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Australian Grains Industry Conference 2023 Challenging Success, Maintaining Momentum

26 -27 July, Melbourne, Australia

The Australian Grains Industry Conference (AGIC) 2023 is pleased to announce this year's highly anticipated event will be held face to face at Crown Promenade in Melbourne from the 26th to the 27th of July 2023.

As the premier event on the Australian grains calendar, AGIC promises to deliver a unique opportunity for networking, collaboration and insightful discussions on the challenges and successes of the industry.

Hosted by Grain Trade Australia, Australian Oilseeds Federation and Pulse Australia, AGIC will feature an impressive line-up of renowned speakers, industry experts and thought leaders.

Pat O'Shannassy, CEO of Grain Trade Australia says, "The theme for this year's conference, "Challenging Success, Maintaining Momentum," reflects the ever-evolving landscape of the grains industry and the need to adapt and thrive in an increasingly dynamic environment. With an impressive line-up of speakers, interactive sessions, and a captivating social program, attendees can expect two days filled with invaluable insights and meaningful connections."

The conference will feature national and international experts in their field and encompass a wide range of topics related to the grains industry. Some highlights include:

- Senator The Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Minister for Emergency Management
- Hon David Littleproud MP, Leader of the Federal National Party, Shadow Minister for Agriculture
- The Hon. Jackie Jarvis MLC, WA Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business
- Marty Ruikka, President and Principal, The ProExporter Network who will provide an Outlook for the Global Grain and Oilseed Market
- Ben Macnamara, CEO, CBH Group will share his insights into the *Challenging Success of the Aust Grain Supply Chain*
- Tony Maher, CEO, National Farmers Federation
- Richard Heath, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute, Richard Eckard, University of Melbourne and Michael Anderson, Head of Sustainability, Graincorp will be part of a panel looking into ESG Credentials: Now & For A Sustainable Future

- David Speers, award winning journalist will chat with Stuart Grainger, CEO, George Weston Foods Ltd and Zsolt Kocza, Managing Director, Cargill Agricultural Supply Chain APAC.
- John Woods, Chair, GRDC will launch GRDC's Research Development and Extension Plan (2023-2028)
- Sumit Gupta, Global Commodities, McDonald Pelz and The Hon Lisa Singh, CEO, Australia India Institute will discuss India and the importance of Building Strategic Partnerships For Growth And Opportunities
- Su McCluskey, Special Representative, Australian Agriculture will be taking us through Australian Agriculture on a Global Stage
- Dennis Richardson AC will discuss Strategic Geopolitical Issues Challenging Australia's Success
- Ken Erickson Senior Vice President, Head of Client Advisory and Development, and Agri Supply Chain, S & P Global Commodity Insights will investigate the Agri Supply Chain Situation and Outlook. Energy to Fertilizer to the Global Market, the Four-Rs of the Agri Supply Chain
- Brad Hogg, former Australian Cricketer and National Ambassador of GPA's Farmer Mates Mental Health & Ambassador for Lifeline WA will look at Challenging Success and Maintaining Your Momentum
- Emma Weston, CEO & Co Founder, AgriDigital, Carolina Ferreira, Founder & Director, Octopusbot and Tress,
 CEO Intergrain, Chair of Australian Plant Breeders Association will lead a discussion on Artificial Intelligence,
 Technology & Stewardship Framework

And of course, the ever-popular AGIC Gala Dinner will be held at the close of the conference in the Melbourne Room at MCEC and guests will be entertained by comedian, Tom Gleeson.

For those unable to attend in person, AGIC are pleased to offer the option of our Virtual Recording Pass, allowing participants to watch the conference sessions at their convenience. This convenient alternative ensures that no one misses out on the valuable knowledge and perspectives shared during the event.

Register today to secure your spot at the Australian Grains Industry Conference 2023.

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the industry's premier gathering.

To register and for further information, please visit www.ausgrainsconf.com

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About the Australian Grains Industry Conference:

The Australian Grains Industry Conference (AGIC) is the leading annual event in the Australian grains industry. For nearly 25 years, AGIC has been bringing together industry leaders, stakeholders, and professionals to discuss emerging trends, challenges and opportunities in the sector. The conference provides a platform for networking, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among individuals and organisations involved in various aspects of the grains industry.

AGIC 2023 is hosted by leading grain industry associations Grain Trade Australia, Australian Oilseeds Federation, and Pulse Australia.