

AIA NSW CHRIS RUSSELL MEDAL of EXCELLENCE 2018 and AGRIBUZZ at the SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW



**Please come and hear where our young researchers are taking the
next frontiers of science for agriculture in Australia**

HIGHLIGHTS:

Chris Russell Medal of Excellence (CRMoe)

This prestigious State Award is for undergraduate students who are completing their agriculture, natural resource management and/or animal science studies and are undertaking a research project as part of their studies. NSW Student finalists will deliver presentations with Chris Russell presenting his insights into his vision of agriculture in to the future.

Farm Writers' Agribuzz at the Royal Easter Show

Following the presentations guests will be invited to attend Agribuzz in the Spotless Stadium at The Show. Agribuzz is a smart casual professional networking event where you mix with leaders in agribusiness. For young professionals and undergraduates it is also an opportunity to mix with potential employers! For more details go to: <https://nswfarmwriters.org.au/site/agribuzz.php>.

Thanks to RASNSW and Farm Writers your entry to Agribuzz includes entry to the Show.

Royal Agriculture Society and Royal Easter Show

Royal Agricultural Society of NSW's Sydney Royal Easter Show is Australia's largest annual event and celebrates the vital role that agriculture plays in the health and wealth of Australia.

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WHEN:

Wednesday 28th March 2018

- 4:00 pm: CRMoe Registration / meeting with presenters.
- 4:20 pm: CRMoe student presentations
- 6:00pm: Agribuzz networking event
- 8:00pm: Event close

WHERE:

Somerville Room, 1st Floor: The Dome,
Sydney Showground,
Sydney Olympic Park 2127
(see map for ticket collection at main gate and venue)

COST AND REGISTRATION:

	CRMoe and Agribuzz ¹	CRMoe only ^{1,2}
AIA members and students	\$60	\$10
Non-AIA members	\$70	\$20

Joint event tickets include light refreshments to accompany the student presentations, Agribuzz event entry including beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverages, a guest speaker and nibbles and entry to the Sydney Royal Easter Show entry².

1. Please include your email address when registering so further details can be sent prior to the day. Collect your tickets from the Show Office to the right of the Members Entrance near the main entrance gate.
2. If you register just for the CRMoe you will also need to purchase entry to the Sydney Royal Easter Show <http://www.eastershow.com.au/tickets-deals>

Register by **21st March 2018** at

<https://tas.currinda.com/register/event/1745>

About the Ag Institute Australia (AIA)

Ag Institute Australia is the peak body representing the interests of Agricultural and Natural Resource Management professionals. It is committed to advancing the interests of its members and their application of rural science and technology for a sustainable future. Its members work across all sectors of the industry Australia-wide and provides members with professional networking and knowledge sharing opportunities and a wide range of professional services. It also makes important contributions to public policy and to the debate on key issues.

About Chris Russell AM FAIAST

Chris Russell trained as an agricultural scientist and specialised in conserved fodder and intensive cattle feeding, Chris has spent the last thirty years working in various technical and commercial roles in over 30 countries including a UN sponsored mission to Mongolia to help the nomadic herders adapt to a privatised economy after the collapse of the USSR in 1992.

As a long standing Fellow of the AIA, Chris was invited to be an integral part of the NSW State Award. He will be presenting his insights to his vision of agriculture into the future, supporting the students who will be the face of agriculture in the years to come.



About the Presenters



Melanie Carr studied a Bachelor of Natural Science in Food Systems at the Western Sydney University.

Melanie's field project studied the impact that community cooking has on meal preparation time, travel, food costs, food waste and packaging waste and social connectedness. 10 people bought fresh food in bulk and prepared one week's meals at a time for freezing. The project compared normal food purchasing and preparation times and levels of stress at dinner time with the bulk in-home preparation week.



Sam Coggins studied a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Honours) at The University of Sydney.

Sam's research investigated leveraging Terroir to alleviate the cost-price squeeze for Australian farmers. Terroir is defined as 'an area or terrain, usually rather small, whose soil and microclimate impart distinctive qualities to food products'. It has potential to create premium markets for Australian agricultural produce because the concept is associated with high quality and authenticity. A research project was performed to capture the soil, terrain and climate variability in the Lower Hunter Valley and link this variability to variation in grape characteristics.



Marie-France Courtois studied a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at The University of Sydney.

Marie-France's research aimed to determine the effect of soil organic amendments on blueberry plant health. The blueberry industry identified labour costs and pest and disease management as the main challenges for growers. The project measured soil microbial activity; tested for soilborne pathogens (*Phytophthora* and *Pythium* spp.); and determined potential correlation between soil chemical elements and disease occurrence. These were assessed under three different systems on two commercial blueberry farms located on the NSW North Coast.

Our student presentations will be wonderful!

We look forward to you joining us on Wednesday 28th March at the Sydney Showgrounds.

Please register soon for this important event and by **21st March at the latest.**

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Pick up Ag Institute event tickets at office to the right of the Members Entry (see red arrow) and proceed to the Dome (see blue arrow)



LEGEND:

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| Animal Walk | Horses | Guest Nation | District Exhibits |
| Alpacas (25-30 March) | Pigs & Goats | International Map | Heritage Gallery |
| Cattle | Dogs | Live Entertainment | Natural Fibre Showcase |
| Beef & Sheep (17-22 March) | Sheep & Wool | Rides & Carnival | Woodchop (18-28 March) |
| Domestic Animals | Poultry | Showbags | Reserved Seating |
| Cage Bird (17-18 March) | Bars | Centre for Agricultural Excellence | |
| Cats (19-20 and 22-27 March) | Food Outlet | | |
| Rats & Mice (21 March) | | | |
| Rabbits (22 March) | | | |
| Frogs & Reptiles (28-29 March) | | | |

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| Plaza Terminal | Information Booth | Police | Toilets |
| Agistic Terminal | Locker Hire | Seating | Volunteers |
| 2A, 2B, 3, 4 PA Car Park Shuttle | Lost Persons | Security | Wheelchair Hire |
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