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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## NCWSBA WOOL BROKER AWARD 2016 LAUNCHED

The 2016 NCWSBA Wool Broker Award to recognise excellence in service to woolgrowers has just been launched. In its fifth year, the annual Award recognises client servicing, auctioneering and/or innovation by an outstanding wool broker employee who is working for a NCWSBA member and has been in the wool broking industry for 10 years or less.

Simon Hogan, President of NCWSBA, said "The objective of the Award is to encourage newer members of the Australian wool broking industry and promote excellence in all aspects of wool broking."

"NCWSBA, through the Award, aims to promote both wool broking and the Australian wool industry as an interesting prospective career for young people, including graduates. As well, we seek to raise the profile of and increase the understanding of the important role of wool brokers."

The prize in 2016 is a fully paid trip to attend the 2017 IWTO Congress in Istanbul, Turkey in May 2015. There will also be an opportunity to visit mills to learn about the wool textile industry in Turkey. This has been made possible by the generous support of the Award Sponsors – AWTA Ltd and Fairfax Agricultural Media.

The 2015 Award winner, Matthew Thomas of Landmark, will be attending the IWTO Congress in Sydney in April this year. He will also travel to China in September to attend the Nanjing Wool Market Conference and visit mills.

NCWSBA is now calling for applications from wool broker staff. To be eligible, applicants must have been working in the wool broking industry for 10 years or less and be employed by a NCWSBA member company. Full details and the application forms are available from the NCWSBA Office on 0393110152 or <a href="mailto:ncwsba@woolindustries.org">ncwsba@woolindustries.org</a>.

Applications close on 1<sup>st</sup> July. An independent Selection Panel will review all applications and short listed candidates will be notified by 22<sup>nd</sup> July. These candidates will be expected to attend the NCWSBA's Annual General Meeting to give a short presentation in support of their nomination on 25<sup>th</sup> August. The winner will be announced at the Wool Week dinner, which will be held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> August at Aerial, South Wharf, Melbourne.

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