

# Protected Cropping Australia Conference



28-30 JULY 2025  
ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

Growing profitably  
and sustainably

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# PROGRAM

## Growing Profitably and Sustainably



**\*\* Program subject to change at the discretion of the PCA Conference 2025 Program Committee \*\***

Monday, 28 July 2025		
9.00pm – 2.00pm	Exhibitor Bump In	Hall H
From 2.00pm	Registration and Exhibition Open	
TBC	Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus Workshop	TBC
2.00pm – 5.00pm	Ag Tech Alley Presentations in partnership with AusAgritech (Trade Hall)	Hall H
5.00pm – 7.00pm	Welcome Reception	Hall H




## Tuesday, 29 July 2025

	<b>Registration Open</b> (arrival tea and coffee)			
07.00am – 8.00am	<b>Sponsored Breakfast – Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer</b>			
From 8.00am	<b>Exhibition Open</b>			Hall H
8.30am – 8.45am	<b>Welcome &amp; Acknowledgement of Country (Des Dowling MC)</b> Session Chair: Andrew Tout (PCA Chair)			Hall C
8.45am – 8.55am	<b>Opening Address: TBC</b> Session Chair: Zak Iqbal (PCA Conference Chair)			Hall C
8.50am – 9.00am	<b>Naming Rights Sponsor Address TBC</b>			Hall C
9.00am – 10.30am	<b>Keynote Panel Presentations &amp; Panel:</b> Godfrey Dol – (Virtual) Van Der Hoeven & Glasshouse Consultancy Levi Nupponen – Agrology Pty Ltd			Hall C
10.30am – 11.10am	Morning Tea and Exhibition			Hall H
11.10am – 12.45pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	<b>Ag Tech (Robotics, AI, Automation)</b>	<b>Climate, Energy &amp; Renewables</b>	<b>Grower Workshop Growing for Profit</b>	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
12.10pm – 12.45pm	<b>Grower Panel discussion - Growing Profitably and Sustainably</b> Session Chair: Jack Mooney, Giacomo Pippo, Jo Van Niekerk, Paul Millett, Steve Marafioti			Hall C
12.45pm – 1.45pm	Lunch and Exhibition Open			Hall H
1.00pm - 1.45pm	<b>Young Researcher R&amp;D Presentations (sponsored by Australian Society of Horticultural Science)</b> <b>Session Chair SP Singh</b>			TBC
1.45pm – 3.00pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	<b>Building Resilient Profitable Businesses</b>	<b>Food Safety</b>	<b>Grower Workshop Irrigation and Fertigation Basics</b>	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
3.00pm – 3.35pm	<b>Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus Panel Discussion</b> Session Chair: Andrew Tout, Dr Len Tesoriero, Jasper Verhoeven, Chris Millis, James Bertram			Hall C
3.35pm – 4.15pm	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition			Hall H
4.15pm – 5.30pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	<b>IPDM &amp; Biosecurity</b>	<b>Pollination</b>	<b>Nutrition &amp; Irrigation</b>	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
5.30pm – 7.00pm	<b>Networking Event – Sponsored by TBC (Arrival Drinks &amp; Canapes)</b>			Hall H



## Wednesday, 30 July 2025

From 7.00am	<b>Registration Open</b> (arrival tea and coffee)			
From 8.00am	<b>Exhibition Open</b>			Hall C
8.30am – 9.10am	<b>Plenary:</b> Tristan Kitchener, Kitchener & Partners Pty Ltd			Hall C
9.10am – 9.50am	<b>Plenary:</b> Lee Stiles, Secretary, Lea Valley Growers Association UK			Hall C
9.50am – 10.30am	<b>Plenary Panel</b> - Understanding Consumer & Retailer Needs in PC (Chaired by Tristan Kitchener)			Hall C
10.30am – 11.10am	Morning Tea and Exhibition			Hall H
11.10am – 12.10pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	<b>New RDE (Protected Cropping Research, Development Program)</b> <b>Chaired by Gordon Rogers, AHR</b>	<b>Marketing &amp; Export</b>	<b>Sustainability &amp; Waste Management</b>	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
12.10pm – 12.45pm	<b>Sustainability – Challenges &amp; Opportunities in Protected Cropping Panel</b>			Hall C
12.45pm – 1.45pm	Lunch and Exhibition			Hall H
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	<b>Medicinal Cannabis</b> <b>Session Chair: Angus Murray</b>	<b>Berries</b> <b>Session Chair: Rachel Mackenzie</b>	<b>Grower Workshop</b> <b>Managing pests and diseases in the greenhouse</b>	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	<b>Concurrent sessions continued TBC</b>	<b>Concurrent sessions continued TBC</b>		
	IPDM	Pollination		
	Ag Tech (Robotics & AI)	Climate/Energy & Renewables		
3.15pm – 3.55pm	Afternoon Tea and Exhibition			Hall H
3.55pm – 5.25pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	<b>Root Zone &amp; Substrate Innovation</b>	<b>Emerging Crops &amp; Technologies</b>	<b>Grower Workshop</b> <b>Improving energy efficiency</b>	
	<b>Hall C</b>	<b>Hall A</b>	<b>Hall B</b>	
5.25pm – 7.00pm	Free Time			
7.00pm – 11.00pm		<b>Gala Dinner &amp; Awards Presentation - Sponsored by Perfection Fresh</b>		Hall FG

**Thursday, 31 July 2025 Farm Tours – details to be confirmed.**