

## Registration Brochure

# Annual Conference

# 2019

 | Celebrating The People  
of the Rice Industry

- Introducing our keynote speaker **James O'Loghlin**, innovation expert, ABC radio presenter and the host of over 300 episodes of the much loved ABC television series *The New Inventors*.

This year's conference includes a new and exciting format for our participants, with a number of concurrent sessions allowing you to 'build your own program'.

Children's crèche also provided during the conference.



### Thursday, 1 August

Conference  
Registrations from 9:30am  
Conference 10:30am – 5:00pm

Conference Gala Dinner,  
incorporating the Inaugural Rice  
Industry Awards 6:30pm – 11:30pm

### Friday, 2 August

Registration and  
Breakfast  
7:30 am – 8:00 am

Annual General  
Meeting  
8:00 am - 10:30am

### Post Conference Tour

Enjoy a guided tour of the Hume Dam wall and its infrastructure, or indulge in a tour and lunch at the Corowa Whisky & Chocolate Factory.

## Keynote Speaker (10:50am – 11:35am)

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### JAMES O'LOGHLIN

*Innovation is a State of Mind – 10:50am to 11:35am*

How often do you have days when you are so busy you don't have time to think? Days when there isn't one spare moment to think about how you can improve the way that you do things? No matter how well your business is doing today, if you keep doing things the same way, in 10 years' time - maybe less - you will have been left behind. To stay relevant and successful, businesses need to keep coming up with better ways of doing things. In eight years hosting 'The New Inventors', ex-Australian lawyer James O'Loghlin met hundreds of people who thought outside the box and came up with new and better ways of doing things.

During this corporate keynote address James O'Loghlin will talk about:

- \* Why every business needs to be continually innovating and how individuals can do it
- \* The three things innovators do better than everyone else, and five things every business can do to build a workplace culture that encourages innovation.

## Plenary Session Speakers (11:55am – 12:35pm)



### ROB GORDON – CEO, SUNRICE

*The Riverina Rice Imperative – 11:55am to 12:15pm*

SunRice CEO Rob Gordon on the importance of Riverina rice to the SunRice business. Rob will explore the opportunities presented by combining world class talent with world class product and the consequences to regional Australia of losing one or both.



### LYNETTE RYAN – HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY, SUNRICE

*Sustainability – Opportunity and Impact – 12:15pm to 12:35pm*

With a strong history of positive sustainable practices in the Australian Rice Industry, Lynette will provide an overview of current local and global trends in sustainability and talk to how these trends are creating significant opportunities to create positive economic and social returns for growers, the industry and all of our stakeholders.

## Lunch Break (12:35pm to 1:30pm)

## Plenary Session Speaker (1:30pm – 1:45pm)

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### **GINNY STEVENS – FOUNDER, ACTIVE FARMERS**

#### ***Servicing Your Health Like You Do Your Car – 1:30pm to 1:45pm***

Why is it that we ensure our cars and machinery are fuelled and serviced properly, but we run ourselves below optimum levels?

Like a car that is not well fuelled and serviced, we don't run efficiently and are at risk of breaking down.

Ginny's mission is all about ensuring farming communities are better fuelled and serviced to tackle the stresses of modern farming life, and her presentation will share some insight into this.

## Break Out 1 – Session Speakers (1:50pm to 2:50pm)

Session 1 includes three separate concurrent sessions covering water, R&D projects and succession planning:



### **WILFRED FINN – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR & GENERAL COUNSEL, AITHER**

#### ***Water Markets and Water Demand – Reaching Peak Prices and Demand?***

Water market prices have continued to reach record highs during the 2018-2019 water year and with forecasts of very low rainfall / inflows in 2019-2020, water users will need to make some significant decisions over the next few months.

Across the market, these conditions are likely to be exacerbated by the extent and location of new development – leading to recent calls for restrictions on development (even water trade). With the 2019-2020 irrigation season fast approaching, it's an important time to consider current trends and forecasts for the year ahead.



### **BRIAN DUNN – RESEARCH AGRONOMIST, NSW DPI**

#### ***Practical Grower Options for Maximising Rice Water Productivity***

This presentation will discuss practical rice management practices that help maximise the dollars per megalitre return from rice growing.

Topics such as sowing methods, water management, nitrogen and remote sensing will be discussed.

The opportunities available to growers to maintain high yields and quality while reducing water use will be presented.



### **BERT COLLARD – TECHNICAL SPECIALIST, NSW DPI**

#### ***Enhancing the Australian Rice Breeding Program – Implementing New Methods, Tools and Technologies***

Rice breeding is a complicated process requiring selection of multiple traits, and a large-scale operation. Rice breeding in Australia is conducted under the 'Australian Rice Partnership', which includes the NSW Department of Primary Industries, SunRice and AgriFutures. This has been an ongoing partnership since 2011, and we are currently in the final year of the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase, we plan to enhance the breeding program to improve effectiveness and efficiency.

We are currently evaluating new DNA marker technologies, breeding informatics systems and the latest breeding practices. The potential benefits of implementing these new systems will be discussed.



### **CAROLINE HARLEY – EXECUTIVE MANAGER, STRATEGIC ADVICE SPECIALIST & PRACTICE MANAGER, COMMONWEALTH PRIVATE OFFICE, COMMONWEALTH BANK**

#### ***The Importance of Succession Planning and Tips to Avoid Common Pitfalls***

Commonwealth Private Office Practice Manager for the Commonwealth Bank, Caroline Harley, will discuss the importance of implementing strategies to protect wealth.

This break out session will highlight the considerations for intergenerational wealth transfer and steps to avoid common pitfalls.

## **Break Out 2 – Session Speakers (2:50pm to 3:50pm)**

**Session 2 includes three separate concurrent sessions covering social license, trends and leadership:**



### **TONY MAHAR – CEO, NATIONAL FARMERS' FEDERATION**

#### ***Telling Our Story – Turning Australian Agriculture's Challenges into Opportunities***

Australian agriculture is at a pivotal time in its history. The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) is supported by industry and Government in our vision to see agriculture become Australia's next \$100 billion industry by 2030.

It's a goal that will create sustainable prosperity for generations of Australians, but our success can't be guaranteed. Research carried out by the NFF shows the Australian public feels disconnected from food and fibre production. Changing lifestyles and societies have loosened the traditional links once enjoyed between the urban and rural population. A lack of awareness and appreciation outside rural areas of what modern farming entails has allowed misunderstandings and divisions to arise.

If left unchecked, these divisions threaten to frustrate and constrain our farmers' ability to continue to do what they do. We know our proud sector can overcome these challenges but to do so, we need to engage the community and build shared values around transparency and authenticity and grow the trust and recognition of agriculture in Australia. Australian agriculture has a proud story to tell and we need to tell it now.



**DAVID KELDIE – GENERAL MANAGER, GLOBAL CONSUMER MARKETS, SUNRICE AND ANDREW JEFFREY – HEAD OF MARKETING AND INSIGHTS, SUNRICE**

***SunWhite: The Power Rice Brand of the Middle East***

SunRice will provide an insight into the uniqueness of its Middle Eastern Markets within its global business, including marketing in the Middle East; how and why it's different to other markets; and the importance of Reiziq.

This session will also outline SunRice's history in the Middle East, its brands and SunWhite's journey to becoming one of the most renowned and respected brands in the ME.



**LEADERSHIP PANEL SESSION**

***Leading Agriculture into the Future – What it Takes***

Join leadership expert, Zoe Routh, and past participants of RGA developed and funded leadership programs to discuss what it takes to be a leader in agriculture.

The group will touch on its recent leadership programs, providing an insight into those experiences and lessons learned about leading agriculture into the future.

The participants will share their perspectives on diversity and navigating different points of view, how to use different decision making models, and dealing with different personalities.

## Afternoon Tea Break (3:50pm to 4:20pm)

## Plenary Session Speaker (4:20pm – 4:50pm)



**ZOE ROUTH – FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR, INNER COMPASS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

***Eye of the Storm - How Teams and Leaders Stay Centred in Times of Change***

There is no doubt that changes in the agricultural sector are fierce and challenging. Many of the issues seem outside of our control and can leave us feeling anywhere from helpless to frustrated to downright angry. Worse yet are the changes we don't even see coming.

As leaders, if we are to be seen, heard and valued, we need to maintain an even keel through the turbulence. We need to focus on the things over which we do have control, starting with ourselves. How we show up matters. In this punchy, straight talking plenary we will focus on how we can hack our biochemistry to serve our change agenda and how to hone three core skills to weather the storm.

# Conference Gala Dinner

Amongst the wine barrels in the Great Hall of the heritage listed All Saints Estate castle, join us for the Conference Gala Dinner as we celebrate The People of the Rice Industry and network with fellow RGA Members and industry stakeholders.

The evening will host the Inaugural 2019 Rice Industry Awards, which supports the adoption of innovation, research and extension outcomes in the Australian Rice Industry, and awards include the SunRice Grower of the Year, the Rice Extension Highest Yields and the RGA Honorary Councillor.

Other highlights include a presentation from Eliza Brown, CEO of All Saints Estate, who will share her story of how she became CEO, the business today, and the key learnings in her journey; as well as plenty of food, wine and entertainment by musician Ben Ceccato.

