



Make a
Difference

Jan Cathcart Scholarship

Q&A with Rebecca Groat

How has winning the scholarship assisted you in your future career plans?

I am currently in my first year studying Environmental Science and Management at Charles Sturt University. Through the help of the Jan Cathcart Scholarship, I can practice what I preach. SunRice has given me opportunities to enhance my knowledge on innovative agricultural practices and conservation of natural resources that will lead to a more sustainable future.

I aim to build a career that makes the world a better place for humans and our native environment. I believe SunRice demonstrates this very well by creating a progressive and thriving agricultural industry as well as conserving and protecting our native resources and environment. I am so excited to see where this scholarship will take me!

What has happened since winning?

Since gaining the Scholarship, I have made great friends with the past Jan Cathcart scholars alumnae and the rice community. I recently attended the Rice Grower of the Year Awards where I was able to connect with many accomplished rice growers. I loved talking and relating to their stories of the farm as well learning of their progressive farming techniques. Each farmer was passionate about sustainable practices that left their farm better for the next generation.

Why is this Scholarship important to the rice industry?

The Scholarship supports, nurtures and encourages country girls like me to get out there and make a difference to the rice industry and our local community—just like Jan Cathcart did herself.

I think this support will significantly benefit the rice industry as I am yet to meet a Jan Cathcart scholar who isn't greatly passionate

about growing and enhancing our rice communities and greater industry. It is a fantastic alumnae and I feel very privileged to be a part of it.

Why would you encourage other women to apply for the Scholarship?

This Scholarship is an incredible opportunity that encourages women from the country to work towards a career path that they are passionate about. It enables women to achieve their goals and make a lasting contribution to not only the rice industry, but their local community.

