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Gold Coast, Queensland

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**Australian
Summer Grains
Conference**

Securing our future



Nominate an Exceptional Agronomist for Award and Study Tour

The 2016 Australian Summer Grains Conference will see the inaugural Zoe McInnes Agronomist of the Year Memorial Award and Study Tour presented at the Conference Dinner. The award was established in memory of much loved and respected agronomist Zoe McInnes, who was tragically lost to her family and the industry in a farming accident in 2013 which coincided with the Australian Summer Grains Conference that year.

Zoe's enthusiasm and passion for the industry, her clients and her own personal development epitomize the actions required by agronomists to ensure continuous improvement of the industry.

Conference Chair, Ms Maree Crawford says the Zoe McInnes Agronomist of the Year Memorial Award and Study Tour honours Zoe's memory by recognising the contribution that agronomists make to farming businesses and the Australian grains industry.

"Nominations are open until December 30 this year," says Ms Crawford. "We ask that farmers, co-workers and business owners nominate agronomists who are making valuable contributions to the summer grains industry through their work with clients, trials, education, technology and innovation, assisting newcomers to the industry or for their involvement in the rural community".

"There are many agronomists in the field doing great things for the grains industry and this is their chance for industry-wide recognition. The award also highlights just how important agronomists are to securing the future of the Australian grains industry."

The bursary, valued at \$5,000 will allow the recipient to increase their knowledge and to support them in delivering new information to growers. They will be an ambassador for the Australian Summer Grains Conference and will be given the opportunity to deliver a presentation at the 2016 conference.

Eligible agronomists must be practicing in the industry either as a private or retail agronomist and have at least 5 years' experience. Agronomists must be nominated by the industry and will be interviewed by a panel selected by the Australian Summer Grains Conference for consideration as a finalist for the awards against the evaluation criteria. The final 4 candidates will be notified of their selection and will be invited to attend the conference dinner for the announcement of the overall winner. Entries close on 30th December 2015.

The Australian Summer Grains Conference will be held 7-9 March 2016 at the RACV Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast. It brings together the 5 summer grains industries of sorghum, maize, sunflower soybeans and mungbeans into the one convenient location. Delegates will have the opportunity to catch up on the latest in innovation, development, markets and research from international and national speakers.

To nominate an agronomist, download the nomination form via the conference website
<http://australiansummergrains.com.au/#awards>

Registration and accommodation bookings may also be made via the conference website
<http://australiansummergrains.com.au/#registration>

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