

# RIVERINE PLAINS

# INNOVATION EXPO



# PROGRAM

Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort  
August 24 - 25, 2023

# WITH THANKS TO OUR INNOVATION EXPO PARTNERS

## PLATINUM



## GOLD

## SILVER



## STUDENT

## DINNER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Welcome, and thank you for joining us for the second annual Riverine Plains Innovation Expo. We've incorporated feedback from last year and have designed a program that ensures a combination of high value information, quality speakers, networking and fun.

The Riverine Plains Innovation Expo represents a collective effort to foster innovation, collaboration, and progress within our industry. We couldn't do it without our partners and speakers who believe in and share our vision for bringing the brightest minds together, while forecasting and addressing risks and opportunities for our members.

We have secured high calibre speakers who will share their expertise and insights, inspiring us to think, change, reflect and adopt practices meaningful to your businesses. This expo highlights global issues and showcases the importance of capturing and utilising data efficiently. It also provides a platform to build lasting connections and exchange knowledge, as well as have a bit of fun.

Together, we are cultivating a community of curious, forward-thinkers, and I am confident this year's event will be impactful and enriching for you. Thank you for supporting our event and we look forward to the conversations and practice change that follows.

Warm regards,

**Catherine Marriott**  
CEO, Riverine Plains



ALEXANDRA GARTMANN,  
Chair Victorian Agriculture  
and Climate Change Council

Alexandra is a passionate advocate for rural and regional Australia. She has held roles such as CEO of Rural Bank and Marketing, Partnerships & Corporate Affairs Executive for Bendigo and Adelaide Bank. Alexandra's commitment to sustainability and climate change led her to become the inaugural Chair of the Victorian Agriculture and Climate Change Council. She is also a Non Executive Director of Nufarm, Deputy Chair of the Australian Wool Testing Authority, Director of the Australian Farm Institute, Trustee of Helen Macpherson Smith Trust, and a Director of the One Basin CRC. With Australian and international experience in community development, Alexandra has made significant contributions as CEO of both the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and the Birchip Cropping Group. Former advisory roles include CSIRO Agriculture and Food Advisory Council and the Prime Minister's Community Business Partnership. Alexandra is well placed to share perspectives on global and Australian agriculture and data expectations.



BRAD EGAN,  
2022 Young Farmer of the Year

Brad, alongside his parents, runs a dryland broadacre cropping business in Scaddan, Western Australia. Upon completing his agribusiness degree at Curtin University he returned home to the family farm where, amongst undertaking a range of operational farm tasks, he plays a key role in executing the farms' precision ag strategy, along with facilitating decision making through his business analytics and agronomy work. He is a ready adopter of ag-tech and this combined with his passion for precision ag and data driven decisions led to him being awarded the 2022 Young Farmer of the Year, along with an Excellence in Innovation award. Brad finds it extremely rewarding to utilise a range of data to make accurate management decisions at a whole-farm level, especially when he can observe and analyse the results, and ultimately validate his own gut feel around crucial decisions.



**NIGEL HART,**  
Managing Director GRDC

Nigel grew up in southern New South Wales and has spent more than 25 years working in executive and leadership positions in large scale infrastructure, port, warehousing and supply chains operations for the grains sector, both within Australia and internationally.

Nigel has worked as an expert consultant on a range of projects in the grain supply chain from international bench marking of bulk and container supply chains, plant protein manufacturing, hybrid wheat commercialisation, digital strategies for supply chain optimisation and the design and development of a 1.3mmt grain export terminal.

He was previously Global Director (Ports) at Archer Daniels Midland where he led the development of a global port's growth and productivity strategy across Asia, Europe, South America and the USA.

Prior to this he spent 15 years at GrainCorp culminating in his position as Group General Manager – Storage and Logistics where he led the storage and logistics operations, grain accumulation and domestic customer management teams across the east coast of Australia.

