

KEYNOTE AND GUEST SPEAKERS

We have the pleasure of several keynote and guest speakers who will be joining us at the ASSCT Conference. The official opening and initial keynote session will be held in the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre at 9:00 am on Tuesday 30 April 2019.



- The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Southern Queensland, Prof Geraldine Mackenzie, will open the conference and welcome the delegates to USQ and Toowoomba. We have asked Prof Mackenzie to share with us her vision of how universities contribute to the viability, competitiveness and future of mature agricultural industries (such as the Australian sugar industry), especially in terms of research and innovation, education, graduate training, collaboration and value-adding.

- Our international keynote speaker is Dr Jean Claude Autrey, General Secretary of the

International Society of Sugar Cane Technologists and the Chancellor of the University of Mauritius. Dr Autrey is a former Director of the Mauritius Sugar Industry Research Institute (MSIRI) and brings a wealth of knowledge of sugar industries around the world. He has agreed to share his insights on the competitiveness of various sugarcane industries in an era of low sugar prices.



A number of guest speakers will join us in the later afternoon/early evening during a general session just prior to the Welcome Function. This amended format will enable our guests and delegates to mingle, interact and continue discussions in a relaxed atmosphere.

Among these guest speakers are:

- The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP, Federal Member for Groom, who is an experienced politician. He has previously served as a Toowoomba Regional Councillor and an elected Member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly for Toowoomba South. He was the Queensland Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry from April 2012 to February 2015. More recently, Dr McVeigh was the Federal Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government. He holds a Bachelor's degree and PhD from USQ. Dr McVeigh will share with us some of his rounded experiences and well-informed perceptions of future developments.

- Mr Dan Galligan, Chief Executive Officer of CANEGROWERS and a former CEO of the Queensland Farmers' Federation. Dan originally hailed from a mixed farming enterprise on the Darling Downs. He has a formal background in applied science and rural systems management. We look forward to Dan's insights on the future of our industry especially given his experience in extension and research, and his negotiation skills on various issues and topics relating to natural resource management and items of concern to the industry.

REGISTRATION FORM - TAX INVOICE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF SUGAR CANE TECHNOLOGISTS LIMITED ABN 11 075 608 098 2019 CONFERENCE

to be held in Toowoomba from Tuesday 30 April to Friday 3 May 2019

This form, when completed, should be returned together with the Registration Fees to:

The Honorary General Secretary
Australian Society of Sugar Cane Technologists Ltd
PO Box 5596, MACKAY MAIL CENTRE, QLD 4741
Phone: (07) 4954 3956 Fax: (07) 4829 4115
Email: admin@assct.com.au Website: <http://www.assct.com.au>

Conference Fees are to be paid by **15 March 2019**
There is a **\$40** surcharge for late registration

MEMBER/DELEGATE REGISTRATION:

Surname: _____ Title: _____ Given Names: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____ Mobile: _____

Specify: Life Member Full/Associate/Overseas Member Delegate of Supporting Member Non-Member

Preferred name on badge: _____ Name of employer: _____

DIETARY NEEDS: Please advise any special dietary requirements for the Conference by 9 April by emailing: admin@assct.com.au

Received after 15 March 2019

Registration Fee: \$350 per member/delegate	\$ _____	Late registration fee: \$390 per member/delegate	\$ _____
Registration Fee: \$280 for Life member	\$ _____	Late registration fee: \$320 for Life member	\$ _____
Registration Fee: \$400 for Non-member	\$ _____	Late registration fee: \$440 for Non-member	\$ _____

PARTNER REGISTRATION:

A separate partners' program has been arranged for partners who are not attending the Conference technical sessions.

Name of partner: (preferred name on badge): _____ Partners postal address: _____

Partners email: _____ Partners contact mobile while in Toowoomba: _____

Registration Fee: \$300 \$ _____ *Participation in all tours cannot be guaranteed for those partners', who register after 1ST April, 2019.*

EXTRA SOCIAL FUNCTION TICKETS:

One ticket for each of these functions is included in conference and partners registration.

Only complete this section if not registering to the conference or for partners' program.

Welcome Function tickets @ \$60 each \$ _____ Conference Dinner tickets @ \$100 each \$ _____

Refund Policy: Once registered, delegates no longer able to attend the Conference may be replaced by another delegate from the same organisation by notifying the Secretariat any time prior to the Conference. For non-attendance, refunds will be granted upon written request up to one week prior to the Conference; an administration fee of \$20 will be deducted from the registration. All refunds will be paid after the Conference and generally take from 2 to 4 weeks. Without exception, there will be no refunds for requests made in the week prior to the Conference.

SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

Online Conference Registration: http://www.assct.com.au/assct_main.php?page_id=220

(due by 28th February, 2019)

Full/Associate for the year ending 28 February 2020: \$100

TOTAL COST: \$ _____

Signed: _____

Costs quoted include 10% GST.