**Dinner will be held at:**

All Saints Estate  
315 All Saints Road  
Wahgunyah VIC 3687

**Time:**

Registration, pre-dinner drinks and canapes from 6:15pm  
Gala Dinner from 7:30pm to 11:30pm

**Entertainment:**

Guest speaker, Eliza Brown, CEO, All Saints Estate  
Music by Ben Ceccato

**Cost:**

\$75 per person (RGA financial members)  
\$100 per person (Non-member/community members)  
\$200 per person (Corporate)

Please note places for dinner are limited and will be recorded on a first come, first served basis. Bus pick-ups and drop-offs will be available. Times and locations will be communicated closer to the date.



# Post-Conference Tours

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The popular post-conference tours will be held again this year, with two activities available for conference delegates and guests.

## Hume Dam Tour (hosted by WaterNSW)

Enjoy a guided, behind the scenes tour of the Hume Dam, hosted by WaterNSW. In this special tour, attendees will be given an insight into the main operating storage of the River Murray system, including a tour of the spillway, power station and the outlet works. The local guides will share their wealth of knowledge on how the dam plays a critical role in capturing winter and spring rainfall from the Australian Alps and releasing it to regulate the flow of the River Murray.

As well as irrigation, the Hume Dam supplies stock and household needs for towns and landholders along the Murray River across three states and is used for flood mitigation and hydro-electricity. The tour includes return transport from the Corowa RSL, and a packed lunch.

### Cost:

\$50 per person

### Time:

11:00am – Bus will depart from the Corowa RSL and travel to the Hume Dam

12:00pm – Tour of the Hume Dam Wall

2:00pm – Bus will depart the Hume Dam Wall and travel back to the Corowa RSL

## Tour and lunch at the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory (hosted by Dean Druce)

In 2010, father and son, Neil and Dean Druce purchased a 1920's flour mill in Corowa, NSW, for only \$1 - on the premise that it would be restored to its former glory. The idea of buying the old flour mill in Corowa stemmed from the Druce's family business, The Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory - which is also a restored flour mill - and after years of hard toil and a great eye for detail, the building now stands not only as a beautiful landmark but a restaurant, function venue and now distillery.

After an eight-year journey, The Corowa Distilling Co. released its first whisky last year. In this tour of the Corowa Distilling Co, you will hear about how the family transformed a rundown flour mill into a tourist location that attracts thousands of visitors each year. You will also learn about the whisky making process, including the sourcing of barley from local growers. The tour is inclusive of lunch at "The Mill", with a selection of the restaurant's favourite menu items. All delegates are to make their own way to the venue.

### Cost:

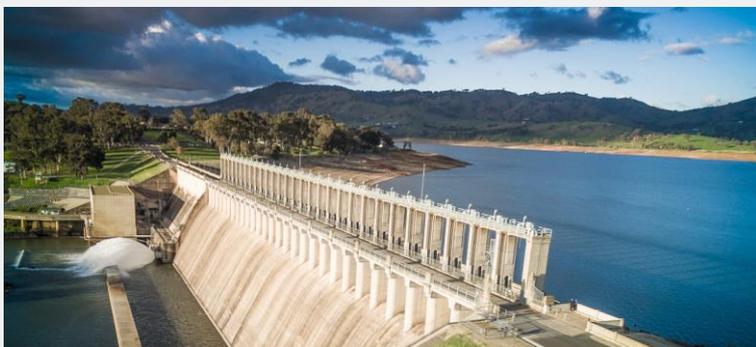
\$50 per person

### Time:

11:00am – Delegates to make their own way to the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory

11:15am – Tour of the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory

12:15pm – Delegates to be seated for lunch



# Conference Registrations Close Friday, 19 July 2019

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For more information, please contact the RGA. Registration forms can be downloaded from the website. Don't forget a children's creche will also be available during conference!

Phone: (02) 69530 433  
Email: [rga@rga.org.au](mailto:rga@rga.org.au)  
Website: [www.rga.org.au](http://www.rga.org.au)

**Register & pay before Friday, 28 June 2019, and you will go into the draw to win a trip to Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown, New Zealand.**

**\$1,000 towards flights and 3 nights' accommodation are included.**

**The 3 Bedroom Lake View Apartment is self-contained, dual key and beautifully furnished with gas fireplace, LCD TV's, balcony, under floor heating and bath. Enjoy fantastic views across the magnificent Lake Wakatipu to the remarkable mountain ranges.**

## Accommodation List

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It is the responsibility of all conference delegates to book their own accommodation. To assist you in making your bookings, we have provided a list below of some of the accommodation options in Corowa.

