

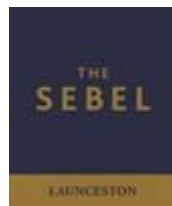


HAZELNUT GROWERS OF AUSTRALIA INC

2025 ANNUAL HAZELNUT CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

The Friday and Saturday Conference Sessions will be held at the



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HGA CONFERENCE – PART 1:

FRIDAY 10th October – AUSHAZ presentation to the Hazelnut Industry

12:00 noon **REGISTRATION - Lunch and networking with the AUSHAZ Program members**

1:00 pm **“Report on AUSHAZ”**
Professor Geoff Gurr, Charles Sturt University

1:20 pm **“Overview of Theme 1 and projects.**
Dr Jason Smith, Charles Sturt University

1:30 pm **“Crop Load management - conversion of flowers to nuts”**
Dr Jeffrey Hsiao, Lincoln Agritech

1:50 pm **“Nutrition and Irrigation – overview.”**
Dr Jason Smith, Charles Sturt University.

2:20 pm **“Overview of Theme 2 and projects.”**
Dr Pangzhen Zhang, University of Melbourne

2:40 pm **“Benchmarking Framework.”**
Dr Pangzhen Zhang, University of Melbourne

3:00 pm **Networking through Afternoon Tea**

- 3:30 pm **“Hazelnut Sustainability Framework development”**
- Presentation
 - Workshop event
- ERM Team.
- 4:30 pm **“Overview of Theme 3 and projects.”**
Dr Ben Stodart, Charles Sturt University
- 4.50 pm **“Hazelnut Drying and optimise for sustainable processing.”**
Dr Yong Wang, University of New South Wales.
- To include a short session of interaction with growers**
- 5:30 pm Close
- 6:30 pm **WELCOME FUNCTION: To be held off site – Venue to be advised.**

HGA CONFERENCE – PART 2:

SATURDAY 11th October

- 8:00 am Registration
- 8:30 am Opening and Welcome.
- 8:45 am KEYNOTE SPEAKER –
‘Australian Hazelnut Industry - Where we have come from.’
Basil Baldwin, Fourjay Farms
- 9.15 am **“Australian Hazelnut Industry – current overview.”**
Trevor Ranford, Hazelnut Growers of Australia Inc

SESSION 1:

- 9:30 am **“Biostimulants and plant/soil health.”**
Robert Stanic, Sonic Essentials (TBC)
- 10.00 am **“What’s new in grading equipment for hazelnut producers.”**
UNITEC Asia Pacific (TBC)

10:30 am **NETWORKING OVER MORNING TEA**

SESSION 2:

- 11:00 **“Maximising yields through targeted Precision agriculture using Drones and bio fertilisers.”**
Luke Weekley, Falcon UAV
- 11:30 am **Sponsor presentation**
- 11:45 am Hazelnut Growers of Australia – **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
- 12:45 pm **LUNCH – TRADE DISPLAY - NETWORKING**

SESSION 3:

- 1:30 pm ***“Spatially enabling the Australian Hazelnut Industry.”***
Andrew Robson, Applied Agricultural Remote Sensing Centre (AARSC)
- 1:50 pm ***“Hazelnut sucker management.”***
Basil Baldwin, Fourjay Farms
- 2:10 pm ***“Overview of the New Zealand Hazelnut Industry – opportunities for collaboration.”***
Representative of the New Zealand Hazelnut Growers Association
- 2:30 pm ***“Hazelnut diseases – overview and launch of fact sheets.”***
Dr Stella Antony, Charles Sturt University
- 3:00 pm **NETWORKING OVER AFTERNOON TEA**

SESSION 4:

- 3:30 pm ***“Pest Insect Management in Nut Crops using Biological Control: Today - Tomorrow & Beyond.”***
Adam Perkins, Agro-Ecology Central West
- 4:00 pm ***“Recent advances in technologies for use in hazelnut orchards.”***
Dr Jian Liu, Charles Sturt University
- 4:30 pm ***“Now you have grown it HOW do you sell it – my experiences.”***
Christie McLeod, Hazelbrae Hazelnuts
- 5:00 pm ***“How the law can impact on their business - update?”***
Andy Gibson, Hazelnut Grower, Lawyer and a law academic.
- 5:30 pm **CLOSE**

CONFERENCE DINNER:

The **Conference Dinner** will be held at the SEBEL Launceston

- 7:00 pm PRE-DINNER DRINKS
- 7:30 pm WELCOME BY PRESIDENT
- 7:40 pm MAIN COURSE
- 9:00 pm DESSERT
- 10:00 pm CLOSE



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FIELD DAY PROGRAM

SUNDAY 12th October 2025.

- 8:30 am Delegates depart Accommodation.
- 9:30 am **Visit to Hazelbrae**
- Orchard tour
 - Processing facility tour
 - Drone operation
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 1.15 pm **Orchard visit**
- 3.00 pm Close
- 3:30 pm Back to Launceston

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