

## **Madelaine's best-laid plan**

### **Jamie First**

Not many people can say they run their own business, but for Madelaine Scott, she's a veteran.

Now 19, Madelaine has been breeding, packaging and selling her own free-range eggs to shops, cafes and markets since she was eight.

Growing up on a 178ha farm at Clarkefield, she has reared chickens, milked cows and goats, planted permaculture gardens and even butchered her own food.

But nothing compares to her latest business adventure.

She hopes to raise \$60,000 for an egg cleaning and grading machine.

The young entrepreneur spends up to eight hours a day caring for more than 2000 chooks.

"I would like to make a change and be able to supply real organic eggs to more people," she said. "To do this, I need the machine to cut back on time.

"Come spring, I will have doubled my flock of girls and this will double the hours spent cleaning, packing and delivering."

Offering rewards such as produce, farm tours, photo shoots, spa treatments and getaways to people who donate, Madelaine has collected nearly \$2000 from her fundraising appeal.

Madelaine's campaign runs until May 26. Visit [pozi.be/madelainesorganiceggs](https://pozi.be/madelainesorganiceggs)