



## A note from Phil Honey, SPAA President

Welcome to the **July edition** of e-News.

I'm delighted to share that registrations are open for the [2024 Australasian Precision Agriculture Symposium](#), hosted by SPAA in collaboration with the University of Sydney's Precision Ag Laboratory. I encourage you to secure your spot for this premier annual event. This year we'll be gathering in Dubbo from 9-10 September, with an optional field tour on 11 September.

While we're finalising the program, we're excited to share that we have an outstanding line-up of presentations from industry leaders such as Agtecnic, CSIRO, Food Agility CRC, Summit Ag, Cibo Labs, and more. We also offer fantastic opportunities for exhibiting and sponsoring the Symposium. Whether you're interested in precision agriculture, robotics, or agricultural technologies, there's something for everyone. Various sponsorship packages are available, including trade displays. Stay tuned to our [website](#) and socials for the full program release in the coming days.

Our first [Grain Automate National Webinar](#) is filling up fast and I invite you to register now for 'Paving the way to on-farm autonomy', a one-hour online event on August 13. You'll hear from Emma Leonard of AgriKnowHow, WA grower Tom Longmire, and industry experts including SwarmFarm Robotics, John Deere and SPAA partner Case IH (CNH). Don't miss this insightful event as we delve into a holistic approach to on-farm autonomy. *Grain Automate is a [Grains Research and Development \(GRDC\)](#) initiative on behalf of Australian grain growers, aimed at accelerating the adoption of machine automation, autonomy and digital technologies in the Australian grains industry.*

SPAA's EO, Angelique McAvoy will be in Adelaide next week attending the [Growing the](#)

[Future 2024](#) event. This is South Australia's premier networking event for youth in agriculture, hosted by the Adelaide University Agricultural Students' Association. I am also pleased to share that SPAA will be exhibiting at the [2024 Digital Agrifood Summit: Future-Fit Farming](#), in Wagga Wagga this October. Please do say hello if you're planning to attend these events.

Lastly, did you catch SPAA committee member Julie O'Halloran present this month at the FIRA webinar, '*Addressing cost challenges for Australian vegetables through field mechanisation and automation*'? Julie joined a reputable line up of industry experts and growers, with over 200 engaged participants. If you missed it, [view the webinar here](#).

Thank you for being a part of the SPAA community - and take a moment to view GRDC's latest [PA in Practice video](#).

Happy reading!



**Phil Honey**  
SPAA President

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2024 Australasian  
Precision Ag Symposium

**REGISTER NOW**

[Secure your spot](#) at the 2024 Precision Agriculture Symposium, 9-11 September 2024 at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre.

Delegates can expect a diverse and exciting program with the latest R&D, farmer case studies, networking activities, sundowner and dinner, optional field trip and more.

Keep an eye on our socials and [website](#) for more detail on the full program out soon.

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## National Webinar

### Paving the way for on-farm autonomy



13 August 2024 / 12.30pm AEST



[Register now](#) for this free webinar, taking a holistic approach to on-farm autonomy as we explore three broad perspectives: the learning or background, the grower, and industry. Keynote speaker [Emma Leonard](#) from AgriKnowHow will be joined by WA grower Tom Longmire and major industry players [SwarmFarm Robotics](#), [John Deere](#) and SPAA partner [Case IH](#) (CNH).

*This webinar is part of Grain Automate, a [Grains Research and Development \(GRDC\)](#) initiative on behalf of Australian grain growers aimed at accelerating the adoption of machine automation, autonomy and digital technologies in the Australian grains industry.*



## Project Officer - Extension

SPAA is on the lookout for an energetic and dedicated **Project Officer - Extension** who is passionate about guiding Australian grain producers towards the adoption of precision agriculture and autonomous machinery technologies. This new team member, ideally based in South Australia or the east coast, will play a pivotal role in coordinating, implementing and monitoring the outcomes of innovation projects. If you'd like to apply, or you know someone perfect for the role, [apply now on Seek](#) or [visit our website](#) for more info.