This registration form is a tax invoice for GST purposes.

The ASSCT has a commitment to create an environment which is free from discrimination and harassment and where all members of staff and conference attendees are treated with dignity, courtesy and respect. A copy of the ASSCT Policy on discrimination and sexual harassment can be found at http://www.assct.com.au/assct_main.php?page_id=220



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BROADENING OUR HORIZONS

GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The 41st ASSCT Conference will commence at 9am at the Clive Berghofer Recreation Centre (CBRC), University of Southern Queensland (USQ), Baker Street, Toowoomba, Queensland on Tuesday 30 April 2019. All General, Manufacturing and Agricultural sessions will be held at, or adjacent to, this site. The conference will conclude after the tours on Friday 3 May 2019.

The **Welcoming Function** will be held on the **Tuesday evening** (30 April), **Happy Hour** on the **Wednesday evening** (1 May) and the **Conference Dinner, Award Presentation and Closing Ceremony** on Thursday night (2 May).

General enquiries can be directed to:

The Honorary General Secretary

Phone: **(07) 4954 3956** Fax: **(07) 4829 4115**

E-mail: admin@assct.com.au Website: <http://www.assct.com.au>

CONFERENCE THEME

Our theme is **BROADENING OUR HORIZONS** – asking delegates to step over the Great Dividing Range and look around, interact with others, learn and listen in novel environments, and partake in the updated format of our conference.

ASSCT WEBSITE

The Society's web site, <http://www.assct.com.au>, contains information about **online Conference registration**, Membership, Conference arrangements, Sponsors, Exhibitors and the presentation of papers.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration for Full/Associate Members & Delegates of Supporting Members will be \$350 but this increases to \$390 for payments after 15 March 2019. Life Members registration is \$280 increasing to \$320 after 15 March 2019 and the registration for Non-Members will be \$400 increasing to \$440 after 15 March 2019. The registration fee provides entry to all Conference sessions, the Welcome Function, Happy Hour and Conference Dinner, morning and afternoon teas and lunches on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and morning tea on Friday for those attending the Manufacturing and Agricultural tours. The fee also covers bus transport for the Conference, tours & social functions.

For delegates and partners not registering for the Conference, tickets are available for the two social functions at individual cost.

- Welcome Function (Tues) in the University Quadrangle, USQ - \$60.
- Conference Dinner (Thurs) at the Refectory, USQ - \$100.

ASSCT CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

An electronic copy of ASSCT Conference Proceedings is mailed prior to the Conference to all ASSCT members who have paid their membership fees (\$100) for 2019. An electronic copy of the Conference Proceedings is included in the Conference registration fee.

INDUSTRY EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

The Industry Equipment Exhibition will be located within and adjacent to the CBRC at USQ. Lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided in the Exhibition area during breaks in Conference sessions.

CONFERENCE TOURS

For interested delegates, there will be manufacturing and agricultural tours on Friday morning (3 May).

The **Manufacturing tour** will commence from the CBRC (08:00) and will include a visit to the Wivenhoe Dam pumped hydro-generation facility. The tour will conclude at midday at Wivenhoe en route from Toowoomba to Brisbane. People travelling in the bus will return to Toowoomba, however some delegates may opt to continue travelling privately on to their planned destinations.

The **Agricultural tour** will commence from the CBRC (08:00) and will head west. The tour will include visits to a broadacre grain and cotton farm, and local agricultural equipment and machinery businesses. Places of interest will be pointed out en route. The tour will conclude back at the CBRC at about midday.

More information will be available on the ASSCT website at a later date.

GRADUATES

The ASSCT will be supporting graduates and young professional staff at the 2019 ASSCT Conference in Toowoomba. Twenty complementary registrations will be made available for this purpose. To make this initiative a success we need to gauge the interest from industry groups. Please reply to ASSCT Admin (Sonia Head) by return email to admin@assct.com.au as soon as possible but no later than the end of January.

PARTNERS' PROGRAM

A separate partners' program has been arranged for partners who are not attending the Conference technical sessions. The partner's registration fee of \$300 covers the cost of the Welcome Cocktail Function, the Conference Dinner and all events on the partners' program. A more detailed itinerary will be available on the ASSCT website. Day-trips are planned for the Tuesday (30 April 2019) after the Official Opening, the Wednesday (1 May), and morning of Thursday (2 May). The program will include visits to places of interest and will include lunch and morning/afternoon teas as applicable.

TRAVEL TO TOOWOOMBA

Travel options to and from Toowoomba include flights via Brisbane or Toowoomba (Brisbane West Wellcamp) airports. Several companies provide shuttle bus/coach services at regular intervals between Brisbane Airport and Toowoomba.

