# Farm Household Allowance video chat transcript

**Pete**

Where we sit today on this property is was bought in the 1860s and I’m the fourth generation here. I’m very privileged to be that. I’ve lived in the same house all my life. Only difference between me and my father, my father was born in the house and I was born in the hospital.

**Sue**

And it’s sheep and grain, that’s what the basic farm is. And then in the ‘90s, we developed vineyards. We had one year when the actual harvest was very, very minimal and we didn’t come anywhere near covering the cost of actualy growing the grapes.

So when someone told us about the Farm Household Allowance we looked into it and then thought well yes if we can that would be good.

The Farm Household Allowance has been pivotal for us. We wouldn’t behere today if we hadn’t got that. We would’ve disappeared. And that would have killed me.

**Kiran**

Good afternoon Sue and Pete, how are you today?

**Sue**

We’re fine, hi Kiran how are you?

Since we started the video conferencing it’s been very nice.

**Kiran**

Has it rained in the fields yet?

**Sue**

No rain … well very minimal, we’ve had about 7 ml last week.

**Kiran**

Video conferencing has actually helped quite a lot of people. It not only saves time and trabel, for them it’s precious and they’ve got to be on the farms so connecting via video chats and embracing that and just that seamless transition has really helped them.

**Sue**

No we finished shearing in April.

We just sit over the breakfast table usually with the computer on one corner and just chatting.

**Kiran**

Do you think anyof them are going to be coming on payments? Are they looking at applying?

**Sue**

They are, yeah.

**Kiran**

Meeting some of the customers that are remotely located for the first time, it was an absolute joy. Absolute joy. And for them to see a real person at the other end, that was absolutely amazing.

**Sue**

And so we’ve had the last lot have begun their payments, yes.

**Kiran**

Okay, got it.

**Sue**

He’s passionate about being a farmer. So we’ll stay until he doesn’t want to.