



Fruit Growers Tasmania **Conference** **Program 2022**



Thursday & Friday 26 - 27 May
Wrest Point Hotel Casino
Sandy Bay, Tasmania



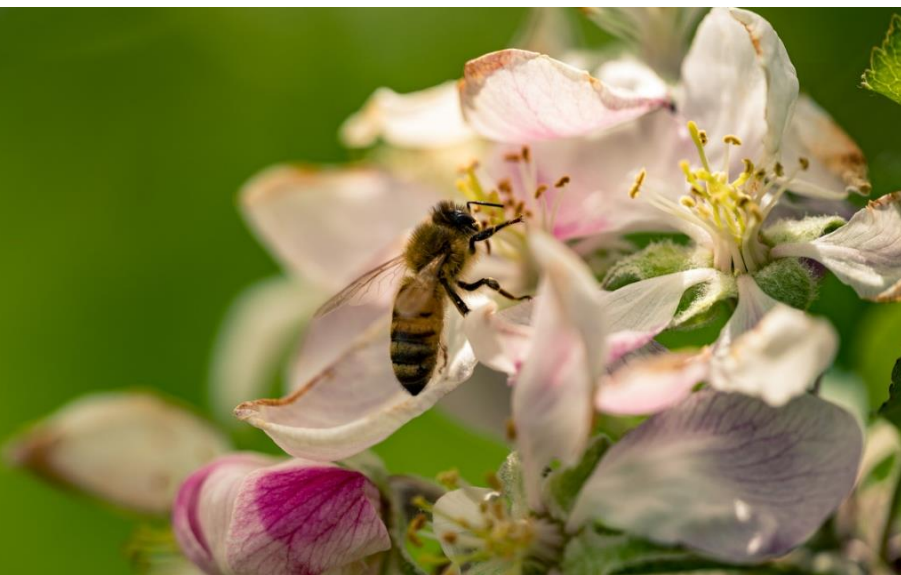
Fruit Growers Tasmania is the peak body representing apple, pear, cherry, berry and stone fruit growers in Tasmania. It is a not-for-profit industry association run by Tasmania's fruit growers, for Tasmania's fruit growers. Together we are the collective voice for Tasmanian fruit growers and a significant economic provider for the state.

Support Us!

Become a **MEMBER**

Becoming an Fruit Growers Tasmania Member connects you with local growers, industry partners, exclusive resources, regional issues, member-only discounts and events.

For more information on how to support Fruit Growers Tasmania or if your business is keen to support Tasmanian fruit growers, check out our website via the QR Code below.





Fruit Growers
Tasmania

Annual Conference Itinerary

26 – 27 May 2022

Auditorium, Wrest Point Hotel Casino, Sandy Bay

Thursday

8:15am	Morning registration
9:00am	Official opening
9:30am	Session 1: Seasonal labour
10:55am	Morning Tea
11:40am	Session 2: Biosecurity
1:00pm	Lunch Break
2:30pm	Session 3: Emerging issues & opportunities
3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
4:10pm	Session 4: Pest & disease management
5:30pm	Closing remarks

5:35pm **Networking Drinks**

Friday

8:15am	Morning registration
9:00am	Guest address
9:20am	Session 1: Trade
10:40am	Morning Tea
11:25am	Session 2: Advanced production
12:45pm	Lunch Break
2:15pm	Session 3: New technology
3:40pm	Afternoon Tea
4:20pm	Growers discussion forum
5:00pm	Closing remarks

7:00pm **Industry Gala Dinner**

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In 1888, Willie Smith planted the first apple tree in their Huon Valley orchard in Tasmania. Their apples are juiced, fermented and bottled, all on the farm. With a new focus on organic farming and the use of the apples in their cider, they hope to bring back the glory of the "Apple Isle" days once more.



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Session and Break Sponsor

Visy is a global leader in packaging and resource recovery, and has been a pioneer in sustainability since their 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.



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Biosecurity Tasmania

Session Sponsor

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 in and out of Tasmania.



Nufarm

Session Sponsor

Nufarm is the only local crop protection manufacturer that is focused on Australia because it's their home. Nufarm is committed to working together with their customers to ensure Australian farmers have quality solutions they can trust.



Nutrien Ag Solutions

Session Sponsor

Nutrien Ag Solutions is a diverse agribusiness with 180 years of experience in Australian agricultural industry and knowledge across a range of different farming areas, including precision farming services, agricultural services, water, finance, insurance, merchandise and real estate.

