



# 2022 TREVOR SCHOORL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

## ENTRIES NOW OPEN

Kick-start your career in forage and dairy production with this unique opportunity to work alongside some of Australia's best dairy and feedlot operations, silage contractors and stockfeed manufacturers! Your hosts will provide food and accommodation for the duration of your project, while the Trevor Schoorl Trust will provide \$6500 to assist with travel and other expenses.

## HOW TO APPLY

The Trevor Schoorl Memorial Scholarship is open to young people aged 15–25 years studying agriculture or a related discipline. To apply, send a cover letter, project synopsis, resume, academic transcripts, contact details and referees to [bemoreliketrev.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:bemoreliketrev.scholarship@gmail.com) before 30 September 2022. For more information, contact:

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# WALKING THE WALK



*Co-winner of the inaugural 2022 Trevor School Memorial Scholarship, Liam Stienen, with Trevor's parents, Case and Eileen School, and Nutriment Health Sales Manager, Andrew Doljanin.*

Liam Stienen will soon be walking – quite literally – in the steps of Trevor School when he starts an extended work placement program with North Florida Holsteins in the USA.

As one of the inaugural winners of the 2021 Trevor School Scholarship, Liam has already completed work placements with BEC Feed Solutions, Lallemand Animal Nutrition, Stockyard Kerwee Feedlot and Wilmar Trading.

Liam says his placement with Priebbenow Silage Contractors was an eye-opener. "I didn't know what to expect, but after an hour of instruction, I was in the driver's seat of a \$750,000 forage harvester," he says.

"It was amazing to see how the contracting team works together to get the crop off and how closely Lallemand works with growers, contractors and end-users to get the best silage outcome."

Liam has a passion for intensive livestock production and worked in the research dairy and pig units throughout his Bachelor of Agricultural Science / Bachelor of Agribusiness program at the University of Queensland – Gatton.

Once he's completed his placement at North Florida, Liam intends to work on his uncle's 350-cow automated dairy farm in Germany for a year. "This scholarship has really broadened my understanding of nutrition and agriculture as a whole," he says.

"It really showed me the big picture that you don't get to see at uni. It wasn't until the end that I realised the wide range of business that are technically competitors but who all work together to provide quality livestock feed and ultimately, food for consumers.

"I'm proof that you don't have to be the 'best' student to win this scholarship – but you do have to be committed to get the most out of it. Something I took away from this experience was the genuine mentorship provided by Genevieve, Alex and Andrew. They really wanted us to get the most we could from this program and worked hard to create opportunities for us.

"The other thing that impressed me was how much respect there was for Trevor School. At least one person in every business knew Trevor and it was clear what a big impact he had on their businesses and the close friendships he had with them."



# A BROADENED OUTLOOK

Co-winner of the inaugural 2021 Trevor School Memorial Scholarship, Jessie Lanyon, says the program has broadened his career outlook. His 10-week immersion program in the Australian livestock production and nutrition sectors included placements with BEC Feed Solutions, Lallemand Animal Nutrition, Masterchop Custom Silage, Stockyard Kerwee Feedlot and Wilmar Trading.

"This scholarship took me places that you just don't get to see at university," he says. "We weren't visiting these companies for an hour or two; we were working across each business for five or seven days. A lot of our mates at uni and even the people we worked with said they wished they'd had this opportunity."

Jessie, a third-year student in the Bachelor of Agricultural Science / Bachelor of Agribusiness program at the University of Queensland – Gatton, particularly enjoyed his six-week stay with Moxey Farms in Central West NSW.

"I got to rotate through all facets of the business – feeding, livestock health, genetics and farming," he says. "I was amazed not only by the sheer scale but the attention to detail. Those 'one percenters' make a huge difference when you're milking 8000 cows."

Jessie's passion for the dairy industry started with showing dairy cattle at high school. For the past seven years, he has worked at Parker Pastoral, Kenilworth, which conducts a 700-cow TMR-based production system, during weekends and holidays. He has also worked as a relief milker and as a university research assistant.

"This scholarship has definitely broadened my outlook," he says. "I used to think nutrition was feed in the bunk. Now I realise that growing crops, making premixes and livestock management are all interconnected. At the moment, I am still focussed on starting my career as an agronomist but I'd like to think it will be the start of a pathway to becoming a dairy nutritionist."



*Stockyard Beef General Manager Operations, George Lubbe, and People and Culture Manager, Lauren McNally, welcoming Liam Stienen (middle) and Jessie Lanyon (second from right) to Kerwee Feedlot. Also pictured is Nutriment Health Sales Manager, Andrew Doljanin.*





## ABOUT TREVOR SCHOOLR

Trevor Schoolr was a highly-respected figure in the Australian dairy, feedlot and contracting industries. Graduating from the University of Queensland – Gatton in 1993, Trevor spent more than a decade working in the genetics industry in Australia and managing large dairy operations in the USA and the Dominican Republic. In 2004, he returned to Australia as Technical Services Manager with Quality Silage Systems (now Lallemand Animal Nutrition). He quickly rose to become one of the country's leading silage production and nutrition consultants, providing expert technical support to livestock producers, silage contractors and Lallemand staff throughout Australia and Asia-Pacific. Trevor had a thirst for knowledge and was always trying to find ways to deliver even better results for his clients. He credited much of his success to actively seeking out the best operators and working closely with them. His honesty, accountability, humility and hard-working nature earned him the enduring respect of his many clients, colleagues and friends. Trevor was killed in a tragic accident in December 2018.

