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AWI Breeding Leadership Course

This week 22 young wool industry representatives from across Australia have gathered in Clare, SA for the AWI Breeding Leadership 2024 course.

The biennial, week-long course includes sessions on personal leadership, strategic planning, and corporate governance, as well as skills such as communication and delegation.

Charlie Brumpton from Mitchell, Queensland, is one of the woolgrowers participating. Charlie is aiming to boost his “confidence in people management, decision making and future planning”. Day to day he oversees three employees and aims to bring his new knowledge back to his team and business.

Another woolgrower, Allie Brinkworth from Meningie, South Australia, said she’s enjoying developing her personal skills and commented “the opportunity to network with people across the wool industry from right across Australia is so beneficial for the whole rest of my career”.

Emily King, AWI National Extension Manager, said “2024 is the tenth iteration of Breeding Leadership. For many years it has been an industry-recognised program that engages the next generation of woolgrowers and industry stakeholders. Since 2006, over 200 people have undertaken the program - many of whom are now in leadership positions across the industry. I am sure this cohort will be the same into the future, they’re a great bunch of young people.”

As well as the structured course work, throughout the week the group visit two local Merino operations to look at innovative on-farm practices and hear lived examples of what they’ve been hearing on the course, as well as a bus tour to gain a first-hand insight into the latest industry research and wool processing. AWI CEO, John Roberts, also hosts the AWI Breeding Leadership Industry Dinner as a networking opportunity for the course participants with industry guests.

AWI Breeding Leadership is a flagship investment under AWI’s Leadership and Capacity Building program. AWI Breeding Leadership aims to develop young leaders to enable them to actively contribute to the future of our wool industry and encourage them to step into leadership roles within their business, industry and community.

The program is running from 12-16 February 2024.

AWI Breeding Leadership 2024 course participants

NAME	SURNAME	LOCATION
New South Wales		
Austin	Grace	Murringo
Jack	Kelly	Murrawombie
Sarah	Maher	Wagga Wagga

Jesse	Moody	Tenterfield
Christine	Plummer	Buronga
George	Shannon	Bookham
Britt	Stein	Yenda
Joe	Walden	Cootamundra
Nick	Westcott	Peak Hill
Queensland		
Charlie	Brumpton	Mitchell
South Australia		
Allie	Brinkworth	Meningie
James	Goss	Brinkworth
Liam	Sander	Hamilton
Tim	Shepherd	Balaklava
Chloe	Smart	Stirling North
Grace	Teate	Wandearah
Victoria		
Amy	Byrne	Wangaratta
Kate	Methven	Branxholme
Emily	Foss	Upper Lurg
Western Australia		
Luke	Button	Tammin
Tom	Campbell	Boxwood Hill
Trent	James	Karlgarin

Participant images and contact details are available on request.

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