Nigel has a bachelor's degree in Agriculture from Western Sydney University, is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and successfully completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 2013.



**JIM DUNCAN,**  
Director Alvan Blanch Australia

Jim's unwavering commitment to excellence and innovation propels Alvan Blanch Australia forward. We empower farmers for profitability and efficiency with cutting-edge solutions, encompassing handling, storage, and drying equipment. As we shape modern agriculture one harvest at a time, our reputation grows stronger.



**LUKE HARRISON,**  
Business Manager Animal Health,  
IK Caldwell AGnVET

Luke is based in Gilgandra, Northern NSW and currently manages and works closely with AGnVET's supply partners as well as developing an Animal Production Service model branded 'AGnVET Beta Livestock Services'. A Ruminant Nutritionist by trade, a major component of this model involves day to day on-farm advisory work as well as managing an expanding team of Animal Production Advisors.





**ALISON KELLY,**  
Farm Emissions Specialist,  
Agriculture Victoria

Alison is working with Agriculture Victoria to implement a Victorian Government Pilot project. Creating 'Farm Emission Reduction Action Plans' for agricultural enterprises across the state. Ms Kelly has had the privilege of working with national agricultural research organisations, such as Dairy Australia and Horticulture Australia, as well as the University of Melbourne, successfully implementing significant environmental and climate research projects for agriculture.



**DALE GREY,**  
Climate Specialist, Agriculture  
Victoria

An agronomist, climate specialist, fisherman and bushwalker. Dale provides advice to farmers and agribusiness on agronomic and climatic issues. Providing comments and feedback to the the state government and media on seasonal conditions and climate. Dale is the producer of Fast Break a monthly Climate Newsletter and creates climate update summaries on his YouTube channel *The Very Fast Break*.



**LACHLAN FINCH,**  
Senior Associate, Carbon Markets,  
Commonwealth Bank

Lachlan is a Senior Associate in CBA's Carbon Markets team, where he is principally engaged in funding and risk management solutions for Australian carbon projects. With a background in agricultural commodity markets, he has broad experience with over-the-counter and exchange traded derivatives, physical financing products and working capital structures. Lachlan has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Sydney.



**FIONA MARSHALL,**  
Chair Riverine Plains

Fiona is a third generation farmer with her husband Craig, in the Rennie area, north of Mulwala. Together for 26 years they have been growing a broadacre, dryland grain property and also operating a prime lamb enterprise, which they hope to pass onto their children. Fiona is a graduate from the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the NFF Diversity in Ag Leadership Program and the Grains Social Leadership Program.



**CHRIS STEVENS,**  
 Director Global Agribusiness,  
 Kellogg Company

Chris has been working in the FMCG industry for more than 30 years covering Product Development and Innovation, Brand Marketing, National Sales, Commodity Trading and Procurement, including leading the AMEA Regional Procurement organisation.



**MARK ALLEN,**  
 Managing Partner, Thera Capital  
 Management

Mark has extensive hands-on knowledge with commodity trade finance, trading, risk management, reporting, and supply chain management. He has international agribusiness and agri-commodities experience, whilst living and working in Australia, the USA, Singapore and Holland.



**DWAIN DUXSON,**  
 CEO & Founder, Farm Tender

Dwain started Farm Tender 11 years ago and has since built an innovative and large database by developing new tools that help farmers. Farm Tender has over 67,000 Farmer Members on its online marketplace.



**ROHAN JARVIS,**  
 General Manager Sales  
 & Marketing, NEM

Rohan leads a focused team in introducing science-based biological products to the market. Aimed at supporting growers to reduce their reliance on synthetic inputs, improve their soil health and build on their long-term sustainability.



**KERYN MCLEAN,**  
 Climate Commercial Lead ANZ,  
 Bayer Crop Science

With 20+ years agribusiness experience, Kerry is currently focused on helping farmers maximise their fields, using digital tools to draw insights that help them make data driven decisions to maximise their return on every hectare.







