

PROGRAM: THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025



TIME	SESSION INFORMATION	LOCATION
REGISTRATIONS 9.45 - 10.30AM EXHIBITOR AREA 9.45AM – 5.00PM	MORNING TEA - ON ARRIVAL	FOYER TASMAN ROOM
WELCOME 10.30AM	Welcome Address <i>Nic Hansen – President Fruit Growers Tasmania</i> Conference Opening Address <i>Tasmanian/Australian Government</i>	PLENARY HALL
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS 11.00AM	Address by Platinum Conference Sponsor - Nutrien Ag Solutions My Journey <i>Rob Pennicott – Pennicott Wilderness Tours</i> <i>TBC</i>	PLENARY HALL
RETAILERS' PERSPECTIVE 12.15PM	A retailer's perspective on fresh produce market – Hong Kong <i>Ms Joanne Chen - CEO of Citistore and Unicorn Stores Hong Kong</i>	PLENARY HALL
ASSOCIATION MEMBERS 12.45PM	Special general meeting <i>Nic Hansen – President Fruit Growers Tasmania</i>	PLENARY HALL
LUNCH 1.00 – 2.00PM		TASMAN ROOM
JOURNEY OF GOOD TO GREAT QUALITY 2.00PM	Quality as a growth strategy <i>Tristan Kitchener - Kitchener Partners</i> Our quality journey <i>TBC</i> Case study – table grape industry <i>Tristan Kitchener - Kitchener Partners</i>	PLENARY HALL
AFTERNOON TEA 3.20 - 4.00PM		TASMAN ROOM
PANEL DISCUSSION 4.00PM	Panel Session: Is quality a good business strategy? <i>Tristan Kitchener - Kitchener Partners</i> Panel: <i>Andrew Smith - R&R Smith, Joanne Chen - Citistore and Unicorn Stores Hong Kong, Bianca Cairns – Hort Innovation</i>	PLENARY HALL
CLOSE 4.50PM	Closing comments & thanks to our sponsors <i>Peter Cornish – Fruit Growers Tasmania</i>	PLENARY HALL
NETWORKING FUNCTION 5.00 - 7.00PM	SPONSORED BY HOBART AIRPORT	TASMAN ROOM
EVENING PROGRAM 7.00 - 10.00PM		BOARDWALK GALLERY



PROGRAM: FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025



TIME	SESSION INFORMATION	LOCATION
REGISTRATIONS 8.30 - 9.00AM EXHIBITOR AREA 8.30AM – 2.30PM	REFRESHMENTS - ON ARRIVAL	FOYER TASMAN ROOM
WELCOME 9.00AM	Welcome Address <i>Nic Hansen – Fruit Growers Tasmania</i>	PLENARY HALL
BUSINESS INNOVATION 9.10AM	Address by Platinum Conference Sponsor - Visy Hort Frontiers - Supporting innovation and adaption <i>Jesse Reader - Hort Innovation</i>	PLENARY HALL
CONCURRENT SESSIONS 9.45–11.05AM	<div> BERRY FRUIT – WELLINGTON ROOM Bumblebees in Tas: Current situation & future direction <i>Jon Finch - TIA</i> Coir project outcomes <i>Jake Gaudion - RMCG</i> Weed management in berry production <i>Stuart Doyle - Agvista</i> Irrigation for fruit quality <i>Stephen Welsh – Agri-Tech Pacific</i> </div> <div> POME AND STONE FRUIT – PLENARY HALL Importance of soil health for quality <i>Nigel Swartz - TIA</i> GA Research update <i>Dugald Close - TIA</i> Growers' perspective on rain covers <i>Brent McClintock - Pinnacle Fine Foods</i> Modern irrigation in tree fruit <i>Jamie Zapp - Netafim</i> </div>	WELLINGTON ROOM / PLENARY HALL
MORNING TEA 11.05 - 11.35AM		TASMAN ROOM
SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT QUALITY 11.35AM-1.30PM	KGB Growing systems <i>Kym Green – AL Green & Sons</i> Post harvest quality <i>Jake Newnham - Lowdina Orchards</i> Retailers' perspective on domestic fresh food market <i>Belinda Wilson - International Fresh Produce Association ANZ</i> Improving profitability through performance measurement <i>Sarah McArley - AgFirst</i>	PLENARY HALL
LUNCH 1.30 - 2.30PM		TASMAN ROOM
AFTERNOON SESSIONS 2.30-3.40PM	Changing landscape of export markets <i>Wayne Prowse - Fresh Intelligence</i> Changing requirements for labour and workforce <i>Claire McClelland - Australian Fresh Produce Alliance</i> Growers' perspective on profitable quality <i>Kate Sutherland - Burlington Berries</i>	PLENARY HALL
CLOSE 3.40PM	Closing comments and thanks to our sponsors <i>Nic Hansen - Fruit Growers Tasmania</i>	PLENARY HALL

