



Ben Coleman Award 2023

In 2019, the ASGC introduced a new travel and study award valued at \$5000 to recognise the selfless commitment to our industry by a farmer. This award has been established in memory of Ben Coleman, from Mt Moriah on the Central Darling Downs, who was lost to the industry too soon in late 2017. Ben demonstrated passion and was involved in many grains industry committees, activities and networks. Ben had a unique perspective being a part-time farmer whilst being a rural banker, who then left the bank to expand his family's farming business. He empathised with farmers and worked hard for better outcomes for growers through selfless involvement in the grains industry.

Eligible entrants must be a practicing full time farmer and be nominated by industry or their peers.

Entrants will be interviewed by a judging panel from a representative of Suncorp Agribusiness, a Grains Research Foundation Member, a Central Darling Downs Grower Group Member and a Clifton Allora Topcrop Group Member. Finalists for the award will then be selected, notified and invited to attend the conference dinner and awards ceremony where the winner will be announced.

Entries open 26 September 2022 and close on 1st February 2023

Evaluation and Judging Criteria

1. Demonstrated local, regional, intrastate and interstate representation in industry organisations
2. Demonstrated commitment to industry by involvement in RD&E of new agricultural practices, products, innovations or solutions for farmers (provision of trial sites, collaboration or cooperation with various ag departments, research bodies, universities, scientists and ag supply and R&D companies), allowing growers to lead and shape RD&E
3. An ability to lead, organise, inspire and coordinate growers (neighbours, peers and friends, grower groups) to achieve outcomes for grain growers
4. Professionalism, integrity and credibility
5. Involvement, contribution to local agriculture and impact in your farming community.

Conditions of entry

1. Nominees must be a full time farmer
2. The judges will award on a competitive and meritorious basis
3. Completed applications must be emailed to the Awards committee by (c/-asgc@kamevents.com.au) by 5.00pm Tuesday 1st February 2023. Nominations will be acknowledged, however it is the applicants responsibility to confirm that their full application has been received by the due date if no acknowledgement is received.
4. The four finalists must attend the conference awards dinner
5. No late applications or nominations will be accepted
6. The winner of the ASGC Farmer Award will be expected to provide a short biography and report (upto 500 words) and supply some photographs on their conference attendance for publication on the ASGC website and in post-conference ASGC communications and publications. This report must be submitted by the 1st May 2023.
7. The winner agrees to media interviews and approved editorials post-conference
8. The decision of the Awards Committee and judging panel is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the decision of the award's recipient.



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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 Farmer Details

Name: _____

Location _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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 of the following grains industry contributions by your nominee to the Summer Grains industry:

1. Membership or involvement in industry organisations, committees, panels or organisations supporting grain growers-please list?

2. Commitment to grower led research, development and extension (RD&E) via support of/cooperation/provision of trial sites, information, time, or other in-kind contributions?



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3. Activities to show leadership, organisation, coordination and inspiration of growers by collaboration and cooperation (e.g. organising grower trips to other industries, sectors, machinery providers, car trips with neighbours to look at a new innovation somewhere etc)?

4. Activities involving the local farming community.

5. Previous recognition/awards or examples of industry leadership (hosting/speaking at field days etc)?

6. Any additional information which you feel may assist in the consideration of the application of the nominee?

Signature of nominator: _____ **Date:** _____