

Call for Expression of Interest



Dr. Ian Parish Leadership Award

This Award is sponsored by Auspork Limited in recognition of Dr. Parish's work in, and with, the pork producers of Victoria and South Australia over more than 50 years – and for his leadership role in Auspork's evolution as a significant contributor to pork marketing in these states.



Background:

Dr. Ian Parish was born in Mt Gambier South Australia to humble dairy farmer roots. His career as a Veterinarian, then pork producer, and leading to investments in many pork related business's throughout his life, saw him become a true pork industry leader and influencer of others in every sense of the word.

Throughout his career spanning more than 5 decades, Ian built a legacy impacting all aspects of the Australian Pork Industry landscape. From vet practice and herd health programs, to building production business's with multiple partners, to a producer lead pork marketing company, to processing operations, to feed mill developments - he was a pioneer in bringing groups of farmers and industry leaders together to build and grow key aspects of our pork value chain. His contributions have had an ongoing impact on people's lives and the business that have been built throughout the communities and state industries where he worked.

His mantra was to build capacity through partnering, mentoring and leading relationships where the new "whole" was bigger than the sum of the "individual parts". His roles and impact included;

- Work as a pork and dairy veterinarian.
- His own pork farming operation's
- A founding Investor in Auspork, and the Chairperson for over 30 years.
- The driving force behind, and inaugural Chairperson of Big River Pork processing facility
- Investor in and Chairperson of numerous pork farming joint venture businesses.
- A Director of Australian Pork Limited
- A strong contributor – both financially and as a volunteer – in all the communities where he lived and worked.
- An incredible "mentor" to a huge number of pork producers, farmers, employees, and business colleagues.

Ian passed away in 2023, and in memory of the legacy he leaves in our industry, the leadership he showed, and the impact he had on developing young people into being better managers and leaders in their business's and their communities, Auspork are funding an ongoing award for pork farming professionals - the Dr. Ian Parish Leadership Award.

Purpose of the Award:

The Award perpetuates Ian's role in helping build better leaders within pork farms and our industry.

It pays for attendance at the Marcus Oldham Rural Leadership Course, an intensive 5-day rural leadership course. Running for over 30 years, it has developed a strong reputation in the agricultural and agribusiness sector, with graduates now impacting a wide range of industry and rural community groups.

It will be awarded annually to 2 recipients who will be currently working preferably in a pork farming business, (or associated value chain participants will be considered), ideally in either Victoria or South Australia (where Ian spent his working life), and have, or are developing, their leadership roles within their farming business and the community.

Amount of the Award:

The Award covers the cost of the course held on the Marcus Oldham campus at Geelong. The course includes accommodation and food for the duration of the course. Total annual value of the award is currently **\$7,500.00**. (\$3,750 for each participant)

Application Guidelines:

If you are interested in receiving an Application Information Package, please send a request in the first instance to one of the following;

- Pork SA via the Executive Officer (Andy Pointon) at admin@porksa.com.au
- Victorian Award Coordinator – Ian Farran ianfarran@outlook.com