

# GROWING SMARTER IN THE MALLEE 2022

A Regional Summit



## An initiative by the Mallee Regional Innovation Centre

Thursday 5 and Friday 6 May 2022

SuniTAFE SMART Farm, Dairtnunk Ave, Irymple, Victoria

**JOIN OTHER GROWERS TO SEE THE LATEST INNOVATIVE HORTICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ACTION, AND DISCOVER HOW THEY CAN HELP US MEET OUR LOCAL AND INDUSTRY-WIDE CHALLENGES.**

Irrigated horticulture is a great success story for the region – driving employment, exports and wealth creation. But it is facing major challenges including labour shortages, market restrictions, climate impacts, low water flows and pest risks.

Despite this, we have good reason to be optimistic – innovation in production means we are well-placed to build a smarter and more sustainable future for the region.

Automation will help us tackle labour shortages while building a skilled local workforce. More accurate yield estimates and integrated irrigation will add precision to our production management. Drone-based sensors will help us spot plant stress and disease at an early stage.

In May 2022, come and see the next generation of agtech can transform your operations at the ***Growing Smarter in the Mallee 2022*** regional summit.

This two-day summit is an initiative of the Mallee Regional Innovation Centre. The event will give you the opportunity to get hands-on experience at the SuniTAFE SMART Farm.

You'll meet industry experts working on real solutions for our region, and gain insights into how we'll manage sector-wide challenges like climate impacts and innovative financing for future business growth.

***Growing smarter in the Mallee 2022*** will give you access to:

-  **Practical demonstrations** of new equipment
-  **Industry panel sessions** on the latest developments in automation, robotics, remote sensing, yield estimation, data integration and autonomous systems
-  **The latest research** into climate impacts, innovative financing and supply-chain security
-  **Trade stalls** with top agricultural product and service providers
-  **Tours** of the SuniTAFE SMART Farm and AgVic Mildura Smart Farm
-  **An evening dinner** outing to enjoy local cuisine and networking

## BOOKING

Tickets available early 2022



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### Mallee Regional Innovation Centre (MRIC)

MRIC drives collaboration to promote innovation in practical research, development, and adoption to address the key challenges of the Mallee in horticulture and natural resource management. It is a local collaboration between the University of Melbourne, La Trobe University and SuniTAFE.