### **Best Western Heritage Motor Inn**

25 Edward Street, Corowa  
Phone: (02) 6033 1800  
Website: [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

### **Corowa Golf Club Motel**

3 Hume Street, Corowa  
Phone: (02) 6033 4188  
Website: [www.corowagolfclub.com.au](http://www.corowagolfclub.com.au)

### **Corowa Motor Inn**

69/73 Riesling Street, Corowa  
Phone: (02) 6033 1255  
Website: [www.corowamotorinn.com](http://www.corowamotorinn.com)

### **Motel Menere's**

146 Federation Avenue, Corowa  
Phone: (02) 6033 1066  
Website: [www.motelmeneres.com.au](http://www.motelmeneres.com.au)

### **Statesman Motor Inn**

2 Edward Street, Corowa  
Phone: (02) 6033 2411  
Website: [www.statesmancorowa.com.au](http://www.statesmancorowa.com.au)

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# 2019 RGA Annual Conference & Gala Dinner 1 & 2 August in Corowa

## REGISTRATIONS

In order to satisfy the different needs of our members, the RGA has developed the following packages for this year's Annual Conference.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ONLINE BY FOLLOWING THE LINK BELOW**

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rga-2019-annual-conference-the-people-of-the-rice-industry-tickets-63100680835>

**Alternatively, please complete the manual registration form attached. Please return this form to the RGA by Friday, 19 July 2019**

### **RGA FINANCIAL MEMBER REGISTRATIONS (50% DISCOUNT):**

- **Conference Only – Thursday**  
\$50 p/p RGA financial members
- **Conference & Dinner – Thursday & Thursday evening**  
\$100 p/p RGA financial members
- **Dinner only – Thursday evening**  
\$75 p/p RGA financial members

### **NON-MEMBER/COMMUNITY MEMBER REGISTRATIONS (50% DISCOUNT):**

- **Conference Only – Thursday**  
\$75 p/p Non-Member/Community members
- **Conference & Dinner – Thursday & Thursday evening**  
\$150 p/p Non-Member/Community members
- **Dinner only – Thursday evening**  
\$100 p/p Non-Member/Community members

### **CORPORATE REGISTRATIONS:**

- **Conference Only – Thursday**  
\$150 p/p Corporate registrations
- **Conference & Dinner – Thursday & Thursday evening**  
\$300 p/p Corporate registrations
- **Dinner only – Thursday evening**  
\$200 p/p Corporate registrations

### **AGM REGISTRATIONS:**

- **AGM – Friday morning**  
FREE for financial members and partners

### **POST-CONFERENCE TOURS:**

- **Hume Dam Tour – Friday**  
\$50p/p financial members, partners, non-financial and non-members
- **Corowa Whisky & Chocolate Factory – Friday**  
\$50p/p financial members, partners, non-financial and non-members

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE PACKAGE DETAILS - PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

- I **will** be attending the Annual Conference – **Thursday** (please list the full name/s of everyone who will be attending)
- I **will** be attending the Gala Dinner – **Thursday evening** (please list the full name/s of everyone who will be attending)
- I **will not** be attending the Annual Conference, please record my apology
- I **will** be attending the Annual General Meeting - **Friday**
- I **will not** be attending the Annual General Meeting, please record my apology

Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements .....

Please indicate if you require creche facilities during conference. Please list the names and ages of children) .....

**Name**.....

**Address**.....

**Phone**..... **RGA Branch** .....

**Package Number/s:** ..... **No. of people**..... **\$**..... (GST incl.)

**BREAK OUT SESSIONS: (Please select one session from each time slot when registering below)**

**Session One 1:50pm:**

- Option 1: Water Markets and Water Demand – Reaching Peak Prices and Demand?
- Option 2: Practical Grower Options for Maximising Rice Water Productivity and Enhancing the Australian Rice Breeding Program – Implementing New Methods, Tools and Technologies
- Option 3: The Importance of Succession Planning and Tips to Avoid Common Pitfalls

**Session Two 2:50pm:**

- Option 1: Telling Our Story – Turning Australian Agriculture’s Challenges into Opportunities
- Option 2: SunWhite: The Power Rice Brand of the Middle East
- Option 3: Leading Agriculture into the Future – What it Takes

**POST CONFERENCE TOURS**

- Hume Dam Tour – Friday** **No. of people** ..... **\$**..... (GST incl.)  
Please indicate if you require bus transport .....
- Corowa Whiskey & Chocolate Factory Tour – Friday** **No. of people** ..... **\$**..... (GST incl.)

**Total Amount Payable \$**..... (GST incl.)

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**Direct Deposit**

Account Name: Ricegrowers Assoc of Australia  
BSB: 062 564  
Account: 009 005 56  
Ref: (your name)

**Cheque**

To be made payable to *Ricegrowers’ Association of Australia* (a receipt will be forwarded to you in due course)

Please mail this form and your payment to: RGA, PO Box 706, Leeton NSW 2705