

# Professionals Preparing for 2040 Agriculture



NATIONAL  
CONFERENCE  
2015

Agricultural professionals  
meeting 2040 food and fibre  
challenges – Productivity,  
profitability, people, policy

20-21 MAY

Moda Events Portside  
39 Hercules Street Hamilton Qld



# CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

## The Conference

### Professionals Preparing for 2040 Agriculture

A conference with a focus on the agricultural professionals who will be meeting the 2040 food and fibre challenges – productivity, profitability, people, and policy.

Ever considered what it will be like working as an agricultural professional in 25 years time?

We have heard a lot in recent times about the agricultural challenges relating to future production and supply demands. But what does this mean for the people leading, innovating and enabling these advancements?

This conference will address pertinent questions and topics that are essential for preparing professionals not only from an agronomy perspective, but also technology, policy, industry, business, professional development, leadership, and international considerations.

### Key Themes

- ✓ What will Australian agriculture look like in the future? What does this mean for professionals working in agriculture?
- ✓ What are the opportunities and challenges for agricultural professionals in positioning for the future?
- ✓ Policy challenges, settings and responsibilities.
- ✓ Showcase rising professionals from across Australia.
- ✓ Technology application.
- ✓ Celebrating, acknowledging, networking and showcasing the best of Australian agricultural professionals - present and future.

## Event Highlights

The Queensland Division of the Ag Institute Australia is hosting the two day event.

### What's on offer?

- ✓ topical presentations
- ✓ robust discussions
- ✓ professional development
- ✓ networking
- ✓ participation
- ✓ relevance

### What will be achieved?

The conference program explores what skills, experience and support professionals may need leading into future opportunities and challenges facing Australian agriculture. Discussion opportunities will inform the role which Ag Institute Australia can take to shape the future of Australian agricultural science.

### Who's coming?

The conference will connect over 100 professionals from a broad representation of Australia's agricultural industry.

- ✓ Ag Institute Australia members
- ✓ consultants
- ✓ scientists and researchers
- ✓ agribusiness and natural resource management professionals
- ✓ product and service providers
- ✓ government and industry representatives
- ✓ educators and students

### Special Highlights

- ✓ River views and balcony breakout area
- ✓ Evening of fabulous food, networking, guest speakers and awards
- ✓ Ag Institute Australia Business Breakfast
- ✓ Showcase of event and industry supporters
- ✓ Great conference experience

## PROGRAM

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### Wednesday 20 May 2015

10:00 am	Registration	Morning tea
10:30 am	Welcome	Dr Peter Allsopp, Chairman, Qld Division Ag Institute Australia
2040 agriculture		
	2040 – a quantum leap from 1990	Mr Ian Davies, General Manager, Agriculture Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited
	Finding The Farmers of the Future	Mr Matthew Durack, Director Stahmann Farms Enterprises Pty Ltd
	Sustaining the future	Mr Ian McConnel, Global Commodity Lead- Beef, WWF Australia
	What can professionals expect in 2040?	Panel Discussion
Showcasing excellence in future agricultural scientists		
	Research paper presentations by AEV Richardson Memorial National Student Award nominees from Queensland and New South Wales	
1:00 pm	Lunch	
	Research presentations continued from South Australia, Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania	
3:10 pm	Afternoon Tea	
Technology opportunities and challenges		
	Opportunities and challenges for 2020 and beyond through genetic improvement, in sheep and other domestic species	Dr Robert Banks, Director Animal Genetics and Breeding Unit, UNE
	Irrigated cropping in 2040	Prof Philip Brown, Professor of Horticultural Science, Central Queensland University
	Dryland cropping in 2040	Dr Don Yule, Soil Scientist And Farming Systems Specialist, CTF Solutions
	Data Enabled Businesses in Agriculture – Improving your Business Understanding with Geography	Mr Doug van Gelder, Manager, Business Development, Esri Australia
	Agriculture advancing technology	Panel Discussion
5:10 pm	Dinner event starting with canapés and drinks on the balcony overlooking Brisbane River	
Special presentations AEV Richardson National Student Award sponsored by Peracto Fellowships and Medal of Agriculture for 2015, Sponsor Address		
Guest Speaker	Will 2040’s agricultural professionals be born or made?	Prof Derek Baker, University of New England



