

# Grower Education Fund



The MG Charitable Trust (MG Trust) grower education fund has been created to support current growers and/or their employees to attend programmes that enhance their skills and knowledge.

In 2023, growers can apply for:

- Rabobank Farm Managers Programme \$5,000.00 subsidy
- Rabobank Executive Development Programme \$14,170.00 subsidy
- World Avocado Congress Conference registration + expenses

## **MG Trust Grower Education Fund**

The MG Grower Trust Education Fund aligns with the MG Trust's objective to advance the education of people within the horticulture industry.

### **Rabobank Farm Managers Programme**

The programme is an opportunity to learn from experts and network with leading growers and farmers. It aims to further develop management and leadership skills; improve your communication, time management; learn how to develop a business plan; and understand the essentials of financial management and budgeting.

**Date: Sunday 18 - Friday 23 June 2023,**  
**Location: Christchurch, New Zealand**  
**Deadline for applications: 3 March 2023**

Attendees are required to have at least three years' experience.

The course cost is \$5,650.00. Applicants who secure a \$5000.00 subsidy are required to pay the balance and cover travel to and from Christchurch. All other costs are covered, including accommodation, meals and transfers.

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### **Rabobank Executive Development Programme**

The programme helps build strategic planning capabilities and commercial management skills to explore options for business growth. Growers leave the programme inspired by farming and business experts, and with access to a new network of progressive farmers.

**Module One Date:**  
**Sunday 20 - Friday 25 August 2023**  
**Location: Sydney, Australia**  
**Deadline for applications: 3 March 2023**

**Module Two Date:**  
**Sunday 21 - Friday 26 July 2024**

Applicants need to be the key decision maker in the business and have at least 5 years' of senior on-farm experience.

Applicants who secure the \$14,170.00 funding are required to cover travel cost to and from Sydney. All other costs are covered, including accommodation, meals and transfers.

More information about the two programmes can be found on the Rabobank website.

### **World Avocado Congress**

The MG Trust is looking to fund up-to two registrations and some expenses to attend the 10th World Avocado Congress. This opportunity is offered on the back of an application from industry group, NZ Avocado, who want to attract growers from outside of the avocado sector to attend the event, with the aim being to share knowledge and information with the wider horticulture sector in New Zealand.

**Date: Sunday 2 April – Wed 5 April 2023**  
**Location: Auckland, New Zealand**  
**Deadline for applications: 31 January 2023**

The MG Trust will fund the full registration, along with a contribution towards travel and accommodation (if from outside Auckland), up to the total value of \$5,400.00.



### **Apply now**

Visit the MG Trust website to find out more about the opportunities, including how to apply:

**[www.mggroup.co.nz/mgtrust](http://www.mggroup.co.nz/mgtrust)**

