



AWARDS DINNER 7.00 - 10.00PM

NETWORKING FUNCTION 5.00 - 7.00PM



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TASMAN ROOM

BOARDWALK GALLERY

Fruit Growers PROGRAM: FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025 Tasmania			
TIME	SESSION INFORMATION		LOCATION
REGISTRATIONS 8.30 - 9.00AM EXHIBITOR AREA 8.30AM - 2.30PM	REFRESHEMENTS - ON ARRIVAL		FOYER TASMAN ROOM
WELCOME 9.00AM	Welcome Address Nic Hansen – Fruit Growers Tasmania		PLENARY HALL
BUSINESS INNOVATION 9.05AM	Address by Platinum Conference Sponsor - Visy Hort Frontiers - Supporting innovation and adaption Jesse Reader - Hort Innovation Australia		PLENARY HALL
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9.45–11.05AM	BERRY FRUIT – WELLINGTON ROOM Bumblebees in Tas: Current situation & future direction Jon Finch - TIA Coir reuse project update and outcomes Jake Gaudion - RMCG Bronze Leaf Beetle: An emerging pest in berries Lynne Forster – TIA Irrigation for fruit quality Stephen Welsh – Agri-Tech Pacific	POME AND STONE FRUIT – PLENARY HALL Boosting orchard production from the ground up Nigel Swarts - TIA Optimising Gibberellic Acid for Quality Cherries Dugald Close - TIA Rain Covers in Practice: A Grower's Perspective Brent Mcclintock - Pinnacle Fine Foods Practical irrigation maintenance for tree fruit Jamie Zapp - Netafim	WELLINGTON ROOM / PLENARY HALL
MORNING TEA 11.05 - 11.35AM	FEA 11.05 - 11.35AM		TASMAN ROOM
SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT QUALITY 11.35AM-1.30PM	Modernising Orchard Practices: Practical Insights on KGB, Production Quality & Chilean Learnings Kym Green – Ellimatta Orchards From Orchard to Export: Optimising Post-Harvest Quality in Cherries Jake Newnham - Lowdina Orchards Retailers' perspective on domestic fresh food market Belinda Wilson - International Fresh Produce Association ANZ Improving profitability through performance measurement Sarah McArley - AgFirst		PLENARY HALL
LUNCH 1.30 - 2.30PM			TASMAN ROOM
AFTERNOON SESSIONS 2.30-3.40PM	Changing landscape of export markets Wayne Prowse - Fresh Intelligence Changing requirements for labour and workforce Claire McClelland - Australian Fresh Produce Alliance Grower's perspective on profitable quality Kate Sutherland - Burlington Berries		PLENARY HALL
CLOSE 3.40PM	Closing comments and thanks to our sponsors Nic Hansen - Fruit Growers Tasmania		PLENARY HALL









