

STRATEGIC PLAN 2024

UNITING AGRIFOOD INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS IN THE SCIENCE OF FEEDING OUR FUTURE



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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT & BOARD

The AIFST has been representing food industry professionals across the agri-food Industry for over 55 years and in that time has seen the development of world leading innovations across the sector.

This work has only been possible with highly skilled and respected professionals that are tireless in their pursuit of knowledge, in its application and in the innovation that this delivers. From paddock to plate across the agri-food industry we stand to represent our members in all aspects of their work.

The 2024 strategy seeks to strengthen the great work that has been done to date including supporting graduates and early career food scientists through ongoing training and mentorship from leaders in the industry. Through a world class convention that brings together thought leaders from Australia and across the world to uncover and discuss new discoveries, insights and applications and through continued advocacy for sound science in the development of policy and regulation.

I encourage all members to leverage the resources of the AIFST and the opportunities for learning, connection and networking that being a part of the organisation offers.

The Board commends this strategy and the work of the CEO Fiona Fleming and her team to offer outstanding value to our members and continue the proud legacy of the AIFST in *“uniting food industry professionals in the science of feeding our future”*.

Dr Michael Depalo,
AIFST President and Board Chair

OUR PURPOSE

Uniting agrifood industry professionals in the science of feeding our future.

OUR MISSION

To empower the agrifood science community through education, collaboration and recognition, championing a robust, innovative evidence-based agrifood industry to address future food needs.

STRATEGIC VISION



AIFST membership is respected and valued within the agrifood industry.



AIFST is the national independent advocate for food science and food science professionals in the agrifood industry.



AIFST is the go-to organisation in the Australian agrifood industry for leading trends, insights and industry news that enhances the industry operating environment.



AIFST is leading the development of food science and technology professionals, by actively supporting career development, shaping education pathways and industry participation.

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Develop Capabilities

Enable our members to continuously enhance their skills, knowledge and confidence.

Financial Sustainability

Ensure the AIFST remains financially secure and always responsive and relevant to its stakeholders.

Build Membership

Grow our community of members and strategic partners for greatest impact on the Australian agrifood sector.



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Educate

Provide a diverse range of tools, platforms and learning forums to educate & strengthen agrifood science expertise.

Curate Knowledge

Provide technical publications and insights relating to new and emerging food science & technology to advance the agrifood sector.

Develop Food Scientists

Develop future generations of food professionals to champion a progressive science based agrifood sector.



CONNECT

Facilitate community connection

Create opportunities for members and stakeholders to meet, connect and build impactful relationships and a connected community.

Deliver Engaging Events

Create activities and gatherings that captivate participants' interest and enthusiasm while educating them about various aspects of food science.

Nurture Strategic Relationships

Create value through deeper connections via a portfolio of defined relationships with key stakeholders.



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Build Trust & Respect

Engage with members, and stakeholders to build trust & respect to champion the Science for the Australia's agrifood sector.

Advocate for Food Science

Contribute actively constructively, respectfully and transparently to the discourse around food and the agrifood sector.

Celebrate Excellence

Promote, recognise and reward excellence in food science and the agrifood sector.

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