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LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR RURAL WOMEN'S AWARD

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Katrina Hodgkinson, is reminding rural women they have less than two weeks left to apply for the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) Rural Women's Award which closes next Friday, 31 October.

Ms Hodgkinson said last month sustainable agriculture trailblazer Pip Job was announced as the first NSW woman to win the national RIRDC Rural Women's Award in the history of the prestigious competition.

Ms Hodgkinson said the award is about recognising inspiring and innovative rural women who are providing vision, education and leadership within their communities and industry.

"The Rural Women's Award opens doors to bigger and better things and gives much needed credit to our unsung heroes," Ms Hodgkinson said.

"The award, which recognises community leaders making a difference, is open to all women involved in our \$12 billion primary industries sector.

"I strongly encourage rural women to enter themselves or to nominate someone with a commitment and desire to making a real difference to their industry and or community."

Ms Hodgkinson said rural women are building stronger communities through their contributions across primary industries including agribusiness, regional development, community sustainability, education and more.

Four finalists will be selected in NSW-ACT for the 2015 award, with the winner receiving \$10,000 bursary and a place on the Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) Course.

The three finalists will each receive \$1000 to further develop their vision or build their leadership and business management skills.

To download the application form, visit www.rirdc.gov.au/rural-women's-award. For more information contact the Rural Women's Network on 02 6391 3620.

The NSW-ACT award is proudly supported by the NSW Government, NSW Farmers and the Country Women's Association of NSW.