

WEST AUSTRALIAN DAIRY INDUSTRY FUND

About the Fund

The West Australian Dairy Industry Fund was formed in 2014 to fund projects to a maximum of \$20,000 which will provide a direct benefit to the Western Australian dairy industry.

The fund is managed by appointed trustees.

The funds are derived from a royalty received from the sale of WAFarmersFirst Milk. The WAFarmersFirst Milk brand was launched in November 2014.

Fund Management

The Fund Management will comprise the following persons:

- WAFarmers President
- Dairy Council President
- Western Dairy Nominee

The Fund Management will appoint an independent selection panel of three (3) people who will approve project funding for a two-year term.

Criteria in the fund document outline will guide the selection committee on the application process.

Secretariat for the Independent Selection Panel will be the WAFarmers Dairy Executive Officer. The WAFarmers Dairy Executive Officer is to report to the Dairy Council on the fund.

Funding Priorities

The overarching purpose of the fund is to fund innovative projects and or people (through industry scholarships) which will improve the productivity, performance, business growth, and diversity of the WA dairy industry and any part of its supply chain.

Priority funding areas for the fund include:

1. Supporting research, development and education.
2. Supporting market development or access.
3. Promoting the industry.
4. Scholarships to support and develop younger people in the dairy industry (travel, study, attend events).

Application Process

Applications are to be submitted using the WAFarmersFirst Dairy Fund Application Form.

Applications will cover project scope and concept, timelines, budgets, and reporting targets.

The Selection Committee will assess the applications against the outlined selection criteria.

In the event that no suitable applications are received the fund will accumulate until the next round of applications open.

Selection Criteria

The following selection criteria will be used:

- Supports the Fund's priorities
- Level of innovation and originality of concept
- Quality and scope of project
- Relevance to WA dairy industry
- Must benefit the dairy industry
- Ability to add value to dairy industry and participants

Funding Scope

Applications are welcome from all sectors of the dairy industry including individuals, private companies, dairy processors, boutique manufacturers, farmer and community groups, and industry associations.

Scholarships are open to all farmers and dairy industry agri-professionals aged 30 and below for training, attending conferences, workshops and industry related educational events or courses.

For Further Information

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