



## Australian Future Farmers Exchange

It is with great excitement that we share information around our upcoming tour in 2026.

First a little background about Australian Future Farmers Exchange program:

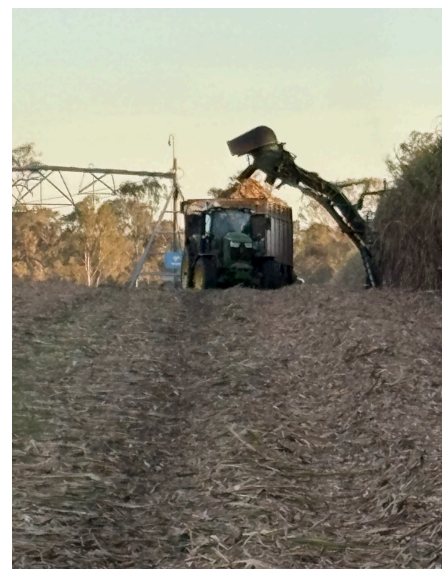
This idea came about from a discussion around the need to engage, excite and inform students around the amazing opportunities the agriculture industry can offer in terms of careers pathways. From these discussions co-founders Russell Berlin and Amanda Naish believed that they could offer a unique experience to young people to help bridge the gap between industry and their need for enthusiastic young people and the young people who often were unaware of the vast array of employment opportunities possible in the Agriculture sector. The planning started and in 2023 we headed off on our first tour with 4 students from Victoria flying up to meet 4 students from QLD, jump into 4WD's and head off to visit farms around the Lockyer Valley such as Intensive Horticulture, Feedlots, Cotton, Ginger and Tumeric and Rural Merchandise.

The following year in 2024 QLD students came down to North East Victoria to visit farms such as Chestnuts, Walnuts, Truffles, Wine production, Feedlots, Hop production and other Niche Farming Enterprises.

In 2025 we returned to QLD to visit Intensive Horticulture, Dairy, Feedlot and Red Meat Production, Sugarcane Production and many more.

In 2026 we are set to commence our 2nd tour to Victoria.

Our goal is to expose students wanting a career in Agriculture to as many aspects of the industry as possible to help them see what is achievable within the sector, assisting to refine their career pathway and possibly even landing them a job.



## About the tour in 2026

**When:** Sunday 13th April– 17th April 2026

**Cost:** \$2200. This is all inclusive. Our program is available to anyone so please do not let the cost be a barrier. We ask students to seek sponsorship for all the costs associated with the tour. Sponsorship can come from anywhere, but we really encourage students to approach Agricultural related businesses/corporations for sponsorship. This allows a connection to be made between the young person and a potential employee, mentor in their future career aspirations. We are here to help with this process so please reach out.

**Where:** Northeast Victoria.

**What to expect:** We will be attending a lot of farms so appropriate behaviour and clothing is expected. All meals are catered for, any specific dietary requirements, please let us know. We camp in swags every night at various locations, so please be aware your own swag is required. (If flying we are able to provide swags)

All camp areas have access to toilets and showering facilities and are not far from major towns.

**Shirts:** Students will all receive 3 AFTE shirts as a part of the tour. On the shirts they have the opportunity to have their sponsors logos embroidered in the back to promote them. We just ask for a logo and we organize the rest. To cut down on too many logos on the shirts we only apply this to major sponsorship of \$1600 and above.



**What to bring:**

- o Swag – good idea if this is all made up, containing a warm sleeping bag and pillow
- o 3 jumpers
- o 3 pairs of long pants
- o 3 t-shirts (you will get given embroidered long sleeve shirts)
- o 1 pair shorts
- o Long sleeve under shirt
- o Underwear for 6 days
- o Gloves
- o Beanie
- o Hat – broad brimmed would be ideal
- o Drink bottle
- o Footwear – 1 pair sturdy boots, casual shoes for around camp and out for dinner
- o Spending money
- o Torch
- o Toiletries – sunscreen, soap, deodorant ect.....
- o Set of nice clothes to wear for dinner
- o Towel
- o Any personal medications,
- o Charger for any electrical devices (please be aware that you bring any electrical devices at your own risk)

If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to get in contact.

We look forward to meeting you all along the way.

Russell and Amanda

*Co-founders Australian Future Farmers Exchange.*

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