



► PETER GELMI

One man ensuring the educational message of agriculture is used to great effect is former stockman Peter Gelmi.

Having spent two years in the late '70s working in the Cascades area while his wife taught at the local school, Peter altered his career path to that of education.

Armed with a qualification in Business Agriculture from the WA Institute of Technology, Muresk and a graduate diploma in education Peter is leaving his mark within the world of teaching.

Narrogin Agricultural College students were the first to benefit from Peter's experience before Peter moved to the Esperance Senior High School. This move opened up a world of possibilities for his pupils when Peter renamed the school farm to the Esperance Farm Training Centre and began delivering vocational programmes in agricultural education.

He established three studs, sheep, cattle and horses to introduce students to showing, became involved with the development committee for the RAS' Agricultural Education program and co-ordinated the inaugural Farm Skills event held at the Royal Show for schools offering agriculture.

The list of Peter's achievements goes on... he organised a teacher exchange to Oatridge Agricultural College in Scotland where he first came into contact with Vocational Education; became a consultant to the Esperance Group Training Scheme; tour convenor for a regional Landcare conference; successfully nominated 18 students for the Golden Circle schoolbased traineeship which offered sponsored grants of \$1500 each; attended shows including Wagin

Woolarama, Esperance, Albany and Perth Royal Show – the latter saw the school walk away with the Perth Royal Show Secondary School Trophy twice and runners-up ten times.

Peter has implemented education and training programs, professional development, managed financial agricultural budgets and has been the chief marker and examiner for Animal Production Systems for the School Curriculum and Standards Authority.

In 2007, Peter switched hats transferring to Harvey as a teacher, and in 2013 was appointed Vocational Education and Training Program co-ordinator at the WA College of Agriculture.

As a 23-year stalwart of the RAS, Peter has moved in many areas including sheep where he was instrumental in reintroducing the Heritage breeds into the 2013 PRS event; Agricultural Colleges and Schools competitions, Young Judges; Agricultural Trust Fund; general show regulations and Governor's Cup committees. His work on these committees underpins his passion to provide young people the opportunity to develop their showing and judging skills.