

Media Release



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Rice quality on the menu at symposium

Rice quality from paddock to plate will be on the menu at a research symposium being hosted by the [Functional Grains Centre \(FGC\)](#) at Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Wagga Wagga.

The Australian Rice Quality Symposium on Wednesday 19 July is organised by the FGC in collaboration with the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC) and NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

FGC Director Professor Chris Blanchard said, “The aim is to bring together stakeholders including growers, processors and scientists to highlight current projects to improve rice quality and to develop a plan for future investment in research and development.

“Functional Grains Centre researchers will explain projects examining the potential health benefits of coloured rice, the digestibility of stored rice, measuring the glycaemic index or GI of rice, and how what happens on-farm can impact on rice quality.”

The symposium will hear from the Australian Farm Institute’s General Manager Research Mr Richard Heath and NSW Trade and Investment senior export advisor Mr Wayne Murphy.

Industry representatives, including a rice grower and SunRice will also address the symposium, along with NSW DPI rice breeders.

It will be held at the National Wine and Grape Industry Training Centre, building 412 near car park 61 off Mambarra Drive, CSU in Wagga Wagga.

The symposium is free but places are limited and people can register to attend here <http://www.trybooking.com/QTUP>.

Funded by the Australian Research Council, the Functional Grains Centre is an initiative of the [Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation](#).

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The Graham Centre is a research alliance between Charles Sturt University (CSU) and the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI)