

# Industry Update

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**\$1,086,790**

**Invested  
in RD&E  
April - June  
2019**



**\$3,359,268**

**Invested  
in RD&E  
2018/19**



**\$4,325,677**

**Committed  
RD&E  
investment  
(1 July 2019  
onwards)**

### Upcoming events

**21-22  
Aug**

Rice RD&E Update,  
Agricultural Institute,  
Yanco NSW

**30 Aug**

Australian Rural Leadership  
Program applications close

**11 Sept**

Rural Women's Award Gala  
Dinner, Canberra ACT

**Oct**

AgriFutures™ Horizon  
Scholarship applications  
open

**18-19  
Feb**

evoke<sup>AG</sup>. 2020,  
Melbourne VIC

### Rice Program Advisory Panel

- Drew Braithwaite (Chair)
- Michele Groat (Deputy Chair)
- Dr Vito Butardo
- Brian Dunn
- Russell Ford
- Laura Kaylock
- Dr Laurie Lewin
- Dr Ben Ovenden
- Antony Vagg
- Lucinda Staley (AgriFutures Australia)

### Staff update

AgriFutures Australia is pleased to welcome Lucinda Staley to the AgriFutures team. Lucinda joins the team as Manager, Research – Rice, Export Fodder and Ginger with extensive experience working for the Grains Research and Development Corporation, (GRDC), the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) and international logistics German firm, DB Schenker.

For any questions and or requests regarding the AgriFutures™ Rice Program please contact Lucinda ([lucinda.staley@agrifutures.com.au](mailto:lucinda.staley@agrifutures.com.au)).

### RD&E Update: 21-22 August

The Rice RD&E Update (21-22 August) provides researchers, growers and industry representatives with the opportunity to hear directly about the latest research from the AgriFutures™ Rice Program.

**Where:** Yanco Agricultural Institute, Narrandera Road, Yanco NSW.

**RSVP:** online via [agrifuturesriceupdate.eventbrite.com.au](http://agrifuturesriceupdate.eventbrite.com.au)

### evoke<sup>AG</sup>. 2020

evoke<sup>AG</sup>. is returning to the iconic Royal Exhibition Building in Melbourne, Australia on 18-19 February 2020. Our inaugural event was a sell-out and those wishing to attend in 2020 are encouraged to secure their tickets. This year we have discounted Primary Producer tickets selling for \$770 and student tickets for \$440 (inc GST). [evokeag.com/#tickets](http://evokeag.com/#tickets)

### 2019 AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholar

Meet 2019 AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholar Mikaela Tilse. Mikaela is studying a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the University of Sydney and has a keen interest in AgriFutures™ Rice Program.

Agriculture is in Mikaela's blood. She grew up showing cattle and following her Dad and Grandfather around their family owned orchard and vineyard in the Hunter Valley NSW.

As part of her university placement, Mikaela spent two weeks with the Rice Growers Association of Australia (RGA) in Leeton learning about the Australian rice industry shadowing the Rice Extension team, agronomists, touring the mill and attending water policy and irrigation meetings, amongst other things.

"The experience opened my eyes to the huge scale of agriculture across the Riverina and the opportunities in ag right across Australia," Mikaela said.

RGA Executive Director Graeme Kruger was delighted to hear Mikaela had been awarded the scholarship.

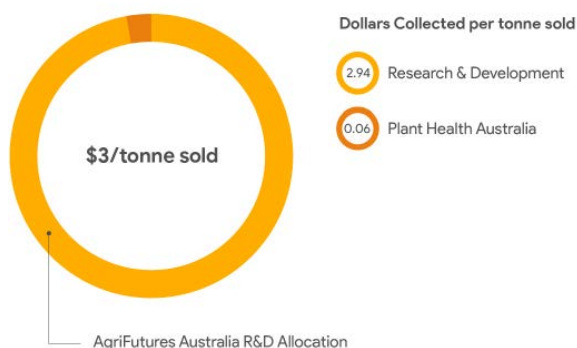
"Mikaela certainly impressed our whole team when she completed her placement with us in 2018. The AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarships are one of the many initiatives supported by the various organisations and stakeholders in the rice family. We know that when we invest in people we ultimately invest in the long term viability of the Australian rice industry," said Graeme.

Mikaela is excited about agriculture's role in its broader sense and its economic, political and social impact. "It's not just about producing food but more broadly how agriculture can support the communities which produce food and water," said Mikaela.

The 2020 AgriFutures™ Horizon Scholarship applications open in October 2019 [agrifutures.com.au/horizon-scholarship](http://agrifutures.com.au/horizon-scholarship)

## About your levy

AgriFutures Australia receives the Rice Research & Development levy to invest in line with the industry objectives of the Five Year RD&E Plan. Up to half of program expenditure, including RD&E expenditure, is matched by the Australian Government at up to 0.5% of industry GVP. The graphs below represent the levy breakdown.



## Supporting emerging leaders in ag

Applications are now open for the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP). The ARLP is a 15-month leadership development program that takes places over five sessions across Australia and Vietnam.

Over 30 \$50,000 scholarships are available for people working in or wanting to contribute to the development of rural, regional and remote Australia. AgriFutures Australia is pleased to sponsor a ARLP recipient in Course 27 and welcomes applications from the rice industry.

If you're interested in putting forward an application please speak with Lucinda ([lucinda.staley@agrifutures.com.au](mailto:lucinda.staley@agrifutures.com.au)).

Apply now [rural-leaders.org.au](http://rural-leaders.org.au)

Read more about past AgriFutures Australia ARLP recipients and the program [agrifutures.com.au/ARLP](http://agrifutures.com.au/ARLP)

## Current projects (Rice)

Project ID	Project Name	Finish	Principal Investigator	Research Organisation
PRJ-009805	Next Generation Healthy Rice	13/06/2019	Blanchard, Chris	Charles Sturt University
PRJ-010188	Rice Pest and Disease Biosecurity II	30/09/2019	Stevens, Mark	NSW DPI
PRJ-011226	Australian Rural Leadership Program 2018 - Course 25 - Troy Mauger	15/11/2019	Kruger, Graeme	RGA
PRJ-010705	Post Graduate 'top-up' Scholarship - C Rixon	16/01/2020	Rixon, Charissa	Central Queensland University
PRJ-010712	Post Graduate 'top-up' Scholarship - M Van Leeuwen	1/02/2020	Van Leeuwen, Matthew	University of Western Sydney
PRJ-009790	Rice variety nitrogen & agronomic management	15/05/2020	Dunn, Brian	NSW DPI
PRJ-009950	Australian Rice Partnership 2	30/05/2020	Slinger, Deb	NSW DPI
PRJ-010696	Extension for improved efficiency and sustainability in the rice industry	30/07/2020	Mauger, Troy	RGA
PRJ-010758	Post Graduate 'top-up' Scholarship - J Opena	31/07/2020	Opena, Jhoana	Charles Sturt University
PRJ-011075	Rice Industry Leadership Program	15/08/2020	Massina, Ainsley	RGA
PRJ-011058	Improving mid-season nitrogen management of rice	1/06/2021	Dunn, Brian	NSW DPI
PRJ-011136	Rice Weed Management in Australia	30/05/2022	Taylor, Malcolm	Agropraisals Pty Ltd
PRJ-011067	Traits of importance for aerobic 'DryRice' varieties for the Riverina region	10/06/2022	Mitchell, Jaquie	The University of Queensland
PRJ-011136	Rice Weed Management in Australia	30/05/2022	Taylor, Malcolm	Agropraisals Pty Ltd