

# Innovation in Agriculture - Opportunities and Constraints

A forum hosted by the  
Western Australian Division of the Ag Institute Australia



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**8:30 am - 5:30 pm, followed by cocktails**

**Pagoda Resort & Spa | 112 Melville Parade, Como**



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### **Innovation in Agriculture - Opportunities and Constraints**

Where will Australian agriculture be in 10-20 years as it continues its trajectory towards ever greater productivity and profitability? How will the industry foster the innovations needed from science, agribusiness and producers that have made Australian agricultural technology the envy of the world, with the WA contribution at the forefront? Are there factors that conspire to smother innovation; and what actions are required to minimise their impact?

These are some of the issues to be discussed at this one-day forum, featuring presentations from innovative producers, RD&E scientists and agribusiness specialists who will look at the opportunities and constraints to positioning and moving agriculture into its pivotal future.

The topics and calibre of speakers will ensure this participatory forum will provoke debate and be an excellent networking and professional development platform. A final workshop will formulate conclusions that may be used to inform Government and industry of event findings.

### **Sessions include -**

- **Technology development and its uptake**
- **Innovations by producers**
- **How science fosters innovation; the role of RDCs**
- **What are the constraints to innovation, and how serious?**

### **Speakers include -**

- **Prof. David Pannell (UWA Head of School of Agricultural and Resource Economics)**
- **Dr Bill Ryan (GRDC western panel member)**
- **Mick Keogh OAM (Australian Farm Institute Executive Director)**
- **Danielle England (agricultural consultant & RIRDC award winner 2013)**
- **Chris Reichstein (grain grower & Nuffield Scholar 2014)**