



**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**14 – 16 June 2021**



**Conference Program**





# Event Itinerary

## ***Networking Events***

Monday, 14 June  
4:00pm to 6:00pm

**Sponsor & Exhibitor Networking Session**  
Tailrace Centre, Riverside

Tuesday, 15 June  
5:00pm to 6:30pm

**Industry Networking Event**  
Tailrace Centre, Riverside

## ***Conference Sessions Events***

Tuesday, 15 June  
8:45am to 5:00pm

**Conference Day 1**  
Tailrace Centre, Riverside

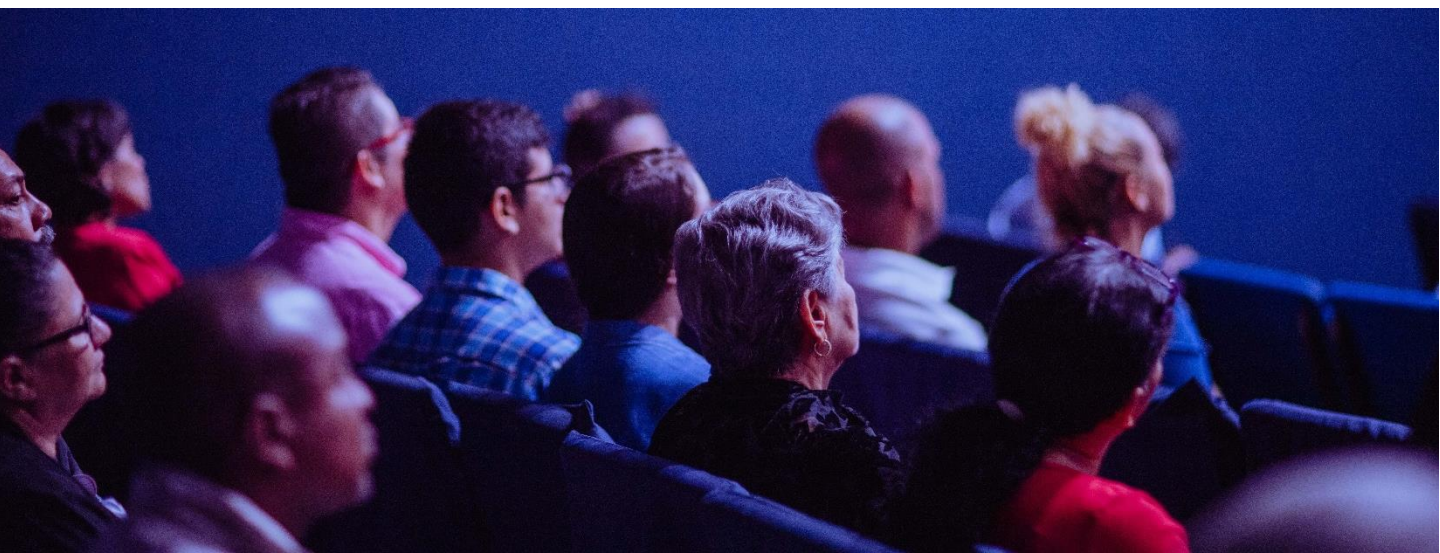
Wednesday, 16 June  
8:30am to 4:40pm

**Conference Day 2**  
Tailrace Centre, Riverside

## ***Conference Sessions Events***

Wednesday, 16 June  
6:00pm to 10:00pm

**Tasmanian Fruit Industry Awards Dinner**  
Josef Chromy Wines, Relbia





# Conference Sponsors



## Industry Awards Dinner Sponsor

### *Serve-Ag*

Serve-Ag creates prosperity in agriculture and related industries through our people, agricultural technology, innovation and leadership. Their vision is to be recognised as a leader in our field and to be regarded by our agribusiness clients as delivering good value and easy to do business with.



## Network Drinks Sponsor

### *Willie Smiths*

In 1888, Willie Smith planted the first apple tree in our orchard located in the Huon Valley, Tasmania. Our apples are juiced, fermented and bottled, all on the farm – orchard to bottle if you will. With a new focus on organic farming and the use of the apples in our cider, we hope to bring back the glory of the “Apple Isle” days once more.



