

Financial Support for Professional Development for members to attend events or branches to host an event

The cost of attending professional development training including workshop participation and attendance at industry events, are at times prohibitive to members who would like to engage in some of these activities.

The board of Women in Farming is offering on a limited and competitive basis, funding for attendance at activities which are agriculture related/ will provide a benefit to your business. The annual Women in Farming seminar will not be considered in this process.

A requirement of accepting funding is that successful applicants will share knowledge gained at specific events with their branch membership and in some cases, the broader organisation membership. Reporting back to Women in Farming is involved. Reporting options are not onerous and may consist of an article for the newsletter giving a description, key outcomes and highlights of the event; documented information to circulate to branches including relevant weblinks and event proceedings; a resource that can be added to Women in Farming resources on our website. Assessment criteria for selection include considering the benefits to Women in Farming of knowledge that can be shared.

Two types of funding are available.

Member - up to 8 individual members can each apply for \$150 per year to attend an event or workshop e.g. governance training. A maximum of two people will be funded to attend any one event.

Branch - each branch will be able to apply for up to \$500 per year to assist in running a local training event e.g. workshop.

Applications need to be submitted a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the event (less notice will be considered in some instances) and must be endorsed by the member's branch if an individual is applying. Forms are available from the Executive Officer <u>eo@womeninfarming.org.au</u> who will also be able to assist with queries.