

## About the Geelong Community Foundation

The Geelong Community Foundation exists to make a lasting difference to people in the Geelong Region. The Foundation encourages individuals, families, corporates and other organisations to make donations to meet these needs, now and in the future. Donations are retained as capital by the Foundation to build a perpetual and substantial fund for philanthropic purposes, with only the income from this capital used to make local community grants.

The local programs funded aim to benefit the most disadvantaged in our region, helping to create a stronger, more resilient community.

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## About J. B. Scott Pty Ltd

J.B. Scott Pty. Ltd. was founded by Mr Jack Bernard Scott in 1925 and supplies quality farm machinery and other merchandise to the farms around the Geelong area. The company has become a multi franchise company with the main dealership in North Geelong as well as operating in Lismore and Colac.

J. B. Scott Pty Ltd became a John Deere dealership in 1981. J. B. Scott Pty Ltd under Tom Cleary's leadership focused on providing products and services for the man on the land. With high importance given to the quality of service for all their products. This philosophy continues today under Tom's son Andrew's management.

The company has strong links to the local farming community and are respected and known for:

- First class service backup for the farm machinery that we sell
- Fast and reliable spare parts service
- High quality second hand machinery

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## TOM CLEARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



## \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP FOR CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

If you are interested in a career in the Agriculture or Horticulture sector, and you are aged between 16 and 25, live in the Geelong Region\* and an Australian resident... Then you should explore this opportunity!

The Tom Cleary Memorial Scholarship will provide \$1000 to support you in your educational goals. It may be an apprenticeship or studying in a Diploma/Degree program or supporting you to attend a workshop connected with your career.

For further information, contact Geelong Community Foundation C.E.O.  
Gail Rodgers on 5244 7831 or Chairman John Miles on 0411 046 297

**CLOSING DATE 26 MARCH 2018**

## Mr James (Tom) Cleary

Born in Melbourne on the 6th December 1921 Tom was the son of a farmer and the eldest of 6 surviving children brought up on a farm at Blighty a little town just out of Finley NSW. Tom came to Geelong as a teenager and attended St Mary's Technical School. Whilst attending St Mary's young Tom boarded with his Uncle Jack and Auntie Gert Scott. Uncle Jack more commonly referred to as JB had set up his own machinery business – J. B. Scott which was operated from 72 Moorabool Street. After completing his schooling at St Mary's Tom returned to the family farm at Blighty. At 18 after doing various jobs around the district Tom sought a career in the RAAF.

When the war ended and whilst working at Dunlop Rubber, Tom studied motor mechanics before he joined the RAAF. This consolidated much of what he had learnt about engines in the Air Force. Later Tom joined TAA as an aircraft mechanic working at various airports around Australia.

In 1950 Tom and his wife Irene moved to Geelong and joined J. B. Scott.

JB died in 1961 and Tom inherited the J. B. Scott business. Business was not easy in the ensuing years. Making a home for Irene and bringing up a family of three and running a business (7 days a week in the Harvest Season) with lots of after hours calls certainly had its challenges. However with the help of Irene and hard work, the business survived and J. B. Scott Pty Ltd is now a successful business with branches at Lismore and Colac and has the John Deere franchise for the Geelong and Western District. Today the business remains in the family and is managed by Tom's son Andrew.

Tom was always involved in the Geelong community, supporting his three children's school activities. Other community involvements included membership of the Rotary Club of Geelong and the Knights of the Southern Cross, Treasurer of the Barwon Rowing Club and membership of the Machinery Dealers Division of the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce. Tom was also a very keen Geelong Football Club supporter.

Tom also supported local youth by offering apprenticeships to many keen would be Diesel Mechanics. This interest in young people is perpetuated by the family providing the corpus of funds to provide The Tom Cleary Memorial Scholarship.

**The Tom Cleary Memorial Scholarship provides financial support to one young person aged between 16-25, who is seeking a career in any part of the Agricultural and Horticultural Sector.**

## TOM CLEARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### APPLICATION FORM

Full Name .....

Address.....

Telephone..... Email .....

D.O.B..... Male or Female .....

School Attended .....

Last Year Attended.....

Qualification and Awards Received .....

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Also required is a 300 word essay setting out the applicant's Goals and Career aspirations.

Additional information can be supplied at the discretion of the applicant.

**Applications forms can be found on the Geelong Community Foundation website:**

<http://www.geelongfoundation.org/grants/scholarships>

**Closing Date: 26th March 2018**

After assessing the written applications a short list will be selected to present to the Selection Panel in April 2018.

The decision of the Selection Panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

**Applications should be forwarded to:**

Tom Cleary Memorial Scholarship  
Geelong Community Foundation  
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**\*Geelong Region** means - the City of Greater Geelong, the Surf Coast Shire, the Borough of Queenscliffe and the Southern part of the Golden Plains Shire.