

RACV Royal Pines Resort
Ross Street, Ashmore
Gold Coast, Queensland

7 - 9 March 2016



**Australian
Summer Grains
Conference**

Securing our future



Media Release

Australian Summer Grains Conference registrations open just in time for End of Financial Year

Early bird registrations are now open for the 2016 Australia Summer Grains Conference, just in time for end of financial year.

The triennial conference highlights five major summer crops- sorghum, maize, sunflower, mungbean and soybean, bringing together all aspects of each of these industries into the one location for a power packed three day event.

The 2016 conference, entitled 'Securing our Future', will bring together growers, agronomists, researchers, marketers, crushers and customers to the RACV Royal Pines Resort on 7th to the 9th March 2016.

Keynote speakers at the 2016 conference will include Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, Wayne Bennett, Alison Fairleigh and Maree Crawford.

Dr Karl is renowned for his enthusiasm and ease of which he can convey his passion for science. His current 'mission', through Sydney University and his Julius Sumner Miller Fellowship, is to spread the word about the benefits of science.

Wayne Bennett will be well known to most attendees as the most successful coach in NRL history. An influential and innovative coach, Wayne led the Brisbane Broncos and several Queensland State of Origin teams to numerous victories over 21 years. Not only is he an award winning coach but he is a super speaker with audiences hanging on to every word. An influential and innovative

Alison Fairleigh is a passionate advocate for rural communities and mental health services. Through her blog, social media and her work with Mental Illness Fellowship Inc. Alison is able to provide support to people living with mental illness and their support networks to help them reach their full potential. In 2013 Alison was honoured to be named the RIRDC Qld Rural Woman of the Year.

Maree Crawford is passionate about ensuring Australia has a sustainable agricultural industry. She also advocates the role and value of women in Australian agriculture regardless of position. With a strong rural background, Maree brings with her solid insight, knowledge and hands on practical experience in the agricultural industry along with strong drive to ensure the future success and longevity of the Australian agricultural industry.

Maree was elected as the Chair of the successful national 2013 Australian Summer Grains Conference and was returned as chair for the 2016 conference.

International and Australian speakers will make up the bulk of the program discussing a wide array of topics from cutting edge digital and precision agriculture technology, food and medical use of summer grains through to opportunities in Northern Australia, China and South East Asia.

The popular Women in Agriculture section returns with inspirational speakers as well as a session on the importance of mentoring to secure our future with capable young people.

In keeping with the conference theme 'Securing our Future', day one of the conference is devoted to an industry development workshop open to growers, advisors and industry. Two training sessions have been developed by the conference committee to provide extra value to the program. The first is open to agronomists and advisors in the areas of agribusiness sales. The second session, open to all delegates will cover Risk and Legal Liability covering the areas of; what constitutes advice, managing neighbouring farm disputes and managing relationships in times of dispute.

For more information, or to register to take advantage of early bird registrations prior to end of financial year visit www.australiansummergrains.com.au.

You can follow the progress of conference preparations in the lead up to the event, including updates on speakers, via Facebook www.facebook.com/Australian-summer-grains-conference or Twitter <https://twitter.com/AustSummerGrain>.

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