



# AIRG 2010 NATIONAL MEETING

Craigieburn Resort, Bowral, New South Wales

How can R&D Managers  
influence and improve  
the future of Australasian  
research and innovation?

February 21–23 **2010**



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# Meeting Program

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Craigieburn Resort, Bowral,  
Southern Highlands,  
New South Wales  
**February 21 – 23, 2010**

### ☐ Sunday 21 February

13:00 & 15:00

Buses leave Sydney airport for Bowral (tentative)

#### **ARRIVAL AT BOWRAL:**

16:00 Closed panel session with senior DIISR personnel regarding changes to the R&D tax concession program.

19:00 Barbeque on the lawn at the Craigieburn Resort

### ☐ Monday 22 February morning

☐ 08:15 **DAY ONE COMMENCES**

08:15 Introduction to meeting and its purpose  
David Hughes (AIRG President)

08:30 **Session 1: Current Situation and Leaders' Views of the Future**

*A number of well-recognized Australian and New Zealand R&D policy & process thought leaders discuss their views regarding the present and future roles of technology and R&D management relative to the future development of Australasian research and innovation.*

Speakers:

25 minute talks with 5 minutes for Q&A)

08:30 Robin Batterham, President, Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering

09:00 Stephen Goldson, Strategy Advisor, Office of PM's Science Advisory Committee & Chief Science Strategist for AgResearch (NZ)

09:30 Alastair Robertson, CSIRO Deputy Chief Executive, Science

10:00 Trisha Berman, Manager, Innovation Policy, DIISR

10:30 Coffee Break

10:50 Andrew Nash, Senior Vice President, Research, CSL

11:20 Brian Smith, Global Manager, Research & Development, BHP Billiton

11:50 Extended panel discussion:

*What are the key elements that attendees see relative to the expressed views of the plenary speakers? What might be takeaways from this session for the group?*

### ☐ Monday 22 February afternoon

12:30 **INFORMAL LUNCH**

13:30 **Session 2: The Evolving Face of Australasian Technology Management"**

*From a "within company" orientation, in this session several senior industry speakers and a well-known academic review how industry in our region is seeking to "Do R&D Better", including the role of ICT in R&D, and the impacts of scale of activity, etc.*

Speakers:

25 minute talks with 5 minutes for Q&A

13:30 Ken Mirams, Country Manager, Australia & New Zealand, Dow/Rohm & Haas Joint Venture

14:00 Ian Harrison, Director, Research & Development, AWA Global Refining, Alcoa of Australia

14:30 Prof. Roy Green, Dean, Faculty of Business, University of Technology, Sydney

15:00 Richard Paynting, CEO, Value-on-Innovation Pty Ltd.

15:30 **Afternoon Tea**

Move to break out sessions as soon as tea is obtained

15:45 Round table breakout session

*Small company view; public sector R&D view, large company view (broken up into primary industry; secondary industries?)*

16:30 Feedback to plenary session from each Table.

*Session Chair to seek out commonalities and differences between the various groupings.*

17:15 **END DAY ONE PROGRAM**

17:30 **GENERAL MEETING OF AIRG**

18:30 for 19:00

**CONFERENCE DINNER:**

At Centennial Vineyards, a nearby Bowral area winery

J.H. (Hutch) Ranck, DuPont ANZ / ASEAN

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## How can R&D Managers Influence & Improve the Future of Australasian Research and Innovation?

### □ Tuesday 23 February morning

#### 08:15 DAY TWO

08:15 Review meeting position, following day one. David Hughes, President, AIRG

#### 08:20 Session 3: Stakeholder Influence - Influencing Stakeholders

*Four speakers working in strategic positions in industry and/or at the industry/government interface discuss how they are working to influence government and corporate stakeholders, including describing best practices in receiving support for industrial R&D*

Speakers:

25 minute talks with 5 minutes each for Q&A

08:20 Laurie Hammond – Founder, InQbator & Director, IQ Capital Management

08:50 Kevin Marshall, Company Director, (NZ)

09:20 Amanda Caples, Director, Science & Technology Programs, DIIRD (Vic Govt)

09:50 John Kapelaris, Deputy CEO, Australian Institute for Commercialisation

10:20 Coffee Break

10:35 Round table breakout session

*Considerations from small company view; public sector R&D providers view, large company views, (broken up into primary & secondary industries; industry-bodies' view; government views)*

11:15 Feedback to plenary session

*Session Chair to seek out commonalities and differences between the various groupings.*

