



400m

Agrifood Innovation Forum

PROGRAM

2-3 JUNE
2021

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AN INVITATION

Australia is at the forefront of innovation and TSBE Food Leaders Australia is committed to helping make these innovative ideas into reality.

However, there are several challenges the agrifood industries are facing:

- Lack of connectivity slowing the rate of adoption
- Slow adoption of technology and lack of connection between different innovations; and
- Maximum natural resource use

The 400M Agrifood Innovation Forum will help drive the innovation needed to solve these identified issues.

The forum will showcase solutions that use innovative technology to assist in different stages of food production. There is 400 million hectares of arable land in Australia that needs to play its role in feeding the 400 million emerging middle-income earners in Asia – this is a challenge, but also a great opportunity for the producers of our region.

The 400M Agrifood Innovation Forum, held annually, brings together our brightest innovators to connect with delegates representing industry and our region's most influential investors.

The agricultural industry is also facing challenges to keep up with the population growth around the globe, and this event celebrates and showcases the solutions that use innovative technology to assist in different stages of food production.

The 400M Agrifood Innovation Forum also drives the adoption of Ag Tech and delegates will hear from global leaders in innovation, and network with industry professionals to find opportunities to grow their agrifood business in the future.

This years forum will include:

- Keynote presentations
- Panel discussions
- Agrifood innovation showcases
- Interactive Q&A opportunities
- Networking opportunities
- A tradeshow of the latest technologies on the Agrifood scene

Tickets include access to the full 2-day program

Day 1 - Wednesday 2 June 2021: Full Day Conference and Networking Drinks

Day 2 - Thursday 3 June 2021: Field Day and AgTech demonstrations at the Rural Centre of Excellence

TSBE Member Price: \$295

TSBE Non-Member Price: \$395

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WEDNESDAY 2 JUNE - EMPIRE THEATRE, TOOWOOMBA

8:30 am	Registration	
9:00 am	Welcoming Address	Bruce McConnel , General Manager, TSBE Food Leaders Australia
9:25 am	The Mental Process of Innovation: What the Future will hold	Brett Wiskar , Chief Future Officer, Wiley
10:00 am	Queensland's AgTech Ecosystem: Why the Opportunity is so great	Gavin Knight , Solutions Architect, Quadtech
10:30 am	MORNING TEA	
11:00 am	Panel Discussion: Why and how industry innovates A Panel of leading Queensland Agribusinesses discussing their innovation journey	Kent Antonio , General Manager ICT and Manufacturing, McLean Farms Kerri-Ann Lamb , Director, Wickham Farms Angus Woods , Managing Director, Woods Foods
11:45 am	AgTech Stories of Success: A Panel of Australia's leading AgTech entrepreneurs exploring their journey, and sharing their learnings	Tim Neale , Managing Director, DataFarming Mark Peart , CEO, DIT AgTech Tom Dowling , Chief Operating Officer, Goanna Ag
12:30 pm	Differences in the journey, and how industry supports growth Learnings in Practice: A Program to support your growth The Entrepreneurs Program: Accelerating Commercialisation	Liz Alexander , Commercialisation Facilitator, AusIndustry
12:45 pm	LUNCH	
1:45 pm	The growth of Artificial Intelligence in Queensland, and its role in the Agribusiness Supply Chains: Queensland's AI Hub	Professor Craig Baillie , Director (Centre for Agricultural Engineering), USQ Dr Sue Kay , CEO, Queensland AI Hub Dr Evan Shellshear , Head of Analytics, Biarri
2:30 pm	The Continued Connectivity Gap: Solutions to overcome regional connectivity	
2:50 pm	Research solving our greatest needs: The current Agrifood research projects that will change the way we farm	Matthew Morrell , Director, QAAFI
3:30 pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
4:00 pm	The Regional Story: The Role of Queensland's Regions in AgTech Adoption	Representative from SWQROC
4:20 pm	Agrifood Connect and Toowoomba's Innovation Precinct	Thomas Hall , Interim Director, AgriFood Connect
4:40 pm	The Future of Regional Economies	Dr Chad Renando , Rural Economy Centre of Excellence, USQ
5:00 pm	Closing Address	Bruce McConnel , General Manager, TSBE Food Leaders Australia
5:15 pm	Conference Close	
5:15 pm	NETWORKING SESSION	
7:00 pm	Event Close	

THURSDAY 3 JUNE, RURAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

9:30 am	Registration
10:00 am	Field Day
2:00 pm	Event Close



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