## Session Sponsors

### *Visy*

Visy is a global leader in packaging and resource recovery, and has been a pioneer in sustainability since our inception. Visy offer a broad range of services to small, medium or large businesses that require branded packaging, corrugated diecut packaging, folding cartons, point of sale displays and other products.



Tasmanian  
Government

### *Biosecurity Tasmania*

Biosecurity Tasmania is responsible for leading the biosecurity effort in Tasmania in partnership with the community and industry. Working across all layers of industry Biosecurity Tasmania regulate the safe movement of fresh fruit and vegetables into and out of Tasmania



## Break Sponsors

### *Opal*

Opal is a new and innovative renewable packaging company which is part of the Nippon Paper Group. Opal's key operations are in Australia and New Zealand and we have a worldwide network, making us one of Australasia's leading packaging and paper companies.



### *AGCO*

AGCO is a global leader in the design, manufacture and distribution of agricultural solutions, with no other agricultural company in the world offers a more comprehensive range of machines and equipment. AGCO's brands are respected, experienced and diverse, including Challenger, Fendt, GSI, Massey Ferguson and Valtra.



# Conference Day 1

**Tuesday, 15 June 2021**

**Tailrace Centre, Launceston**

8:15 Registrations open

9:00 Official Opening



## **Session 1 Advanced Production Systems**

9:30 Session opening

9:35 Marcel Veens Emerging tree fruit production systems

10:15 Ramandeep Singh Sidhu Understanding drivers of fruit quality of 'Envy' Apple

10:30 Laurie Adams Recent UK & EU trends for berry production

10:55 Session close

### ***Morning Tea***



## **Session 2 Labour Management**

11:30 Session opening

11:35 Steve Burdette & Sue Williams Pacific seasonal labour resources

12:15 Kim Layton & Troy Layton Making the SWP work for shorter seasons

12:55 Session close

### ***Lunch***





# Conference Day 1

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**Tailrace Centre, Launceston**

## **Session 3 TIA Research in Horticulture**

14:00 Session opening

14:05 Prof. Dugald Close Efficient use of nitrogen in apples (on behalf of Bi Tan)

14:25 A/Prof. Alistair Gracie Developing mechanical pollination systems in horticulture

14:45 A/Prof. Kara Barry Blueberry rust status, management and new organic fungicide options

15:00 Session close

### ***Afternoon tea***

## **Session 4 New Technology**

15:30 Session opening

15:35 Prof. Roger Stanley Measuring quality and consumer experience with UTAS Test Lab

15:55 Fiona Turner Bitwise Agronomy & GreenView

16:15 Industry Q&A Panel

17:00 Session Close

**17:00 Industry Networking Event**

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-EST. 1888-  
SMITH'S  
HUON VALLEY, TAS.**





# Conference Day 2

**Wednesday, 16 June 2021**

**Tailrace Centre, Launceston**

8:15 Registrations open

8:45 Opening Remarks

## **Session 5 Biosecurity & Disease Management**

8:50 Session opening

8:55 Dr. Rieks van Klinken  
& Dr. Jane Muller

Pest management and systems  
approaches to support  
biosecurity and trade

9:25 Dr. Lloyd Klumpp

Update from the National Fruit  
Fly Council

9:45 Marcel Veens

Pest and disease monitoring  
systems

10:25 Session close

***Morning tea***

**Opal.**

## **Session 6 Supply Chains & Trade**

11:05 Session opening

11:10 Luke Wood

Business supply chain tracking  
and traceability

11:40 Nigel Chynoweth

Air Freight in a COVID-19 World

12:10 Louise Beard

Building consumer value and  
horticultural brand development

12:55 Session close

***Lunch***





# Conference Day 2

**Wednesday, 16 June 2021**

**Tailrace Centre, Launceston**

## **Session 7 Emerging Issues & Opportunities**

14:00 Session opening

14:05 Dr. Jodi Neal Australian Temperate  
Strawberry Breeding Program

14:25 Dr. Britta Denise Hardesty Impacts of plastics in the  
environment

14:45 Dr. Adrian Hunt Hort Frontiers, and what this  
means for horticultural  
research in Tasmania

15:10 Session close

### ***Afternoon tea***

## **Session 8 Looking forward**

15:40 Session opening

15:45 Industry Q&A Panel

16:30 Closing address

16:40 Session Close

**18:00 Tasmanian Fruit Industry Awards Dinner**

