

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 Hear from: GTA, IGTC, 121 Seeds, AGT	HFW Women in Grains Networking Breakfast Hear success stories and build rapport and network with other women in the grain industry. Facilitator: Ranjani Sundar, Partner, HFW Panel: Michelle Kerr, Executive Officer, Riordan Grain Services Anna De Navi, Deputy General Counsel, GrainCorp Kyla Davie, National Quality Manager, CHS Broadbent
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8.00 am – 8.45am Registration & Exhibit Open

8.45am Plenary Doors Open

9.00 am – 9.25 am	Official AGIC 2026 Opening Emcee: Stephen Thompson, Partner, HFW & Ranjani Sundar, Partner, HFW Welcome: Ole Houe, Chair, Grain Trade Australia
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9.25am – 9.40 am	Session 1.0: Opening Address: Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry
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9.40 am – 10.10am	Session 1.1: Economic Outlook Keynote Speaker: Paul Bloxham, Chief Economist (Australia, New Zealand & Global Commodities), HSBC
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10.10am – 10.45am MORNING TEA

10.45am – 11.30am	Session 1.2: Outlook for the Global Grain and Oilseed Market Keynote Speaker: Karen Braun, Chief Market Analyst, Zaner Ag Hedge USA
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11.30am – 12.10pm	Session 1.3: Australian Market Review – Outlook, challenges and opportunities Facilitator: Nick Carracher, CEO, Lachstock Consulting, Adelaide Panel: Tim Martin, Managing Director, Australian Grain Export, Adelaide Bridie George, Origination Manager, Marina Commodities, Tamworth Henry Weddell, Director – Canola Trading, Cargill Australia, Melbourne
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12.10pm - 12.30 pm	Session 1.4: The Competition – Black Sea Region Keynote: Anna Harouni, Associate Editor - Agriculture, Argus Media Singapore
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12.30 pm – 1.45 pm LUNCH sponsored by TT Club

1.45 pm – 2.15 pm	Session 1.5: Global Energy Crisis – How does the global oil market work? Black and White Swan risks Speaker: Nick Shaw, Head of Trading and Shipping, Australia & New Zealand, BP Australia
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2.15 pm – 3.00pm	Session 1.6: Food Security and Supply Chain Resilience Speaker: Andrew Henderson, Principal, Agsecure
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3.00pm – 3.30 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Session 1.7: Fertiliser - Global perspective & Australian impact Speaker: Isaac Zhao, Senior Principal Analyst, S&P Global, China
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4.00 pm – 4.40 pm	Session 1.8: Ready to go - Grain & Oilseed feedstocks for a LCLF industry in Australia Facilitator: Courtney Draper – AOF Manager, Australian Oilseeds Federation Panel: Annabel Mactier, Policy Manager, Trade & Supply Chains, GrainGrowers Harry Jobberns, Head of Climate Advocacy, Qantas Don Campbell, General Manager Nutrition & Energy, GrainCorp
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4.40pm – 4.50 pm	Day 1 - Closing Comments & Special Presentation Michael Wood, Managing Director, Rural Logic & Deputy Chair, Grain Trade Australia
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4.50 pm – 5.00 pm	Comments: Wayne Murphy, Trade & Supply Chain Manager, Port of Melbourne
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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 Facilitator: Ole Houe, Chair, Grain Trade Australia Find a Mentor or Mentee. Mix & mingle with potential Mentors & Mentees. (Open to all AGIC Delegates)	Austrade International Business Matching Breakfast Welcome: Pat O'Shannassy, CEO, Grain Trade Australia Facilitator: Craig Young, Senior Global Engagement Manager, Austrade 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 Emcee: Alex McKellar, Partner, HFW Opening Remarks: Courtney Draper, AOF Manager, Australian Oilseeds Federation	
9.00am – 9.30 am	Session 2.1: Biotechnology innovation, regulation and the grain supply chain Facilitator: Rosemary Richards, Trade Market Access Consultant, Grain Trade Australia Panel: Naomi Stevens, Global Policy Advocacy Seeds & Traits, Bayer Lucy Darragh, Future Crops Centre, ANU Carl Ramage, Managing Director, Rautaki Solutions	
9.30am -10.00am	Session 2.2: Supply Chain Productivity Enhancers and Bottlenecks Facilitator: Simon Gellert, Snr Director, Trading Wheat & Barley Australia - New Zealand, Bunge Panel: Josh Connell, Head of Supply Chain, GrainCorp Mick Daw, Chief Operations Officer, CBH Group Leigh Burgess, Chief Operations Officer, Riordan Grain Services	
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 Facilitator: Rosemary Richards, Trade Market Access Consultant, Grain Trade Australia Panel: Jared Greenville, First Assistant Secretary, Trade & International Division, DAFF John Southwell, GM Trade & Market Access, Grains Australia Su McCluskey, Australian Agriculture Trade Diversification Representative, National Farmers’ Federation	
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 Hon George Brandis KC, 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. In conversation with: Quinton Hildebrand, CEO & MD, Ridley Corporation Ben Macnamara, CEO, CBH Group Mike Guerin, CEO, National Farmers’ Federation	
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 and Investment Commissioner, Austrade, Mumbai Panel: Mr Khalid Khan, Vice President & Head - Procurement & Supply Chain and Member of Agri-Business Management Committee at ITC Limited, India Mr Bimal Kothari, Managing Director, Shivan Pulses Ltd & Chair, Indian Pulse and Grain Association	
2.00pm – 2.30pm	Session 2.7: AGIC Asia - Market in Focus – Vietnam Speaker: Mr Gia Tue, Vuong, CEO, Golden Wheat Joint Stock Company, Vietnam	

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2.30pm-2.55pm	Session 2.8: GTA Five Under 30 Cohort - Stories, ambitions & challenges Facilitator: Richard Perkins, Managing Director, Greenoaks Agriculture & GTA Director Panel: Bonnie Baker, Grains & Meal Purchasing, JBS Pork George Laurie, Pulse Trader, LDC
2.55pm – 3.15pm	Session 2.9: Keynote: Mr 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 Facilitator: Panel: Fiona Marshall, Director, GrainGrowers Sharon Starick, Chair, GRDC Pat O'Shannassy, CEO, Grain Trade Australia
4.15 pm – 5.00pm	Session 2.11: Special Guest Speaker Keynote: Curtis McGrath OAM, Athlete
5.00pm - 5.15pm	Technical Program Closing Comments Pat O'Shannassy, CEO, Grain Trade Australia
7.00pm – midnight	AGIC 2026 Gala Dinner – sponsored by CBH Group