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INSPIRATIONAL FINALIST ANNOUNCED FOR RURAL WOMEN'S AWARD

Daryl Maguire MP, Member for Wagga Wagga today announced Ginny Stevens from Mangoplah is a finalist for the 2018 NSW-ACT AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award.

“I am extremely proud of Ginny Stevens who lives and works in our community has been selected as a finalist in this prestigious award.

“The Award identifies and supports rural women who have the ambition, commitment and leadership potential to make a greater contribution to our regions.”

In 2015 Ms Stevens was inspired to develop a proactive program, Active Farmers, to bring together farmers and rural communities to help improve the physical and mental health of participants and to build community resilience.

Ms Stevens said her project is to expand the Active Farmers service to three additional small farming communities with little or no access to health care providers.

“I also aim to create a series of case studies which will inspire other communities to join this fast growing network and take their health seriously.”

The Award winner will be announced in April at Parliament House, Sydney.

The winner of the 2018 NSW-ACT AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award will receive a bursary of \$10,000 along with professional development opportunities.

The three remaining finalists will receive a \$1,000 Department of Primary Industries Leadership Bursary for skills and leadership development.

The finalists will join a vibrant NSW-ACT Alumni group of over 40 past Award winners and finalists committed to making a difference to regional communities and primary industries.

The NSW-ACT Rural Women's Award is coordinated by the NSW Rural Women's Network through the Department of Primary Industries and supported by NSW Farmers, Office of Environment & Heritage and The Country Women's Association of NSW.

The NSW-ACT winner will compete for the national Australian AgriFutures™ Rural Women's Award later this year at Parliament House Canberra where the winner will be awarded an additional \$10,000 bursary and the national runner-up an additional \$5,000.

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