**EMMA AYLIFFE,**  
Summit Ag Consultant

Emma is the principle, consultant and researcher for her business Summit Ag Agricultural Consulting. Emma is the 2020-21 Australian Young Farmer of the Year, as well as the founder of the Yacker App.



**BRODEN HOLLAND,**  
Koolpari Enterprises, Young

Broden is a third-generation farmer, near Young NSW. With his family they run a 5,000ha mixed farming business. This includes growing wheat and canola, as well as running 6,000 wether sheep.



**ANNA TOLAND,**  
Toland Merino

Anna is a third-generation farmer and owns and operates Toland Poll Merino Stud in Violet Town, Victoria. She undertook further studies in wool science at Roseworthy, South Australia after completing her Bachelors at Melbourne University.



**NICK ENNIS,**  
Lawson Grains

Nick has extensive experience in managing large-scale properties across Australia. For the last 10-years Nick has managed 'Borambil' a 8,500ha aggregation property. In 2022, Nick became the NSW Regional Manager of Lawson Grains.

## 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

HANRAHAN FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP  
James White

UNCLE TOBYS SCHOLARSHIP  
Sam Marshall

CORTEVA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT  
Reily Menhenett



# RIVERINE PLAINS NEM GALA FUNDRAISING DINNER & CHARITY AUCTION

Date: Thursday 24th August Time: 6pm – 11pm  
Venue: Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort  
Dress Code: Black Tie

**We are very excited to welcome renowned Australian comedian, Jean Kittson to the NEM Gala Fundraising Dinner this year. Not only will we have a laugh, but we will be fundraising for our Scholarship fund through an auction on the night.**



Jean Kittson is an author, public speaker and commentator. Jean is also an actor, comedian and scriptwriter for stage, television, theatre, radio. Jean came to national attention on ABC TV's, 'The Big Gig', followed by Let the Blood Run Free,

Kittson Fahey, Good News Week, the Glasshouse, Flat Chat, The Einstein Factor, and many more. She is also known for her comedy debates for the ABC, Channel 9 and Channel Ten.

She has been a regular columnist for several publications, and is the author of two books, 'Tongue Lashing' and 'You're still hot to me, the joys of menopause' and has contributed to many others. Her latest book, *We Need to Talk about Mum & Dad* has everything you need to know about supporting ageing parents. She was a founding Director of the National Cord Blood Bank, the inaugural chair of the Australian Gynaecological Cancer Foundation (AGCF) and a founding Ambassador for Ovarian Cancer Australia.

She currently the Patron of Palliative Care Nurses Australia, and an Ambassador for the Macular Disease Foundation, Northcott Disability Services, the Raise Foundation and Taldumande Youth Services.

# RIVERINE PLAINS ALVAN BLANCH AUSTRALIA

## FARM TOUR

Date: Friday 25th August  
Time: 7:45am - 2pm

Join us for the Alvan Blanch Australia Farm Tour, bringing new innovations and technology directly to the Riverine Plains. We will be visiting two local farms where we will see firsthand the Goldacres Green on Green machine, a drone spraying demonstration and the Alvan Blanch grain dryer. We have experts Dr Cassandra Scheffe and Dave Hawkey from Agrisci on hand for some in depth discussions around liming best practices.