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### Thursday 21 May 2015

7:30 am	Queensland Division Annual Meeting	
8:00 am	Ag Institute Australia Business Breakfast (includes Annual General Meeting)	
9:00 am	Registration	Displays
<b>Positioning for the future</b>		
	Agricultural education in the 21st century	Prof Holger Meinke, Head, School of Land & Food and Director, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, University of Tasmania
	A practitioner's perspective	Mr Ken Severson Price Severson Agricultural Advisory Services
	Farming facilitators	Ms Rhonda Toms-Morgan, Climate Change Officer, Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
	Training work ready professionals	Mr Mike Stephens, Director, Meridian Agriculture
	A perspective from China	Mr Bai Shanlin, Senior Vice Chairman, Chia Tai (China) Investments Co, Ltd
10:30 am	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
	Preparing professionals for 2040	Panel Discussion
<b>Policy challenges, settings, responsibilities</b>		
	Agriculture's responsibility for future directions	Mr Mick Keogh, Executive Director Australian Farm Institute
	Growing global competitiveness	Mr Selwyn Snell, Queensland Chairman, Horticulture Innovation Australia Ltd
	Optimising Australia's response to international conditions and opportunities	Ms Joanne Grainger, President, Queensland Farmers Federation
	The journey ahead	Panel discussion
12:40 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
	Positioning of the Ag Institute Australia into the future - on behalf of all professionals	Mr David Hamilton, Chairman, Ag Institute Australia
	Sowing the seeds	Group discussions, reported by student leaders
	Highlights, messages, outcomes, actions	Ms Chaseley Ross, Company Secretary Ag Institute Australia
3:30 pm	Close	Afternoon tea

## Registration

### Benefits

Please visit the [Queensland Events](#) page of the Ag Institute Australia website for more event information and to register.

#### Registration Features

- ✓ Full day attendance and materials
- ✓ Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea
- ✓ Evening canapés and drinks on balcony and dinner
- ✓ Business breakfast
- ✓ One day registration option
- ✓ Dinner or breakfast extra tickets available
- ✓ Significant student discounts

#### Benefits

- ✓ Insightful and relevant presentations by industry leaders, innovators and practitioners
- ✓ Support and encourage student leaders
- ✓ Engage in session discussions
- ✓ Input into the direction and role of Ag Institute Australia in representing professionals into the future
- ✓ Network with other professionals across a broad representation of Australia's agricultural industry
- ✓ Exposure with companies supporting the future of the industry and offering beneficial products and services
- ✓ Hear about Ag Institute Australia's achievements and activities for 2014-15 and future priorities



### Packages

#### Full Conference Package

2 Day Registration includes:

- Attendance on 20-21 May with morning/afternoon teas and lunches
- Dinner 20 May
- Breakfast 21 May
- Conference proceedings

\$390 Standard registration

\$290 Ag Institute Australia Member

\$250 Students

#### 1 Day Conference Package

1 Day Registration includes:

- Attendance on 20 or 21 May with morning/afternoon teas and lunch
- Conference proceedings

\$150 1 Day Standard registration

\$65 Students

#### Dinner

Dinner ticket includes:

- Attendance to dinner event 20 May and awards presentations
- Canapés and drinks on balcony
- 2 course meal

\$110 Dinner tickets

#### Business Breakfast

Breakfast ticket includes:

- Attendance to breakfast event 21 May
- Hot 'works' breakfast and fresh fruit
- Tea, coffee, juice
- AIA reports and AGM

\$45 Breakfast tickets

[Register now!](#)

## MORE INFORMATION

### Dinner Event

The dinner event on Wednesday night will be a casual evening of socialising and networking. The event will commence at the close of proceedings at 5pm with canapés and drinks on the balcony overlooking Brisbane River.

The dinner includes a 2 course meal and we ask you to purchase your own drinks at the conclusion of the pre-dinner drinks at 6pm.

The evening will feature a guest presentation and address from the event major sponsor.

Special awards will be presented including:

- AEV Richardson National Student Award sponsored by Peracto
- Fellowships
- Medal of Agriculture for 2015



### Business Breakfast

The Business Breakfast featuring on Thursday morning is an opportunity to hear more about the Ag Institute Australia.

Chairman Mr David Hamilton will present the annual report of the Institute, outlining key achievements, outcomes, challenges and activities. The annual general meeting will be held at this time.

### The Venue

The Queensland Division is pleased to welcome guests to beautiful Brisbane City. The [Moda Events Portside](#) venue has easy access to the airport and inner city with good accommodation options close by.



Find Moda Events and transport options [here](#).

Read about the venue and see accommodation options [here](#).

### Enquiries

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