These include The Airport Flyer (<https://www.theairportflyer.com.au>), Murrays Coaches (<https://www.murrays.com.au>) and Greyhound Australia (<https://greyhound.com.au>). Taxi services and car hire dealers are available at both airports.

ACCOMMODATION

A selection of accommodation options (hotels and motels) during the 2019 ASSCT Conference in Toowoomba are listed below. This includes the option of on-campus college-type accommodation at USQ. All accommodation arrangements should be made directly with the motel/hotel/college of your choice. Phone numbers and website addresses are provided below. Please mention the ASSCT Conference to access possible conference rates. However, this is not applicable in all cases. This information can also be found on the ASSCT website. Toowoomba is a popular destination for travelers, so early accommodation arrangements are recommended.

ACCOMMODATION OPTION	ADDRESS	PHONE	DISTANCE TO ASSCT VENUE	WEBSITE	EXAMPLE OF ROOM AND INDICATIVE PRICE
USQ Residential College	USQ, Baker Street	07 4731 2650	200 m	www.usq.edu.au/accommodation/short-stay-accommodation	Single room incl breakfast \$(95/night)
On-campus	Toowoomba				
Allan Cunningham Motel* ***☆	808 Ruthven Street Toowoomba	07 4635 5466	4.4 km	www.allancunninghammotel.com.au	Queen room (\$140/night)
Athena on James Street ****	214 James Street Toowoomba	07 4638 5056	6.6 km	www.athenamotelapartments.com.au	Studio (\$150/night)
Burke & Wills Hotel* ****	554 Ruthven Street Toowoomba	1800 633 679 07 4632 2433	7.0 km	www.burkeandwillshotel.com.au	Queen room (\$180/night)
City Golf Club Motel ****	775 Ruthven Street Toowoomba	07 4636 9999	4.8 km	www.citygolfmotel.com.au	Exec Queen (\$170/night)
Eastgate Motel on the Range ****	22 Burnage Street Toowoomba	07 4620 0888	9.5 km	www.eastgate.com.au	Queen room (\$145/night)
Glenfield Comfort Inn* ***	876 Ruthven Street Toowoomba	07 4635 4466	3.8 km	www.comfortinnglenfield.com.au	Queen room (\$130/night)
Highlander Motor Inn ****	226 James Street Toowoomba	07 4638 4955	5.2 km	www.highlandermotorinn.com.au	Queen room (\$150/night)
James Street Motor Inn ****	88 James Street Toowoomba	07 4639 0200	7.7 km	www.jamesstmotorinn.com.au	Queen room (\$140/night)
Leichhardt Motor Inn* ***	682 Ruthven Street Toowoomba	07 4638 4644	6.0 km	www.leichhardtmotorinn.com.au	Queen room (\$120/night)
Motel Glenworth ***	1 Margaret Street Toowoomba	07 4638 1799	9.5 km	www.motelglenworth.com.au	Queen room (\$120/night)
Park Motor Inn* ***	88 Margaret Street Toowoomba	07 4632 1011	7.9 km	www.parktoowoomba.com.au	Queen room (\$125/night)
Quest Toowoomba* ****	133 Margaret Street Toowoomba	07 4690 2222	7.5 km	www.questtoowoomba.com.au	Studio (\$235/night)
Toowoomba Central Plaza* ****	532 Ruthven Street Toowoomba	07 4688 3333	7.0 km	www.toowoombacentralplaza.com.au	Studio (\$190/night)
Villa Nova* ***	736 Ruthven Street Toowoomba	07 4636 9200	5.3 km	www.villanovamotel.com.au	Queen room \$170/night)

TRANSPORT

Buses will be available for delegates from designated pick-up points near certain motels/hotels* (see above table). Buses will travel to and from USQ on Tuesday to Friday morning of the conference. A bus schedule will be available closer to the conference.

A MESSAGE FROM THE TOOWOOMBA REGION

The University of Southern Queensland and the Toowoomba region are delighted to support the ASSCT Conference. We warmly welcome you to our delightful city and wish you an enjoyable stay and rewarding conference experience!

Toowoomba is a 90-minute drive from Brisbane and is the gateway to the Darling Downs, Southern Downs and Granite Belt. Although it is Southern Queensland's largest in-land city, there is still a definite country town atmosphere! Toowoomba is located on the edge of the Great Dividing Range at about 700 m above sea level, and overlooks the picturesque Lockyer Valley. The conference period is ideal for seeing Toowoomba in its autumn colours! If you have some time available it is well worth exploring the city and adjacent areas. You may even want to venture slightly south to Warwick and /or Stanthorpe, or visit some of the attractions to the west and north of the city! As Toowoomba is known to get pleasantly chilly at night and in the early mornings during autumn, you should consider bringing an extra jumper or coat for evening outings!