



2024 Scholarship and Wyvern Training Weekend Information Package

KEY DATES AND EVENTS:

- Scholarship applications and Wyvern Training Weekend registrations open **Monday 30th October 2023**
- Scholarship Applications close **5:00pm, Friday 23rd February 2024**
- PWS Wyvern Training Weekend **9th – 11th February 2024**
- Shortlisted Scholarship applicants will be invited to a phone interview in **March 2024**
- 2024 PWS Finalist(s) will be contacted in **April 2024**
- 2024 PWS Scholarship announcement at the PWS Annual Ball **Winter 2024**



PETER WESTBLADE

The Peter Westblade Scholarship honours the late Peter Westblade, who passed away in 2008, a true visionary of the sheep industry, epitomising compassion and devotion to a cause.

Peter was passionate about breeding profitable sheep, a strong supporter of young people interested in agriculture and had a balanced approach to all things. His legacy lives strongly amongst those who had the fortune to know such a great person.

The Peter Westblade Scholarship has been developed in conjunction with the Peter Westblade Memorial Merino Challenge (PWMMC) which has been developed to assist Merino breeding operations make more informed decisions on their Merino genetics. The PWMMC has been deliberately designed to show the entrants in the Challenge and the wider sheep industry the genetic opportunities that exist for them to be more financially sustainable into the future.

ABOUT THE PETER WESTBLADE SCHOLARSHIP

The Peter Westblade Scholarship exists to promote the practical skills associated with the sheep and wool industry and aims to deliver hands on experience and networking opportunities to young people aspiring for a career in this dynamic industry.

The Peter Westblade Scholarship aims to:

- Provide practical education opportunities and mentoring for young people in the sheep and wool industry.
- Encourage young people into the sheep and wool industry by demonstrating and showing opportunities and career pathways
- Promote, demonstrate and showcase new technologies within the sheep and wool industry.

The Peter Westblade Scholarship will provide:

- Mentoring from industry innovators and leaders.
- Involvement in sheep and wool industry trials and research
- Practical training appropriate to the skill set required in the sheep and wool industry
- The opportunity to develop wider networks with key contacts in the sheep and wool industry
- Travel opportunities
- Opportunities to utilise new technologies

The Scholarship is up to the value of \$10,000 comprising of cash reimbursement for expenses such as travel & accommodation, and in-kind contribution from leaders in the sheep industry.

Please note this is NOT a cash prize. See Scholarship application package for more information.

PWS WYVERN TRAINING WEEKEND

The Wyvern Training Weekend is a separate event to the Scholarship program, continuing our objective to mentor and educate the next generation of young people in the Sheep and Wool industry.

The weekend provides a unique opportunity for keen young industry members to broaden their practical skills and knowledge while increasing their professional networks.

The Wyvern Training Weekend takes place on the second weekend in February every year (10th-11th, 2024) and consists of workshops and mentoring sessions to **encourage and educate 30 practical young people in the Sheep and Wool industry.**

Topics covered over the weekend will include Sheep Selection, Stockmanship, Business skills, Animal health and Professional Development.

While the individual attendee gains a lot from the weekend, the benefits also flow through to their employer and the wider Sheep and Wool industry.

More information can be found on the PWS website.

While the event is a separate initiative to the Scholarship application process, we encourage all applicants of the Scholarship to attend the weekend and vice-versa all attendees from the Wyvern Training Weekend are encouraged to pursue the scholarship.



Wyvern Weekend 2023 attendees and industry professionals

Who can register to attend the Wyvern Training Weekend?

The Peter Westblade Scholarship and associated events aim to identify, train and develop the next generation of leaders amongst young men and women in the Australian sheep industry.

Applicants must meet the following criteria;

- Aged 18 to 30 years, as of 1st January 2024
- Have a passion for the Sheep and Wool industry
- Is someone who is self-motivated
- Is someone who wants to make a difference (no matter how small)

Applications for the Wyvern Training Weekend open 30th October 2023.

Please contact our Executive Officer Sarah Weir (peterwestbladescholarship@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the Wyvern Weekend as well as applying for the Scholarship.

The PWS Wyvern Training Weekend – Registration Form

Applicant details	
Full name:	
Home address:	
Home Phone:	Mobile:
Email:	Date of birth:
Dietary requirements/other:	
Employment Information	
Current employer or education institute:	
Contact name and position held:	
Contact phone:	
Registration Questions	
How did you hear about the event?	
What is your expectation of the event? What do you hope to gain by attending?	
Have you previously attended a Wyvern Training Weekend? If yes, what year(s)?	

Terms and conditions

Wyvern Training Weekend is open to applicants aged 18-30 years as of 1st January 2024.

By signing this form, you acknowledge there are limited positions for the Wyvern Training Weekend and agree to inform the Executive Officer prior to Friday 26th January 2024 if you can no longer attend. Cancellation after this time may result in a fee to cover costs associated with last-minute cancellation.

By signing this form you consent to having your photograph published in print and social media for promotional purposes.

Wyvern Weekend is held on a private, commercial property. As an attendee you agree to abide by the rules set out by the property manager and outlined by the Peter Westblade Scholarship.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Please submit completed registrations forms to Sarah Weir – peterwestbladescholarship@gmail.com
Spaces for the weekend are limited and are filled on a first-in, best-dressed basis. You will receive a confirmation email and further information when your application is received.