

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

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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

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		
10:50 am	2040 – a quantum leap from 1990	Mr Ian Davies, General Manager, Agriculture Wilmar Sugar Australia Limited
11:10 am	Finding The Farmers of the Future	Mr Matthew Durack, Director Stahmann Farms Enterprises Pty Ltd
11:30 am	Sustaining the future	Mr Ian McConnel, Global Commodity Lead- Beef, WWF Australia
11:50 am	What can professionals expect in 2040?	Panel Discussion
Showcasing excellence of future agricultural scientists		
12:15 pm	Research paper presentations by AEV Richardson Memorial National Student Award nominees from Queensland and New South Wales and South Australia	
1:00 pm	Lunch	
2:00 pm	Research presentations continued from Victoria, Western Australia and Tasmania	
3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea	
Technology opportunities and challenges		
3:20 pm	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
3:40 pm	Irrigated cropping in 2040	Prof Philip Brown, Professor of Horticultural Science, Central Queensland University
4:00 pm	Using the Technology Revolution in Cropping	Dr Don Yule, Soil Scientist And Farming Systems Specialist, CTF Solutions
4:20 pm	Data Enabled Businesses in Agriculture – Improving your Business Understanding with Geography	Mr Doug van Gelder, Manager, Business Development, Esri Australia
4:40 pm	Agriculture advancing technology	Panel Discussion
5:10 pm	Close	
Evening Event		
5:20 pm	Canapés and drinks on balcony	
6:30 pm	Fellowships and Medal of Agriculture for 2015	Dr Peter Allsopp,Ag Institute Australia
7:45 pm	AEV Richardson National Student Award	Peracto representative
8:30 pm	Will 2040’s agricultural professionals be born or made?	Prof Derek Baker, University of New England

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Thursday 21 May 2015

Business Breakfast

7:30 am	Queensland Division Annual Meeting	Dr Peter Allsopp, Chairman, Qld Division Ag Institute Australia
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7:45 am	Breakfast	
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8:15 am	Ag Institute Australia Annual Report	Mr David Hamilton, Chairman Ag Institute Australia
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8:30 am	Annual General Meeting	
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9:00 am	Registration	Displays
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9:10 am	Welcome	
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Positioning for the future

9:20 am	Agricultural education in the 21st century	Prof Holger Meinke, Head, School of Land & Food and Director, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, University of Tasmania
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9:40 am	A practitioner's perspective	Mr Ken Severson Price Severson Agricultural Advisory Services
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10:00 am	Farming facilitators	Ms Rhonda Toms-Morgan, Climate Change Officer, Queensland Murray-Darling Committee
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10:20 am	Training work ready professionals	Mr Mike Stephens, Director, Meridian Agriculture
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10:40 am	A perspective from China	Mr Bai Shanlin, Senior Vice Chairman, Chia Tai (China) Investments Co, Ltd
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11:00 am	Morning Tea	
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11:30 am	Preparing professionals for 2040	Panel Discussion
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Policy challenges, settings, responsibilities

12:00 pm	Agriculture's responsibility for future directions	Mr Mick Keogh, Executive Director Australian Farm Institute
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12:20 pm	Growing global competitiveness	Mr Selwyn Snell, Chair, Horticulture Innovation Australia Ltd
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12:40 pm	Optimising Australia's response to international conditions and opportunities	Ms Joanne Grainger, President, Queensland Farmers Federation
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1:00 pm	The journey ahead	Panel discussion
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1:30 pm	Lunch	
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2:20 pm	Positioning of the Ag Institute Australia into the future - on behalf of all professionals	Mr David Hamilton, Chairman, Ag Institute Australia
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2:40 pm	Sowing the seeds	Group discussions, reported by student leaders
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3:00 pm	Highlights, messages, outcomes, actions	Ms Chaseley Ross, Company Secretary Ag Institute Australia
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3:30 pm	Close	Afternoon tea
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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](#).

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