Ag’s best and brightest shine at GrowAg think tank

The GrowAg Summit encouraged delegates to consider research and technology, and how they can be prepared to adopt where necessary, apply to their own farming situation, and share with their communities.

ISSUE
To ensure Australian agriculture remains profitable and resilient we need capable young leaders to drive industry change and innovation adoption. Previous young farmer forums have allowed young farmers from around Australia to develop their leadership skills, identify opportunities, learn from each other and to influence leaders. Such events position young Australian farmers and agricultural professionals for a competitive future.

SOLUTION
The GrowAg Summit is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in partnership with RIRDC and the Rural RDCs.

GrowAg’s aim was to advance the contribution of our farming leaders and agricultural professionals towards a dynamic, competitive and prosperous agricultural sector by:

• developing knowledge and skills for utilising adopting new technologies; innovative business and investment strategies; and developing leadership and entrepreneurial skills
• facilitating wider discussion and consideration of the opportunities, barriers and roles for farmers in agriculture; and
• providing an opportunity for sharing knowledge, a platform for innovation and an entrepreneurial environment for our future farming leaders.

RESULTS
In September 2016, 100 of Australia’s best and brightest emerging agricultural leaders gathered at the summit in Albury, NSW to hear from government, industry and peers working across the fields of agribusiness, education, technology, finance and leadership.

The ‘think tank’ explored how Australian agribusiness can best capitalise on global opportunities; how future innovations in technologies, markets, and products can transform Australian agribusiness; and the most effective ways to develop the capable and diverse leaders needed to steer Australian agriculture into the future.

“I enjoyed the opportunity to network with likeminded people from different aspects of agriculture and from every corner of the country. The line-up of speakers was excellent and very well tailored to the discussions that GrowAg aimed to enable.”

Cotton grower and delegate, Reinder Prins
VALUE FOR MONEY, EFFICIENCY

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