# RIVERINE PLAINS ALVAN BLANCH AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## PUTTING FARMERS FIRST - DRIVING DECISIONS USING DATA

Date: Thursday 24th August

Venue: Yarrawonga Mulwala Golf Club Resort

TIME	ITEM	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:30	Welcome	Welcome	Catherine Marriott, CEO, Riverine Plains
		Welcome to Country	Dozer Atkinson
8:45	Alvan Blanch Australia	Welcome	Jim Duncan, Director, Alvan Blanch Australia
8:50	Opening Alvan Blanch Australia Address	Questions to ask if sounds too good to be true.	Alexandra Gartmann, Chair, Victorian Agriculture and Climate Change Council
9:30	Presentation	Don't be daunted by data – livestock perspective.	Luke Harrison, Business Manager Animal Health, IK Caldwell AGnVET
9:50	Presentation	Know your emissions number and why - making sense of emissions and carbon footprinting at the farm scale.	Alison Kelly, Farm Emissions Specialist, Agriculture Victoria
10:20	Morning tea		
10:50	Scholarship recipient	Hanrahan Family Scholarship recipient.	James White
10:55	Keynote Presentation	Using data to drive long term improvements for increased productivity, profitability and sustainability.	Brad Egan, 2022 Young Farmer of the Year

11:35	Presentation	The possibilities and pitfalls of carbon.	Lachlan Finch, Senior Associate, Carbon Markets, Commonwealth Bank
11:55	Supply Chain Panel	How the market is driving data collection and use, and why you need to know.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Stevens, Kellogg Company</li> <li>Rohan Jarvis, NEM</li> <li>Mark Allen, Thera Capital Management</li> <li>Dwain Duxson, Farm Tender</li> <li>Keryn McLean, Bayer</li> </ul> Facilitator: Catherine Marriott
12:40	Lunch		
1:35	Scholarship recipient	Uncle Tobys Scholarship recipient.	Sam Marshall
1:40	Presentation	The role of data in agricultural innovation, profitability and sustainability.	Nigel Hart, Managing Director, GRDC
2:10	Farmer Panel	Using data on-farm to inform your business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nick Ennis, Lawson Grains</li> <li>Anna Toland, Toland Merino</li> <li>Emma Ayliffe, Summitt Ag</li> <li>Brad Egan, 2022 Young Farmer of the Year</li> <li>Brodan Holland, Koolpari Enterprises</li> </ul> Facilitator: Fiona Marshall
3:10	Afternoon tea		

# RIVERINE PLAINS ALVAN BLANCH AUSTRALIA FARM TOUR PROGRAM

Date: Friday 25 August

Time: 7:45am – 2pm

<b>3:40</b>	Scholarship recipient	Corteva Scholarship recipient.	Reily Menhenett
<b>3:45</b>	Presentation	Will the real El Nino please step forward?	Dale Grey, Climate Specialist, Agriculture Victoria
<b>4:15</b>	Closing remarks		Fiona Marshall, Chair, Riverine Plains
<b>4:30</b>	Finish		



TIME	ITEM	LOCATION	TOPIC	SPEAKER
<b>7:45</b>	Bus 1 pick up	Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club		
<b>8:00</b>	Bus 2 pick up	Corowa Information Centre		
<b>8:15</b>	Bus 2 pick up	Fig tree @ 121 High St Rutherglen		
<b>8:45</b>	Buses arrive	Rutherglen Farm		
<b>9:15</b>	Demonstration	Rutherglen Farm	GRDC liming site	Dr Cassandra Scheffe, & Dave Hawkey AgriSci
<b>10:20</b>	Demonstration	Rutherglen Farm	Spot spraying with drone	Phillipa and Simon Noble
<b>10:40</b>	Drive to Boorhaman Farm	Boorhaman Farm		
<b>11:10</b>	Demonstration	Boorhaman Farm	Goldacres Weedetect Green on green precision spraying demo	Dave Tuppen, Goldacres
<b>11:50</b>	Demonstration	Boorhaman Farm	Alvan Blanch Australia grain dryer demo	Jim Duncan, Alvan Blanch Australia
<b>12:10</b>	Lunch	Boorhaman Farm		
<b>1:10</b>	Buses depart	Boorhaman Farm		
<b>1:40</b>	Bus 1 arrives	Rutherglen		
<b>2:00</b>	Bus 1 arrives	Corowa		
<b>2:00</b>	Bus 2 arrives	Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club		





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