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UPL

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UPL offers solutions to farmers to optimise farm productivity through innovation and cost-effective products to provide the best value for money. Their mission is to make every food product more sustainable and become a leader for growth, technology and innovation.



Hort Innovation

Session Sponsor

Hort Innovation is the grower-owned, not-for-profit research and development corporation for Australia's horticulture industry. They are committed to sustainable growth in horticulture, by connecting growers and consumers to drive demand, and investing in solutions to improve productivity.



Natural Resources & Environment Tasmania

Session Sponsor

The Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania is responsible for the sustainable management of the State's natural and cultural heritage and the integrity of the racing industry for the benefit of the Tasmanian community.



Opal

Break Sponsor

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



AGCO

Break Sponsor

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



Sumitomo Chemical

Break Sponsor

Sumitomo Chemical Australia conducts local field evaluations of their parent company's products prior to registering and marketing these products for agrosolutions, household insect control, environmental health and professional pest control for use in Australia and New Zealand.



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Day 1

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Official Opening

8:15am	Registration Open	
9:00am	Peter Cornish	Official welcome
9:10am	Brett Fifield	CEO, Hort Innovation



Session 1: Seasonal Labour

Sponsor: Natural Resources & Environment Tasmania

9:30am	Peter Cornish	Hort Award changes – what are they?
9:55am	Laurie Adams	Labour management under the new Hort Award
10:35am	Peter Angel	What does the future of seasonal labour look like?



OPAL Morning Tea Break

10:55am	Morning Tea
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Session 2: Biosecurity

Sponsor: Biosecurity Tasmania

11:40am	Dr Lloyd Klumpp	
12:00pm	Rae Burrows	
12:20pm	Dr Ashley Zamek	
12:40pm	Dr Penny Measham	Fruit fly research update



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Steritech Lunch Break

1:00pm **Lunch Break**



Session 3: Emerging Opportunities

2:30pm **Sponsor: Hort Innovation**

2:35pm **Dr Anthony Kachenko** Progress towards a national Horticulture Sustainability Framework

Grower Panel Discussion



AGCO Afternoon Tea Break

3:30pm **Afternoon Tea**



Session 4: Pest & Disease Management

4:10pm **Sponsor: Nufarm**

4:15am **David Rumbold** Trends in agrichemical regulation

4:35pm **Dr Greg Lefoe** *Mastrus ridens* for codling moth control

4:55pm **Klaas Plas** Growing environments conducive to beneficials

5:15pm **Charlotte Brunt** Extended withholding periods for export MRLs

5:30pm **Peter Cornish** MC Closing remarks



Willie Smith's Cider Networking Drinks

5:35pm **Networking Drinks**

7:05pm **Drinks Conclude**



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Day 2

Friday 27 May 2022

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Official Opening

8:15am	Registrations Open	
9:00am	Peter Cornish	Official welcome
9:05am	Alastair Clarkson	Guest address



Session 1: Trade

9:20am	Sponsor: VISY	
9:25am	Brei Montgomery	International trade for horticulture
9:45am	Wayne Prowse	Economic drivers & barriers to export
10:05am	Louise Beard	Regional branding for Tasmanian horticulture
10:25am	Ben Reilly	Local retailer adoption of irradiated produce



VISY Morning Tea Break

10:40am	Morning Tea	
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Session 2A: Crop Production – Tree Fruit

Sponsor: Nutrien Ag Solutions

11:25am	Cameron Stone	Protected cropping systems in cherry
11:45pm	Dr Dugald Close Dr Alieta Eyles	Selecting cross compatible cultivars in cherries & mechanical pollination update
12:05pm	Dr Nigel Swarts Dr Sally Bound Dr Stephen Quarrell	Managing the orchard floor for sustainable apple production
12:25pm	Tom Frankcomb	Discussion and tasting session for new apple varieties



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Session 2B: Crop Production – Berries

11:25am	Sponsor: Nutrien Ag Solutions	
11:30am	Dr Stephen Quarrell	TIA honeybee research
11:50pm	Dr Raylea Rowbottom	Managing fly species for crop pollination
12:10pm	Sarah McKay	Optimising blueberry postharvest shelf life & quality
12:25pm	Will Roberts	Malling Fruits breeding program



Fruit Growers Tasmania Lunch Break

12:45pm **Lunch Break**



Session 3: New Technology

2:15pm	Sponsor: UPL	
2:20am	Nic Hansen	Using digital tools for managing harvest labour
2:35pm	Gavin Ger	Laava and digital product traceability
2:50pm	Leopold Lucas	Progress in robotic harvesting for apples and citrus
3:10pm	Rene Kerhuis	International overview of autonomous vehicles for fruit production



