his new skills to attract young, motivated people with a great work ethic into agricultural careers. The course will focus on building team effectiveness and communication, promoting innovation, mentoring and building effective workplace relationships, implementing operational plans and models of continuous improvement, and developing personal effectiveness.

"I am ever so grateful to Primary Employers Tasmania for this scholarship, which will enable me to undertake training to ensure I can communicate, inspire and support our employees to be the best they can be," Mr Gilligan said.

"This training will also boost my involvement in the workplace health and safety, financial and decision making components of the Redbank Poultry business, as well as the work being completed to achieve HACCP accreditation.

"There are so many opportunities for people in our primary industries to achieve business growth, advancement with technology, mentoring young workers and promoting Tasmanian food and agriculture to the world."

Primary Employers Tasmania offers two scholarships per year, each valued at \$2500, to members of the organisation aged under 25 years of age, based in Tasmania with at least two years' experience in the agricultural industries.

Primary Employers Tasmania President Felicity Richards said the quality of applicants for this round of funding was again outstanding.

"Tasmania needs strong leaders to drive future growth in agriculture," Ms Richards said. "That's why Primary Employers Tasmania offers these scholarships so we can assist our members to upskill, grow and share their learnings with their employees and wider industry."

Submissions for the next Primary Employers Tasmania \$2500 Empower the Employer scholarship open today and close on 30 November. Application forms can be downloaded from [www.primaryemployers.com.au](http://www.primaryemployers.com.au) or by contacting Primary Employers Tasmania on (03) 6343-2244 or [pet@primaryemployers.com.au](mailto:pet@primaryemployers.com.au).

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