



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Winner of 2021 Jan Cathcart Scholarship announced

SunRice is pleased to announce that the 2021 recipient of the Jan Cathcart Scholarship is Charlie Reilly, from Leeton in the NSW Riverina.

The scholarship of up to \$30,000 will support Charlie's studies as she is entering her second year of a Bachelor of Law degree majoring in Commerce Law at Notre Dame University.

In presenting Charlie with her scholarship at a celebratory dinner in Leeton last night, SunRice Group Chairman Mr Laurie Arthur said:

*"Charlie, like all our scholarship recipients, has agriculture and the rice industry at the centre of her plans for the future, demonstrating a commitment to the sector which is aligned with the Jan Cathcart Scholarship."*

*"Over a 43-year period, Jan made an enormous contribution to the rice industry, paving the way for other women in her field, and each year SunRice is pleased to have the opportunity to honour this commitment."*

*"This scholarship has always been a wonderful chance for SunRice to invest in the future of the industry."*

Now in its seventh year, the scholarship is designed to provide Charlie, and all recipients, with financial support and hands-on industry experience to assist them in achieving their career goals.

On accepting the Award, Ms Charlie Reilly noted:

*"Both my parents worked with and had great respect for Jan Cathcart and what she did for the rice industry, so I am very privileged to receive a scholarship in her name."*

*"I've been lucky enough to have parents who are great role models both as corporate citizens in the agriculture sector and community members. They have encouraged me to always strive to make a difference to my community."*

*"With the help of the Jan Cathcart Scholarship, I plan to return to rural Australia in a commercial or corporate role within the rice industry once I finish my degree."*

*"Agriculture is in my family's blood and I'm particularly passionate about women having a more prominent role."*

*"Through growing up in a rural community with professional parents, I have seen first hand how financial and legal skills are crucial for agribusiness. I am passionate about combining my skills and developing a career in agriculture."*

Valued at \$10,000 a year for up to three years of tertiary study, the scholarship is designed to support women pursuing a career in agriculture, and has been awarded to eight other recipients to date:

- 2020: Alexandra Morona, from a rice farm near Deniliquin
- 2019: Emily Fasham, from a rice farm near Wakool
- 2018: Annabel Arnold, from a rice farm in Berrigan
- 2017: Sarah Cudmore, from a mixed farming property at Benerembah
- 2016: Millie Mertz, from a rice farm in Moulamein
- 2016: Elise Wilson, from a rice farm in Coleambally
- 2015: Samantha Glenn, from a rice farm in Moulamein
- 2015: Zoe Reynoldson, from a rice farm in Berrigan.

### **About Jan Cathcart**

*Jan was an integral part of the Australian rice industry for more than 43 years, commencing work at the Rice Marketing Board in November 1971 on completion of her secondary education. She joined the SunRice Grower Services team in 1985, maintaining a strong and close relationship with growers, shareholders and industry colleagues throughout her entire working life. Jan's life and career achievements are recognised through this scholarship.*

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Charlie Reilly, winner 2021 Jan Cathcart Scholarship.