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Guy Barnett, Minister for Primary Industries and Water

## 2019 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award Winners

Congratulations to Anh Nguyen who has today been named the Tasmanian winner of the 2019 AgriFutures Rural Women's Award.

Anh is an engineer, scientist and business owner who currently manages a small scale vineyard and tourism business.

She is an advocate of smart biodynamic farming techniques, with a focus on the use of advanced science and technology to reduce labour intensity.

This award will provide Anh with the opportunity to roll out her smart farming system that will maximise crop quantity and quality, while optimising farm resources including water use.

Anh's prize includes a \$10,000 bursary and the opportunity to attend the Australian Institute of Company Director's Course in Canberra and she will also represent Tasmania in the national Australian AgriFutures Rural Women's Award.

The Hodgman Liberal Government recognises the vital contribution women make to rural industries and communities, and is proud to support this award in partnership with Westpac and ABC Radio.

Anh has taken the honours in an outstanding and diverse field of entrants and this is a testament to the strength and vibrancy of Tasmania's rural women.

The 2019 Tasmanian Women in Agriculture Encouragement Award winner is Anita Long.

Sponsored by Tasmanian Women in Agriculture, the Encouragement Award provides \$1,000 training bursary and recognises Anita's passion for educating children on the importance of bees.

The 2019 Tasmanian Women in Agriculture Development Award winner is Sarah Cole.

Sarah is using her skills to further understand the challenges facing a growing pasture seed industry in Tasmania with the aim to increase the state's productivity.

Congratulations once again to all of the winners and entrants for your commitment to excellence in agricultural in Tasmania.