

Protected Cropping Australia Conference



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28-30 JULY 2025
ADELAIDE CONVENTION CENTRE

Growing profitably
and sustainably

PROGRAM

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**** 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	
2.00pm -3.30pm	Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus Workshop	TBC
3.30 - 3.45pm	Break	
3.45pm – 5.30pm	Tech Alley Presentations in partnership with AusAgritech (Trade Hall)	Hall H
2.00pm – 5.30pm	Ag Tech Alley Presentations in partnership with AusAgritech (Trade Hall)	Hall H
5.30pm – 7.30pm	Welcome Reception	Hall H




Tuesday, 29 July 2025

	Registration Open (arrival tea and coffee)			
07.00am – 8.00am	Sponsored Breakfast – Warren Davies – The Unbreakable Farmer			
From 8.00am	Exhibition Open			Hall H
8.30am – 8.45am	Welcome & Acknowledgement of Country (Des Dowling MC) Session Chair: Andrew Tout (PCA Chair)			Hall C
8.45am – 8.55am	Opening Address: TBC Session Chair: Zak Iqbal (PCA Conference Chair)			Hall C
8.50am – 9.00am	Naming Rights Sponsor Address TBC			Hall C
9.00am – 10.30am	Keynote Panel Presentations & Panel: 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			
	Ag Tech (Robotics, AI, Automation)	Climate, Energy & Renewables	Grower Workshop Growing for Profit	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
12.10pm – 12.45pm	Grower Panel discussion - Growing Profitably and Sustainably 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	Young Researcher R&D Presentations (sponsored by Australian Society of Horticultural Science) Session Chair SP Singh			TBC
1.45pm – 3.00pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	Building Resilient Profitable Businesses	Food Safety	Grower Workshop Irrigation and Fertigation Basics	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
3.00pm – 3.35pm	Tomato Brown Rugose Fruit Virus Panel Discussion 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			
	IPDM & Biosecurity	Pollination	Nutrition & Irrigation	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
5.30pm – 7.00pm	Networking Event – Sponsored by TBC (Arrival Drinks & Canapes)			Hall H

Wednesday, 30 July 2025



Wednesday, 30 July 2025				
From 7.00am	Registration Open (arrival tea and coffee)			
From 8.00am	Exhibition Open			Hall C
8.30am – 9.10am	Plenary: Tristan Kitchener, Kitchener & Partners Pty Ltd			Hall C
9.10am – 9.50am	Plenary: Lee Stiles, Secretary, Lea Valley Growers Association UK			Hall C
9.50am – 10.30am	Plenary Panel - 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			
	New RDE (Protected Cropping Research, Development Program) Chaired by Gordon Rogers, AHR	Marketing & Export	Sustainability & Waste Management	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
12.10pm – 12.45pm	Sustainability – Challenges & Opportunities in Protected Cropping Panel			Hall C
12.45pm – 1.45pm	Lunch and Exhibition			Hall H
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Concurrent Sessions			
	Medicinal Cannabis Session Chair: Angus Murray	Berries Session Chair: Rachel Mackenzie	Grower Workshop Managing pests and diseases in the greenhouse	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
1.45pm – 2.45pm	Concurrent sessions continued TBC	Concurrent sessions continued TBC		
	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			
	Root Zone & Substrate Innovation	Emerging Crops & Technologies	Grower Workshop Improving energy efficiency	
	Hall C	Hall A	Hall B	
5.25pm – 7.00pm	Free Time			
7.00pm – 11.00pm		Gala Dinner & Awards Presentation - Sponsored by Perfection Fresh		Hall FG

Thursday, 31 July 2025 Farm Tours – *timings are estimated*



Tour 1 Times	Tour 1 – Vegetable Crops	Tour 2 Times	Tour 2 – Mixed Crops
5.45am	Depart Adelaide Convention Centre	7.00am	Depart Adelaide Convention Centre
6.00am	SA Produce Markets	8.00am	Australian Grain Tech
9.00am	TRL Produce	10.00am	PNLeav Greenhouse Builder
11.00am	VocoFresh	12.00pm	Quality Harvest
12.30pm (lunch)	Apex Greenhouses	2.00pm	Living Colour Nursery
3.30pm	Adelaide Airport drop off	5.00pm	Adelaide Airport drop off
4.30pm	Return to Adelaide Convention Centre	6.00pm	Return to Adelaide Convention Centre