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Development of young professionals in the Ag industry is imperative to our success

Dr Kathy Ophel Keller (ex SARDI) has mentored dozens of young professionals through various roles in industry – listen to her experiences

AIA Compendium Project Officer & Student Award Recipient Emily Chambers will present her acceptance speech

AIA Compendium Communications & Social Intern Grace Moloney will provide a short video describing her experiences

“Developing young professionals in Ag & NRM”

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10th October 2023

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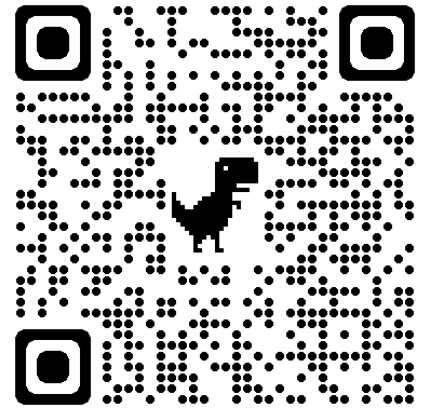
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Our key note presentation will be from Dr Kathy Ophel Keller, immediate past Executive Director South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI). Kathy has mentored dozens of young professionals through various roles in industry.

Dr Ophel Keller was one of the 74 people awarded a Public Service Medal (PSM) for the 2023 King's Birthday Honours, being for "outstanding public service to the agricultural industry through research and innovative leadership". Kathy retired from her role as executive director at the South Australian Research and Development Institute (SARDI) in October last year after an over 25-year career.

With a background in soil microbiology, her most significant science achievement was the development of rapid DNA-based testing for soil-borne pathogens.

Ophel Keller also established an internship to encourage agricultural science graduates to develop their careers in applied research.

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