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Australian Grains Industry Conference Celebrates 25th Anniversary Leading Experts, International Speakers and Networking Await at AGIC 2024

Melbourne, Australia – The Australian Grains Industry Conference (AGIC) is proud to announce its 25th anniversary celebration, scheduled to take place over 31st July – 1st August 2024. This milestone event promises to be a gathering of industry leaders, innovators, and delegates from around the world, converging to explore the theme *"Every Grain Has a Silver Lining."*

Since its inception, AGIC has been at the forefront of the grains industry, fostering innovation, collaboration, and growth. This year's conference will feature an impressive lineup of expert speakers who will delve into the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities shaping the future of the grains sector.

Attendees can expect a dynamic program including keynote addresses, panel discussions, and interactive sessions designed to inspire and educate. Speakers include:

- **Glenn McGrath**, Cricketing great and McGrath Foundation co-founder
- **Richard Goyder AO**, Chair - Qantas Airways Ltd, Woodside Energy Ltd and AFL Commission
- **The Hon Christopher Pyne**, Executive Chairman, Pyne & Partners, former Federal Minister
- **Adam Fennessy PSM**, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- **Rory Deverell**, Managing Director, Black-Silo and Producer & Distributer of the Fryers Reports
- **Shahana McKenzie**, Chief Executive, Bioenergy Australia
- **Hon Kevin Hogan MP**, Shadow Minister for Trade and Tourism
- **Ben Macnamara**, CEO, CBH Group
- **Robert Spurway**, Managing Director and CEO, GrainCorp
- **Professor Rory Medcalf AM**, Head of the National Security College, Australian National University
- **Masha Belikova**, Grain Market Reporter, Fastmarkets Agricensus (Ukraine)
- **Craig McLure**, Head of Grain Technology, CBH Group
- **Ben Fargher**, Director, Environmental Markets and Sustainability - APAC, Cargill
- **Vladimir Zinkovski**, Principal Economist, Head of Asia-Pacific Crops, S&P Global Commodity Insights
- **Nicolaj Noes**, Executive Vice President, Oceania DP World
- **Nigel Hart**, Managing Director, GRDC
- **Professor Barry Pogson**, Director, Australian Research Council Centre for Future Crops, Australian National University

Topics covered will include:

- Drivers in Supply – Black Sea Market Situation
- Global Geopolitical Landscape
- Modern Plant Breeding Technology
- Global Grain and Oilseed Market Outlook
- Aust. Market Review & Container Supply Chain
- Long Term Drivers In China's Feed Demand
- Bioenergy and Carbon Transition
- Diversity, Equality & Inclusion in the Industry

AGIC 2024 will also host a vibrant exhibition where leading companies will showcase cutting-edge technologies, products, and services driving industry advancement.

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Networking opportunities will be high on the agenda, offering delegates the chance to connect with peers, potential partners, and industry influencers. Various social events throughout the conference provide a relaxed atmosphere for forging new relationships and strengthening existing ones, including Welcome Drinks and the networking highlight, the *CBH AGIC Gala Dinner* where guests will be entertained by MC and AFL legend, Dermott Brereton and Australia's favourite comedian, Peter Helliar.

"We are thrilled to celebrate AGIC's 25th anniversary with our most ambitious conference yet," said Pat O'Shannassy, CEO of Grain Trade Australia. "This year's theme, *'Every Grain Has a Silver Lining,'* reflects our commitment to exploring the positive impacts, even during challenging times within the grains industry. Since AGIC started in 1999, we've had our share of droughts, wet years, and market-access issues, but there are always opportunities for us to learn from each other, and from the insights our speakers bring. We invite all industry to join us in this celebration of collaboration as we discuss challenges and opportunities in the grains sector."

Tickets for AGIC 2024 are now available for purchase and selling fast. GRDC have sponsored a limited number for special Grower and PhD student tickets.

Do not miss your chance to be part of this landmark event in the grains industry. Secure your ticket today and prepare to learn, share ideas, and contribute to the future of grains.

For more information and to register, please visit www.ausgrainsconf.com

About AGIC: *The Australian Grains Industry Conference is an industry run conference for grain sector participants and service providers, hosted by leading grain industry associations Grain Trade Australia and Australian Oilseeds Federation. Held annually, the two-day conference provides a chance to connect with fellow industry colleagues including grain and oilseed producers, processors, importers and exporters, manufacturers of food, animal feed, biofuels and bio-based industrial products, suppliers of services (legal/financial/logistical/marketing/communications) to the grain and grain-products industry, ports businesses, freight forwarders, shipping/ocean line companies, container companies, technology, equipment and service providers, trade groups, government agencies and researchers and industry advisers and key policy decision makers.*

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