

NWPGP CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2026

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DAY 1 – 17 June 2026

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter/Lead
8.30am	Registration and tea/coffee	
9.00am	Official Welcome	Ole Houe, Chair Grain Trade Australia
9.10am	2026 meeting formalities	Gerard McMullen, Chair NWPGP
Latest Market Requirements		
9.15am	Update from APVMA on activities and AUS chemical review	Nial Gursansky, APVMA
9.30am	Codex Update	James Deller, NRS
9.40am	Biosecurity Challenges for the Australian Grains Industry	Stuart Kearns, Plant Health Australia
10.00am	Export market pre-shipment quarantine treatments / in-transit fumigation	Adrian Reginato, Cargill
10.20am	Lightning Session – Gold Sponsor 1	Anysort
10.30am	Morning tea break - Sponsored by Grains Australia	
Insect Status, Control & Research		
11.00am	Current status of insect resistance & Insect Resistance Management Strategy update	Manoj Nayak, QLD DPI
11.30am	Insect infestation trends	Floor Input
11.45am	Grain Treatments	Floor Input including a Panel Session – Cain McGregor Cargill, Alex Conway GRDC Grain Storage Extension Team
12.15pm	Monitoring a fumigation / grain treatment – good and bad practices	
12.30pm	Progress on registration of Sulfuryl Fluoride on canola and pulses	Barbara Nead-Nylander, Douglas Products
1.00pm	Lunch break – Sponsored by Grains Australia	
Sustainable Actions for Market Access		
2.00pm	Lightning Session – Gold Sponsor 2	Syensqo
2.10pm	Breeding for the future	Tristan Coram, ACB
2.30pm	Global challenges of marketing grain	Michael Whitehead, ANZ
2.50pm	Digitalisation in postharvest pest and resistance management: Ensuring grain biosecurity and market compliance for the future	Raj Jagadeesan, QLD DPI
3.05pm	The use of Technology & Digital Transformation – where does AI sit	Panel session Raj Jagadeesan QLD DPI, Anna Faulkner Cropify, Chelsea Heinrich GTA U30s, Courtney Heagney GTA U30s

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3.25pm	Afternoon tea break – Sponsored by Grains Australia	
3.55pm	Lightning Session – Gold Sponsor 3	Action
4.05pm	National Residue Survey – results & update of activities domestically & internationally	Amita Ahuja, National Residue Survey
4.30pm	Methyl Bromide Alternative – Methyl Iodide	Dylan McFarlane, VSICA Research
4.45pm	The future for current & alternative fumigants	Panel Session – Dylan McFarlane VSICA Research, Jonathan Banks Consultant, Raj Jagadeesan QLD DPI
5.00pm	Close of Day One	
5.15pm - 7pm	Social function – Sponsored by TriCal	

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Time	“Industry & On-Farm Activities”	Presenter/Lead
8.30am	On-farm Grain Storage Extension update	Chris Warrick, GRDC Storage Extension Team
8.55am	Grower storage example	Mark Swift, “Woodbine”, Parkes NSW
9.15am	Pressure testing of silos – the findings	Ben White, GRDC Storage Extension Team
9.35am	Diatomaceous Earth application methods	Chris Warrick, GRDC Storage Extension Team
9.50am	The fit for on-farm activities / storage in farming businesses and the supply chain	Mark Swift Parkes, Chris Dunn Nutrien Ag Solutions, Kerry Miles Grain Protect, Ian Cass UPL, Chris Warrick GRDC Storage Extension Team
10.20am	Lightning Session – Gold Sponsor 4	Ellis & Sons
10.30am	Morning tea break – Sponsored by Grains Australia	
Storage Management & the Supply Chain		
11.00am	Respirators for phosphine – an assessment	Brock Dembowski, GRDC Extension Team
11:15am	Progress in research on establishing ‘safe venting periods’ for phosphine fumigation, label review, SafeWork Australia Workplace Exposure Limits Includes Methyl Bromide Changes	Gerard McMullen NWPGP, Pat O’Shannassy GTA, Amy Koschella GRDC, Chris Warrick GRDC Extension Team, Faheem Ahmad / Manoj Nayak QLD DPI
12.50m	Lightning Session – Gold Sponsor 4	Polytex
1.00pm	Lunch break – Sponsored by Grains Australia	
Storage Management & the Supply Chain (continued)		
2.00pm	Lightning Session – Gold Sponsor 6	FrigorTec
2.10pm	Challenges for the transport sector & recent changes in legislation, including port access for containers	Alex Donnelly GrainCorp, Leigh Burgess Riordan Grain, Kyla Davie CHS Broadbent
2.40pm	Structural Integrity of Silos	Mark White, Uni of SA
2.55pm	Conference formalities	Chair NWPGP
3.00pm	Close	

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