11:45 LUNCH

### □ Tuesday 23 February afternoon

#### 12:45 Session 4: Cross-Industry Sharing and Comparisons

*Given that Australia and New Zealand are far from other nations with well-recognised capabilities in high performance R&D and innovation management, speakers in this final session will consider how can we, as a group, as nations, or as a region, best support continuing research and technology; either across any one industry in Australasia and/or between industries and sectors.*

Speakers:

25 minute talks with 5 minutes each for Q&A

12:45 Roslyn Prinsley, General Manager, New Industries, Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation

13:15 Michael Hartman, CEO, Cooperative Research Centres Association

13:45 Nick Ashby, Business Manager, Plant & Food Research (NZ)

14:15 Role of AIRG, Meeting Wrap-up  
David Hughes, President, AIRG

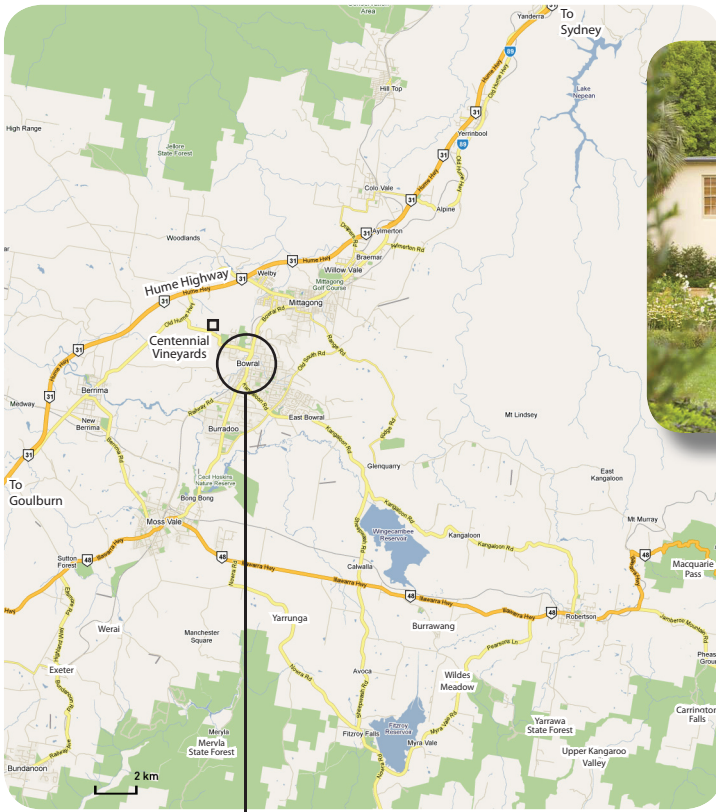
*Extended general discussion between speaker/panellists (panellists may include earlier speakers also) and all attendees. Session chair will facilitate. What are the key issues and opportunities? What should AIRG do on behalf of its members to facilitate positive change?*

14:50 Meeting Close

15:00 Buses leave for Sydney Airport



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**ABOUT CRAIGIEBURN RESORT CONFERENCE VENUE**

- Stunning rural property on the outskirts of Bowral. Originally built in 1887 with 2009 marking 100 years of resort operation
- 72 guest rooms spread across two wings
- 9 hole private golf course, fly-fishing, gymnasium, billiards room etc
- Historic 36 hectare garden & natural bush estate
- Montfort's Restaurant for fine food and ambience

**ABOUT BOWRAL AND THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS**

Bowral is about 2½ hours south of Sydney airport in the Southern Highlands region of New South Wales.  
See: <http://www.thesouthernhighlands.com.au> for details.

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**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Conference registration	AIRG reps/ affiliates/meeting co-sponsors	AIRG Associates	Non-Member rate (ie neither AIRG nor co-sponsor members)	Attendee spouses/partners	Number attending	Item total
Welcome Dinner/barbeque	\$80	\$80	\$80	\$80		
Conference registration (Full)	\$500	\$175	\$650	\$0		
Conference registration (Daily)	\$350	\$100	\$450	\$0		
Conference Dinner (external restaurant) incl. beverage	\$130	\$130	\$130	\$130		

Accommodation - NB Craigieburn Resort has been booked out for AIRG. Accommodation is limited. AIRG will be charged if there are cancellations or rooms that are not booked.

Accommodation costs to stay at Craigieburn Resort @ 70 rooms	Guest rooms	Cost per night	Number of nights	Cost
Superior room - Single room	40	\$180		
Traditional room - Twin room	30	\$238		
Breakfast (included)			Total:	

Names: Conference Attendee: .....

Spouse /partner: .....

Total cost: ..... Credit Card: ..... Expiry Date: .....  
(Visa, Mastercard, AMEX etc) (xx/yyyy)

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