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Sumitomo Chemical Afternoon Tea Break

3:40pm **Afternoon Tea**



Session 4: Grower Discussion Forum

Sponsor: Fruit Growers Tasmania

4:20pm **Panel Discussion**

5:00pm **Peter Cornish** Closing remarks

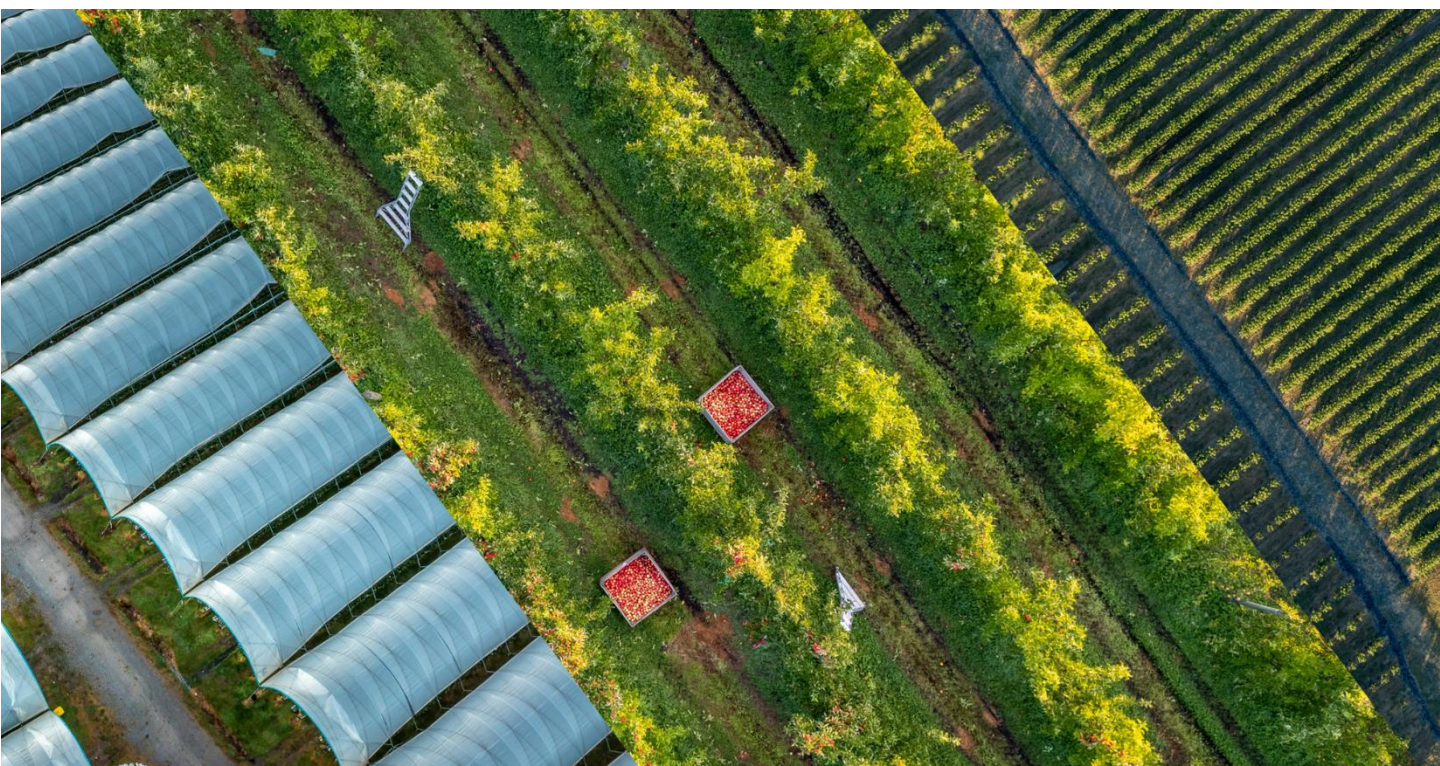


Industry Gala Dinner

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7:00pm **Industry Gala Dinner**

11:30pm **Dinner concludes**





Networking Opportunities

Trade Display Exhibitors

AgPick Technology
AgriLabour Australia
AgVita Analytical
Biosecurity Tasmania
Bitwise Agronomy
Campbells Fertiliser Australasia
Cherries Tasmania Orchards
Colin Campbell Chemicals Pty Ltd
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Federation Chocolate
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**Natural Resources &
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Steritech
Sumitomo Chemical Australia
Tasmac Pty Ltd
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