

# 2018 fruit growers victoria LTD. CONFERENCE



## Inaugural Fruit Growers Victoria Conference

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th August 2018  
Eastbank Centre Shepparton

### The Grower's Conference...

The Fruit Growers Victoria Conference will be a major event for the fruit growing industry and the first of its kind for the area. The Conference will bring together delegates from across Victoria and provide a platform for growers and industry suppliers to gather and discuss current and emerging issues facing the industry.

The grower is the main focus of the Conference, providing them with considerable information to assist in achieving and maintaining competitive world growing standards. This would be reflected in improved yield and quality, bio security measures and pest and disease management.

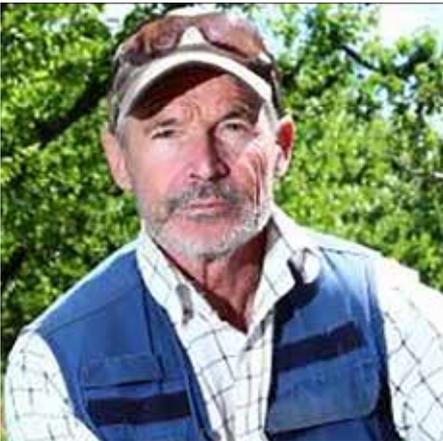


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## A message from the Chairman



The challenge this year for Fruit Growers Victoria Ltd has been to stage a conference / field day encompassing a wide variety of aspects of interest to members.

In order to be relevant to members, the body has undertaken a task that was envisaged would grow year by year to bind together, educate and provide a platform for Fruit Growers Victoria Ltd and individual members. For all to grow and be successful it has been recognised that co-operation and cohesion should be fostered.

The Fruit Growers Victoria Conference program has been purposely designed for the grower with the focus being on a variety of aspects relating to the future of horticulture in Australia. The Conference aims to present growers with industry specific information, contacts and resources - to provide the opportunity for growers to network with other industry members and academic professionals.

A sincere thankyou must be expressed to all staff and conference committee, including Countrywide Conference and Event management.

It is with pleasure that the conference is commended by the Board of Fruit Growers Victoria, with the anticipation that growth would eventuate with a gain in relevance.

**Gary Godwill**  
**FGVL Chairman**



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## Conference Overview

**Registrations and bookings must be made online:** <http://www.fgv.com.au/>

### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 16**

Conference Day 1 - 8.30 to 5.00, Eastbank Centre, Welsford Street, Shepparton, VIC  
Conference Dinner – 6.30 pm, Eastbank Centre – Proudly Sponsored by Tenfarms

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 17**

Field Day – Visit to GV Storage, Integrity Fruit and Turnbull Orchards.

### **Registration Fees**

#### **Member Rates**

Full Conference Package including dinner – \$165.00  
2 day Conference Registration (excludes dinner) - \$110.00 per day

#### **Non Member Rates**

Full Conference Package including dinner – \$220.00  
2 day Conference Registration (excludes dinner) - \$165.00 per day

### **Conference registration includes:**

- Conference sessions on Thursday & Field Trip on Friday
- Full catering on both days (M/T, lunch & A/T)
- Conference satchel and program booklet

### **Additional Conference Dinner Tickets for Partners and Guests**

Date – Thursday 16 August 2018  
Time – 6.30pm – 10.30pm  
Venue – Eastbank Centre, Shepparton

The dinner includes a three-course meal. Dress for the Conference Dinner is smart casual. One conference dinner ticket is included in a full conference registration. Additional tickets may be purchased for accompanying guests at \$88.00

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### **Accommodation Bookings**

Accommodation is well catered for in Greater Shepparton with a choice of quality motels, hotels, cabins, caravan parks, leisure centres, on campus facilities and bed and breakfast establishments. The friendly staff at the Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre have a detailed understanding of all accommodation options within Greater Shepparton and can refer individuals and groups to properties that suit requirements, ensuring your stay in the region is as enjoyable as possible. This service is free of charge:

### **Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre Phone:**

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Alternatively The Quality Hotel Sherbourne Terrace is one of the closest hotels to the Eastbank Centre (approx. 1 block walk). Bookings can be made by calling 03 5825 6300.

