

# Tony Rathjen Student Contribution Award

The Tony Rathjen Student Contribution award has been created by the SA Crop Science Society in memory of the late Professor Tony Rathjen. Tony was a founding member of the Crop Science Society and believed strongly in a vibrant interaction between researchers and farmers. The Crop Science Society is centred around a monthly newsletter and meeting, which brings the broad agricultural community together for the dissemination of relevant new research, technical advice and emerging issues involved with crop production. During his long career, Tony was an influential mentor to many students and greatly encouraged innovative thinking and student participation in the debate of agricultural issues. The Tony Rathjen award is designed to encourage students to present their research in a media that is immediately accessible to farmers, as well as to continue his legacy of student participation in the Crop Science Society and the agricultural community.

- Students are encouraged to prepare an article for the Crop Science Society Newsletter. All articles published in monthly newsletters will receive \$100.
- The recipient of the main Tony Rathjen Student Contribution will be decided in December. The student who prepared the best article that highlights excellent agricultural research combined with innovative thinking will be awarded \$500. The recipient will present their research at a Crop Science Society meeting.

## **Application process:**

- Eligibility - anyone studying, undertaking a Honours, Masters, PhD or any research project related to agriculture
- Applicants are required to prepare an article of 2-3 pages using plain English and suitable for a farming audience. The following template can be used as a guide. Articles can then be emailed to [kenton.porker@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:kenton.porker@adelaide.edu.au)
- Each article will be reviewed and assessed on merit by the President, editor and members of the Crop Science Society sub-committee and will normally be limited to 8-10 articles per year, depending on the quality of publications.

# Guidelines for article:

=PhD Topic Title

Author, location and contact email

Research highlights:

- Some very brief dot points highlighting the major observations to date that are significant

Why do this research?

*Please make this a brief introduction to your topic in plain English and free from scientific jargon that addresses the following broad questions*

- *What is this aim of this research (ie how may this benefit farmers, how does my topic fit into crop production at the farm level),*
- *What are the main research problems/questions that need addressing*

What and how am I doing the research

*avoid detailed methodology please briefly outline your approach to this research (ie this could be as simple as , in order to identify key traits involved with salt tolerance in wheat I am using a diverse set of wheat germplasm that will be grown across a series of glasshouse and field trials containing different salt gradients)*

What have you found?

*This section should include any key observations or results from your research. Figures, photos, and tables are all welcome in this section. **Commentary, discussion and conclusion***