



Australian Summer Grains Conference

2023 Agronomist of the Year Award

Zoe McInnes Memorial Award Study Tour

The 2023 Australian Summer Grains Conference is once again pleased to call for nominations for the Zoe McInnes award valued at \$5000. The award recognizes the outstanding contribution to Agronomic excellence by an agronomist and will be presented as part of the conference dinner awards program. Thank you to the support of the Australian Mungbean Association for their continued support of this award.

This Award was established in memory of much loved and valued agronomist Zoe McInnes, who was tragically lost to the industry in a farming accident in 2013. Zoe epitomized the passion and dedication required to continually improve outcomes for the industry through her commitment to providing the best solutions to clients and her own personal development during her career.

SECTION 1 CRITERIA:

- Eligible agronomists must be practicing in the industry either as a private agronomist or a retail agronomist and have at least 5 years' experience.
- Under 35year-old
- Agronomists must be nominated by the industry and will be interviewed by a panel selected by the Australian Summer Grains Conference for consideration as a finalist for the awards.
- The final 4 candidates will be invited to attend the conference dinner for the awards ceremony and announcement of the overall winner.
- Entries open on 1st August 2022 and close on 1st February 2023.
- All entries must be written submissions on the attached form in Section 3.
- No further correspondence will be entered into after closure date of the Award.



Evaluation:

1. Personal relations, professionalism, integrity, and credibility will be highly valued.
2. The emphasis will be on the individual's support of Australian Summer Grains Industry
3. Personal growth in a particular field of agronomy/work, impact on associates, farmers, and other industry stakeholders
4. The nominee's involvement in the development of new/improved agricultural practices, chemical products or plant varieties that provide solutions to farmers
5. Qualities such as innovativeness and application to best management practice principles as evidenced by farmer clients and industry will be taken into consideration.

SECTION 2 - Conditions of entry

1. Nominees must be employed in a private or retail agronomy position for a minimum of 5 years
2. The Agronomist Award will be awarded on a competitive basis.
3. Completed applications must be emailed to the Awards Committee by 1st February 2023. Applications will be acknowledged however it is the responsibility of the applicant to confirm the application has been received by the Chair and the ASGC before 1st February 2023 if no acknowledgement is received.
4. Final 4 candidates must attend the conference dinner.
5. No late applications will be accepted.
6. Winner of the ASGC Agronomist Award is expected to provide a short bio and report (500 words including photographs) on their conference attendance for publication on the ASGC web site and in ASGC communications. The report must be submitted by 1st May 2023.
7. Winner must also agree to media interviews and approved editorial post conference
8. The decision of the Awards Committee is final and no correspondence will be entered into after the Awards have been decided.

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Section 3 – Nominator and Nominee details

Nominator Details

Name:

Address

Phone:

Email:

How long have you known (months/years) the nominee:

Brief description of your relationship to nominee (supervisor, friend, client etc.):

Nominated Agronomist Details

Name

Employer

Phone

Email

Location

Section 2 – Case for Nomination

Under the following headings, please describe the achievements in agronomy that you believe makes this nominee worthy of this award. Expand each section as required.

Please provide details on the following Agronomy contributions by your nominee to the Summer Grains industry

1. Contribution to research/trials/farm productivity/summer grains industry/new agronomy practice or technology implementation

2. Contribution to extension activities and education of other agronomists/farmers

3. Activities involving the farming community



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4. Previous recognition/awards (e.g. invited papers at conferences, GRDC/Industry events)

5. Any additional information which you feel would assist in the consideration of the application of the nominee (can be attached on separate page)

Signature of nominator:

Date:

Please email nominations to asgc@kamevents.com.au. Mark attention to Maree Crawford. Please clearly state in the email content the person you are nominating for the award.