



**North East Farmer July 2009**

### **2009 Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum Regional Awards**

\$4000, publicity and recognition is up for grabs in the AAVAF's 2009 Regional Innovation and Entrepreneur Agribusiness Awards. The Awards are an annual event the AAVAF has run over the past four years supported by agribusiness sponsors such as North East Catchment Management Authority, Bendigo Bank, Department of Primary Industry and Wodonga TAFE.

Business's who have a sense of entrepreneurship, or a dash of innovation in their business are encouraged to nominate for one of the three awards on offer, New and Emerging Agribusiness less than five years, Commercial Agribusiness or Agribusiness of the Year.

Over the past four years, the AAVAF Innovation and Entrepreneurship Awards have recognised a number of prominent agribusiness's who have shown great leadership in the sector by realising opportunities where others have failed to. It is vital as a region that we acknowledge the exemplary work of these people who have made a difference in their industry through employment, investment and product and brand development.

Past award recipients include Milawa Mustards, Beechworth Cider, Gundowring Fine Foods, Bridge Road Brewers, Australian Gourmet Chestnuts and Georgina Lincoln of Peechelba Beef. All business's are unique in their field and great contributors to the rural community. A full list of previous Award recipients can be found on the AAVAF website [www.alpvalleys.com.au](http://www.alpvalleys.com.au)

This year the award presentations will be conducted on Wednesday October 14 at Remel 185 at Whorouly, in conjunction with a forum of guest speakers presenting throughout the afternoon, the AAVAF annual general meeting and the awards showcase dinner.

If you are interested in nominating for the awards or attending the forum and showcase dinner please contact Rod Grant on (03) 57 217 594, email [admin@alpvalleys.com.au](mailto:admin@alpvalleys.com.au) or go to [www.alpvalleys.com.au](http://www.alpvalleys.com.au) and follow the agribusiness awards prompts.

Applications close Friday September 4, 2009. You can self nominate or you can nominate another business that you know is 'doing this differently and succeeding'.