



71st AUSTRALASIAN GRAIN SCIENCE CONFERENCE

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22-25 August 2021
The Crossing Theatre, Narrabri, NSW

Program Outline

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Sunday 22 August	3:00-6.00pm 6.00-8.30pm	AGSA Registration at The Crossing Theatre Welcome Reception at the Narrabri RSL Club
Monday 23 August	8:00-8:30am 8:30-5:00pm 5.00-7.00pm	Registration and Welcome Coffee at The Crossing Theatre AGSA Conference Scientific Sessions Happy Hour. Poster and Exhibition Session
Tuesday 24 August	8:00-8:30am 8:30-3:30pm 4:00-5:00pm	Registration and Welcome Coffee at The Crossing Theatre AGSA Conference Scientific Sessions. AGSA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 25 August	8:00-8:30am 8:30-5:00pm 7:00-10.30pm	Registration and Welcome Coffee at The Crossing Theatre AGSA Conference Industry Day on Conference Theme of "Grains – Gains – Profits" AGSA Conference Dinner and Awards Night at The Crossing Theatre

Welcome from the 71st Australasian Grain Science Association Conference Chair: Dr Lindsay O'Brien

On behalf of the conference organising committee, it is a pleasure to welcome you to join us from the 22nd to 25th of August 2021 for the Australasian Grain Science Association Conference – the 71st annual conference which provides a forum for scientists and the grains industry to hear and discuss the latest innovations in science. This year's conference will be in Narrabri northern NSW, the centre of one of Australia's richest agricultural regions. We promise you an exciting and innovative series of sessions on the latest developments in the operating environment in the grains industry, in grain science, innovations by grain growers and the capture of research outcomes on farms.

Narrabri is located at the southern end of the sub-tropics enabling the production of a range of both summer and winter crops making for a diverse set of agricultural systems in the region. This diversity is

supported by major research institutes at Narrabri such as the The University Sydney's Plant Breeding Institute (mainly winter crops), the Australian Cotton Research Institute (summer crops) and farming systems and related crop research at the NSW Department of Primary Industries Research Centre in Tamworth. Narrabri has 17 motels, hotels and caravan parks providing a wide range of cost competitive accommodation, many in short walking distance to the meeting venue, The Crossing Theatre. The Crossing Theatre has a 1200 seat auditorium, a 100-person capacity Riverside Room and 160 seat theatre all of which have been reserved for use by the conference. The conference will take place at The Crossing Theatre under Government COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing requirements in existence at the time of the meeting.

Important timelines

“Grains – Gains – Profits”

- May 1:** Call for abstracts for papers on the Conference Theme and any of the following topics or grain science related research and product development:
- Grains and health
 - Genetics of and breeding for grain quality
 - Grain processing
 - Future trends in the grains industry and innovations in instrumentation
 - Meeting the global food challenge
 - Exploiting traditional and new grains
 - Advances in knowledge of gluten related health issues.
- May 1:** Call for applications from students for travel support to attend the conference.
- May 30:** Closing date for student applications for travel support.
- June 10:** Closing date for submission of abstracts.
- June 20:** Authors advised of acceptance for oral or poster presentation.
- June 30:** Closing date for Early Bird Registration.
- August 1:** Closing date for reserved block accommodation bookings under AGSA's name of “Grains Conference” in Narrabri.
- August 22:** Arrive in Narrabri.
Accommodation check-in and Conference Registration at The Crossing Theatre.
- August 22-25:** AGSA Conference “Grains – Gains – Profit”
- August 26:** Depart Narrabri

Getting to Narrabri

By car:

Driving is the most cost-effective option for delegates travelling from NSW, ACT and southern Queensland. Narrabri is centrally located approximately 6 hours from Sydney 7 ½ hours from Canberra and 6 ½ hours from Brisbane.

By Air:

Below are the current scheduled services but these can change at any time. Check with the airlines for current flight services, flight numbers and schedules at the time of booking.

- **Direct to Narrabri:** Link Airways flies to Narrabri from Brisbane and Sydney on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- **To Moree:** Narrabri is one hour's drive south of Moree airport. Car hire is available in Moree. Return bus transport will be arranged if passenger numbers are sufficient. Qantas flies from Sydney to Moree. These flights are usually heavily booked and discounted options sell out quickly.
 - *Sydney to Moree:* Sunday 22 August: QF2192, 17.15-18.50.
 - *Moree to Sydney:* Thursday 26 August: QF2181, 09.05-10.40.
- **To Tamworth:** Narrabri is located two hour's drive to the north-west of Tamworth. Car hire is available in Tamworth. Return bus transport will be arranged if passenger numbers are sufficient. Qantas Link flies from Sydney to Tamworth.
 - *Sydney to Tamworth:*
 - Sunday 22 August: QF2014, 12.05 -13.10. Recommended if requiring bus transport.
 - Sunday 22 August: QF2006, 15.25-16.30.
 - *Tamworth to Sydney:*
 - Thursday 26 August: QF2003, 10.25 -11.25. Recommended if requiring bus transport.

Thursday 26 August: QF2015, 13.35- 14.35.

By Train:

NSW Country Link runs a train service from Sydney to Narrabri, and return, daily. The trains offer two classes of travel, have a buffet car and free wi-fi service on board. Trains leave Sydney Central Station about 9.00 am and arrive in Narrabri about 5 pm. The return service departs Narrabri daily at about 9 am arriving Sydney Central Station about 5 pm. Although a slow service, it is restful, and you will be rewarded with some amazing scenery in the Hawkesbury River area, the Hunter Valley, and the north-west plains.

Accommodation in Narrabri for the Conference.

The Conference has reserved blocks of rooms at the following hotels and motels. Every delegate is responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation. Rooms will be held at these venues under the name of "Grains Conference" until August 1. Using this reference will assure you of a room if booked by August 1. After that date, accommodation in Narrabri cannot be guaranteed. Not all venues offer breakfast service, so you are advised to ask about breakfast availability when booking.

Hotel/motel	Distance from Crossing Theatre	Email or web address	Preferred booking method	Phone No.
Adelong Motel Central city	250m	reservations@adelongmotel.com.au www.adelongmotel.com.au	Phone or Email	02 6792 1488
Bellview Motel Central city	400m	admin@bellviewmotelnarrabri.com.au www.bellviewmotelnarrabri.com.au	Phone	02 6792 3844
Club Motor Inn Central city	300m	info@clubmotorinn.net.au www.clubmotorinn.com.au	Email	02 6792 3191
Crossroads Hotel Central city	400m	reservations@crossroadshotelnarrabri.com	Email	02 6792 5592
Nandewar Motel Cooma Road	900m	nandewarmotorinn@bigpond.com.au	Phone or Email	02 6792 1155
Southern Cross Motor Inn Opposite RSL Club	1000m	southerncrossmotel@gmail.com	Phone Email	02 6792 3838
Tourist Hotel Central city	300m	www.touristhotelnarrabri.com.au	Phone or via web	02 6792 2312