

THRIVING TODAY RESILIENT TOMORROW

Australian Grains Industry Conference 29 - 30 July 2026, Crown Promenade, Melbourne #AGIC26

The Australian Grains
Industry Conference

2026



AGIC Technical Program - Day 1 Wednesday 29 July 2026

THEME: Thriving today Resilient Tomorrow

7.30am Registration & Exhibit Open

7.30 am – 8.30 am	Special Invitation Event: Biotechnology Networking Breakfast	HFW Women in Grains Networking Breakfast Hear success stories and build rapport and network with other women in the grain industry
8.00 am – 8.45am 8.45am	Registration & Exhibit Open Plenary Doors Open	
9.00 am – 9.25 am	Official AGIC 2026 Opening Emcee: Stephen Thompson, Partner, HFW Welcome: Ole Houe, Chair, Grain Trade Australia (GTA)	
9.25am – 9.40 am	Opening Address: Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry	
9.40 am – 10.10am	Session 1.0: Economic Outlook	
10.10am – 10.50am	Morning Tea	
10.50am – 11.30am	Session 1.2: Outlook for the Global Grain and Oilseed Market Keynote Speaker: Karen Braun, Chief Market Analyst, Zaner Ag Hedge USA	
11.40am – 12.10pm	Session 1.3: Australian Market Review – Outlook, challenges and opportunities. Facilitator: Nick Carracher, CEO, Lachstock Consulting, Adelaide Panel	
12.10pm - 12.30 pm	Session 1.4: The Competition – Black Sea Region Keynote: Anna Harouni, Associate Editor - Agriculture, Argus Media Singapore	
12.30 pm – 1.45 pm	LUNCH sponsored by TT Club	
1.45 pm – 2.15 pm or less	Session 1.5: Global Energy Crisis – How does the global oil market work? Black and White Swan risks. Speaker: Nick Shaw, ANZ Regional Head for Trading and Shipping, BP Australia	
2.15 pm – 3.00pm	Session 1.6: Food Security and Supply Chain Resilience Speaker: Andrew Henderson, Principal, Agsecure	
3.00pm – 3.30 pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.30 pm – 3.50 pm	Session 1.7: Fertiliser Global perspective & Australian impact Speaker – Isaac Zhao, Senior Principal Analyst, S&P Global, China	
3.50 pm – 4.30 pm	Session 1.8: Ready to go -Grain & Oilseed feedstocks for a LCLF industry in Australia Facilitator: Courtney Draper – Executive Manager, Australian Oilseeds Federation Panel	
4.30pm – 4.45 pm	Session 1.9 Keynote: Senator the Hon Don Farrell, Minister for Trade and Tourism, Special Minister of State, and Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate (invited)	
4.45pm – 4.55 pm	Day 1 - Closing Comments & Special Presentation Michael Wood, Principal, Rural Logic & Deputy Chair, Grain Trade Australia	
4.55 pm – 5.00 pm	Comments: Mark Bergamasco, Head of Trade and Supply Chain, Port of Melbourne	
5.00pm – 7.00 pm	AGIC 2026 Welcome Reception with International Flavours - Sponsored by Port of Melbourne Network with AGIC Delegates in the Exhibition area	

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AGIC Technical Program - Day 2 Thursday 30 July 2026

7.30 am – 8.30am	AGIC Mentor / Mentee Breakfast Exchange Find a Mentor or Mentee. Mix & mingle with potential Mentors & Mentees. (open to all AGIC Delegates)	Austrade International Business Matching Breakfast Facilitator: TBC A networking /business matching breakfast including international delegations and Australian exporters
8.00 am – 8.45am	Registration & Exhibit Open	
8.45am -9.00am	Day 2 Welcome: Ranjani Sunder, Partner, HFW Opening Remarks: Courtney Draper, Executive Manager, Australian Oilseeds Federation	
9.00am – 9.30 am	Session 2.1: Biotechnology innovation, regulation and the grain supply chain	
9.30am -10.00am	Session: 2.2: Supply Chain Productivity Enhancers and Bottlenecks	
10.00 am -10.30 am	Session 2.3: Unlocking Opportunities: SEA Feed grain markets & new “style” trade agreements in today’s challenging global trade order	
10.30am – 11.00am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am– 11.45am	Session 2.4: The Political and Geo-Political Landscape – Challenges for Australia’s Success Facilitator: Michael Rowland, award-winning journalist. In conversation with: Professor George Brandis, Former High Commissioner to the UK, Liberal senator and Federal Attorney-General. He is now a professor at the ANU’s National Security College.	
11.45am –12.30 pm	Session 2.5: CEOs In Conversation Facilitator: Michael Rowland, award-winning journalist. Panel	
12.30pm – 1.30pm	LUNCH	
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Session 2.6: AGIC India - The landscape in India and Agribusiness, Food & Beverage Trends Facilitator: Todd Miller, Trade Commissioner – Food and Beverage, Austrade, Mumbai Speaker: Mr Khalid Khan, Vice President & Head - Procurement & Supply Chain and Member of Agri-Business Management Committee at ITC Limited, India	
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Session 2.7: AGIC Asia - Market in Focus – Vietnam Speaker: Mr Gia Tue, Vuong, General Director, Golden Wheat Joint Stock Company, Vietnam	
2.30pm-2.55pm	Session 2.8: GTA Five Under 30 Cohort - Stories, ambitions & challenges	
2.55pm – 3.15pm	Session 2.9: Keynote: The Hon Sam Birrell MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Agriculture	
3.15pm – 3.45pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.45pm – 4.15pm	Session 2.10: Hills to Climb for a Resilient Tomorrow	
4.15 pm – 5.00pm	Session 2.11: Keynote: Special Guest Speaker	
5.00pm - 5.10pm	Technical Program Closing Comments Pat O’Shannassy, CEO, Grain Trade Australia	
7.00pm – midnight	AGIC 2026 Gala Dinner – sponsored by CBH Group	