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Enrolments to close for leading farm business management program

Applications are to close at the end of this month for this year's Rabobank's Executive Development Program, Australasia's leading agricultural business management course for primary producers.

Now in its fourteenth year, the prestigious Rabobank Executive Development Program gives leading Australian and New Zealand, farmers from a range of agricultural sectors, the opportunity to develop and enhance their business management skills.

Rabobank group executive for Country Banking Australia Peter Knoblanche said the Executive Development Program is designed to assist farmers improve primary producers' ability to manage the challenges of agriculture and plan for the growth of their farming business.

"Building planning and management capabilities of the decision maker of the business is one of the most valuable investments any business can make," Mr Knoblanche said.

"We believe the Executive Development Program is one of the most worthwhile educational courses available to our farmers."

Mr Knoblanche said that in the increasingly fast-changing and globalising world of agriculture, the Executive Development Program is becoming "an essential tool" to harness the skills required to prosper in an competitive environment.

Applications close on Friday 31 May 2013. Held in Sydney, the first module runs from 18-23 August 2013, with the second module taking place in July of next year.

Producers interested in an application form or any further information on the Rabobank Executive Development Program should visit www.rabobank.com.au or contact Rabobank Business Programs manager Nerida Sweetapple on 02 8115 4139 or email Nerida.sweetapple@rabobank.com

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