



Victorian Farmers Federation Young Agribusiness Professionals (YAPS)

The Young Agribusiness Professionals (YAPs) an initiative of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) was established in 2006.

Who are we?

We are young farmers and agribusiness professionals (aged 18-35 years) with a passion for the continuing growth of the agricultural industry. Our key objectives are to:

- Promote a positive image of agriculture across the rural, regional and urban communities of Victoria
- Provide opportunities for young people who have a passion for the industry for networking, increase knowledge and communicate with peers and current agri-industry leaders
- Identify, debate and provide focus for issues relevant to young agribusiness professionals and the future of Victorian agriculture
- Provide a platform for issues concerning young farmers to be heard within the Victorian Farmers Federation and directed towards policy makers

How do we achieve our objectives?

A number of representatives from various agricultural sectors across Victoria comprise the YAPs Committee. These inspiring and passionate young leaders meet regularly to discuss issues relevant to young agribusiness professionals, and plan/coordinate/implement events that advocate specific needs as well as promote a positive image of Victorian agriculture. YAPs events plus other relevant forums and scholarships are regularly updated on the YAPs website with additional information available via the monthly E-News. In 2010, YAPs will

become one of the Issues Advisory Committees within the VFF, ensuring its status within Victoria's leading agricultural lobby organisation.

Why become a member?

Just like the slogan "Every Farmer needs the VFF" suggests, ***every young farmer and agri-business professional needs YAPs!*** In addition to receiving up-to-date information on events etc, YAPs ensures a voice for young agribusiness professionals to both State and Federal Governments. And let's not forget the networking and social benefits!

How to join

Check out the YAPs website to download a membership form (www.yaps.vff.org.au). The annual subscription and membership will depend on whether you wish to have formal voting rights as per the current VFF constitution. Voting rights are only applicable to VFF members who join commodity groups, and these membership fees vary as they are set by the respective Commodity Councils. If you do not wish to have any voting rights the 2010 annual membership fee for YAPs is \$110 (GST Inc)

Contact VFF Membership Services for further information on free phone 1300 882 833 or go to the VFF website www.vff.org.au