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The video thumbnail features the GRDC logo (Grains Research & Development Corporation) in the top left corner. The main title 'PA IN PRACTICE' is displayed in large green letters. Below the title, a white text box contains the description: 'Boardman Agriculture is one Aussie grain growing business using electromagnetic mapping to increase their bottom line.' At the bottom of the thumbnail, there is a green button with the text 'Watch the video now' and a white play icon. The background of the thumbnail shows a man named Sam, wearing a blue polo shirt with a 'Boardman Agriculture' logo and a dark baseball cap with 'BOARDMAN AGRICULTURE' written on it.

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**Tax time tips**

[2024 tax time toolkit](#): The ATO's 2024 tax time toolkit is now live, with a range of updated common work-related deductions and occupation-specific industry guides.

[Instant asset write off](#): Small businesses with an aggregated annual turnover of less than \$10 million may be able to deduct the full cost of eligible new and second-hand assets which cost less than \$20,000, under the instant asset write off (IAWO).

[Small business energy incentive](#): An incentive designed to support businesses to invest in assets to improve their energy efficiency and help them save on their energy bills, meaning a bonus 20% tax deduction for spending that supports more efficient energy use.

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## Industry news & events



Read the latest from Irrigation Australia including hot topics and event updates [here](#).

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Soil CRC Participants Conference, 27-29 August 2024 at Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga. [Click here to register](#)

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# REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Registrations are now open for the 21st Agronomy Australia Conference. To register now, visit [www.agronomyconference.com](http://www.agronomyconference.com)

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### Request for Proposal

Horticulture Innovation Australia (Hort Innovation) is seeking a delivery partner for the project: *Next-generation weed management (BY23002)*. They are requesting interest from individuals and organisations to co-fund the development of novel weed management technologies to control problematic weeds in horticulture crops. Response closing date 30 August 2024. [Click here](#)

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### Women & Leadership Australia

Advance your career with a Horticulture Sector women's leadership scholarship. Partial scholarships of \$1,000 - \$5,000 available to assist women in select industries to participate. [Enquire now](#)

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## Ag Events & Field Days

### JULY

**Royal Darwin Show**, 25 to 27 July, Darwin, NT. [Details](#)



**WoTL Farm Business Workshops**, 29 July, Manoora, SA. [Details](#)

## **AUGUST**

**Sheepvention**, 4 to 5 August, Hamilton, VIC. [Details](#)

**Mingenew Midwest Expo**, 8 to 9 August, Mingenew, WA. [Details](#)

**Grain Automate National Webinar** (SPAA + GRDC), 13 August, Online. [Details](#)

**AgQuip Field Days**, 20 to 22 August, Gunnedah, NSW. [Details](#)

**Soil CRC Participants Conference 2024**, 27 to 29 August, Wagga Wagga, NSW. [Details](#)

**Dowerin Machinery Field Day**, 28 to 29 August, Dowerin, WA. [Details](#)

## **SEPTEMBER**

**Newdegate Machinery Field Days**, 4 to 5 September, Newdegate, WA. [Details](#)

**2024 SPAA Precision Ag Symposium**, 9 to 11 September, Dubbo, NSW. [Details](#)

**Henty Machinery Field Days**, 17 to 19 September, Henty, NSW. [Details](#)

**Agrotrend**, 20 to 21 September, Bundaberg, QLD. [Details](#)

**Royal Melbourne Show**, 24 September to 6 October, Melbourne, VIC. [Details](#)

**Yorke Peninsula Field Day**, 30 September to 2 October, Paskeville, SA. [Details](#)

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**Partner News**



### **Power, precision and performance highlights of new 715 hp Quadtrac**

The Steiger® 715 Quadtrac®, is Case IH's most powerful Steiger ever, and currently the highest horsepower tractor on the Australian market.

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