

Lincoln University

Hon Jeremy Rockliff

Lincoln Alumni International Medal

2016

The winner of the Lincoln Alumni International Medal for 2016, which recognises achievement outside of New Zealand, has forged a career in Australian state politics without losing his passion for farming and rural life.

Deputy Premier of Tasmania, Jeremy Rockliff, is Minister for Education and Training and Minister for Primary Industries and Water.

He returned to his family farm at Sassafras in north-west Tasmania after completing a Diploma in Farm Management from Lincoln in 1990.

Jeremy has been a Liberal Party member of the Tasmanian House of Assembly in the Division of Braddon since 2002 holding various portfolios both as Minister and Shadow Minister, ranging from sport, arts, tourism, health, infrastructure and resources.

Some of his accomplishments since becoming a member of the House of Assembly include setting up the Tasmanian Devil Research Trust Appeal, progressing the rights of asbestos victims, championing the need for water development and greater quarantine barrier controls and fighting for stronger food labelling laws.

Jeremy is known for his strong representation of the north-west coast and as this diverse industry base produces much of Tasmania's wealth, he believes the region commensurately deserves its fair share of Government support and services.

He has also worked with a number of public and community services including Lifeline North West Tasmania (awarded life membership in 2006), Natural Resource Management and Landcare Groups, Youth and Family Focus, the Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association and Mersey Skill Training Workplace Solutions, along with many others.

Jeremy was President of the Latrobe Football Club from 2006-2009 and still maintains a close association with the Club.

He has certainly made his mark since his days at Lincoln and is deserved of this accolade.