

20 March 2009

Masterclasser – Call for nominations

AWEX is pleased to announce the following dates and locations for the 2009 series of Masterclasser professional development courses for Woolclassers.

Course Name	For	Location	Week Commencing
Northern Region	QLD/NSW	Yennora Selling Centre (Sydney)	4 TH May 2009
Southern Region	SA/TAS/VIC	Brooklyn Selling Centre (Melbourne)	15 th June 2009
Western Region	WA	Western Wool Centre (Spearwood)	16 TH August 2009
Superfine	National	Newcastle	23 rd November 2009

AWEX is seeking nominations from Selling Agents, Woolgrowers, Shearing Contractors, , Industry, and Training Organisations for registered professional woolclassers they believe would benefit from this program.

The nomination form can be found with this release or on www.awex.com.au. Nominations must be received no later than 1 month prior to a nominated course.

Woolclassers nominated by industry should have the following attributes:

- Must have been actively woolclassing for the last three years, (and intend to continue),
- Must class a minimum of 10 clips or 500 bales per annum,
- Must have ability and desire to further their wool knowledge, and
- Must demonstrate good character, judgment and capacity for leadership.

Objectives of the Masterclasser course are to;

- develop (staff) management skills and communication techniques,
- bring Woolclassers closer to the point of sale to get a deeper understanding of the requirements and perspective of each customer of the Woolclasser (producer, warehouse, broker, buyer, and processor),
- review case studies of wool preparation (with showfloor lots),
- foster the use of strategic thinking and decision support tools,
- examine quality assurance programs, and
- build deeper levels of understanding of the Woolclassers Code of Practice.

A significant portion of each course is presented by industry or external presenters.

Each course is limited to a maximum of 22 Woolclassers selected from the pool of industry nominees and woolclassers identified by AWEX from its own performance reporting.

Please note: To obtain Masterclasser status, attendees are required to pass an open book exam during the course on the Woolclassers Code of Practice. Retention of Masterclasser status will require attendance at periodic refresher courses and routine audits.

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MASTERCLASSER NOMINATION FORM

I _____ from _____
(Name) (Company)

wish to nominate the following woolclassers(s) to be considered for entry to the following Masterclasser Program:

Course Location _____ **Start Date** _____

Name of Nominee(s) Stencil Number (if known)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Reason For Nomination(s)

Signed: _____ Date _____

Telephone Number: _____

****Nominations must be received no later than 1 month prior to start of the course.****

Please return by fax to 02 9420 9633

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