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## The Conference Program: Day 1

- 8:30 am** Registration
- 8:50 am** Official opening of the FGVL Inaugural Conference—Shepparton Deputy Mayor, Seema Abdullah
- 9:00 am** Conference Welcome – FGVL Chairman
- 9:10 am** Michael Wynne, Austsafe Super - Platinum Sponsor
- 9:20 am** Angelica Cameron, IPM Technologies - "How to use integrated pest management to achieve sustainable control of orchard pests with reduced reliance on insecticides and miticides."
- 9:50 am** Professor Dick Drew - "Understanding and Managing Queensland Fruit Fly"
- 10:20 am** Morning Tea
- 10:35 am** Dan Papacek, Bugs for Bugs - 'Queensland fruit fly - a challenging but manageable pest'.
- 11:30 am** Hybrid Ag - Platinum Sponsor
- 11:40 am** Erik Bretveld, KWH Holland/Cameron Clifford, FMR- "Spray Technology & Mechanisation in European Orchards."
- 12:10 pm** Jamie McMaster, Managing Director and Agronomist, SLTEC Fertilizers - "Getting the Most Out of Your Fertilizer Investment" - **CRAFT** (Choice of product, Rate of application, Application type, Frequency of application and Timing of application)
- 12:40 am** Lunch
- 1:40 pm** Hannah James, Agrofresh - "Harvista: a new tool for orchard based quality management of apples"
- 2:00 pm** Howard Hansen, Hansen Orchards Tasmania - "Innovation, Investment and Improvement to maintain a Point of Difference in a Competitive Environment."
- 2:30 pm** Phil Turnbull, APAL CEO - Industry Update
- 2:50 pm** Afternoon Tea
- 3:20 pm** Russell Fox, IK Caldwell - "Biocontrol Mist Technology – A new approach to deliver Codling Moth pheromones".
- 3:45 pm** Aimee McCutcheon/Dave Williams, Agriculture Victoria - API 6007 An Integrated Pest, Disease and Weed Management Program for the Australian Apple and Pear Industry.
- 4:15 pm** Season in Review—Q&A Interactive Style Forum hosted by FGVL Grower Services Manager, Michael Crisera.
- 5:15 pm** Close of Day One
- FREE TIME**
- 6:30 pm** Industry Dinner featuring Guest Speaker: "SPC—A Celebration of 100 YEARS". Sponsored by: Tenfarms

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## The Conference Program: Field Day

- 8.30 am** Depart Fruit Growers Victoria, 2 Rumbalara Road, Mooroopna. (Buses provided)
- 8.45 am** Arrive at GV Storage, Shepparton - See firsthand Dynamic Controlled Atmosphere Storage units from Isolcell Italia Technologies
- 10.00 am** Depart GV Storage
- 10.15 am** Arrive at Integrity Fruit, Ardmona – Opportunity to inspect Apple Pre-sizer and Commit to Pack MAF Grader.
- 11.15 am** Depart Integrity Fruit.
- 11.30 am** Arrive at Turnbolls Orchard, Ardmona - Tour of Turnbull Orchards, Onsite Drape Net and Netpro demonstration, opportunity to inspect Silvan and Cropland Sprayers and AIM Sales portable "Tow & Blow" Frost Fan. Demonstration of OCP SPLAT Range. More information about the day to follow.....
- 1.00 pm** Lunch
- 2.00 pm** Depart and return to Fruit Growers Victoria - Conclusion of Conference



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## Our Conference Presenters



**Howard Hansen, Hansen Orchards, Huon Valley, Tasmania.**

Howard Hansen grew up in the Huon Valley, Tasmania surrounded by deciduous fruit grown by his family on the orchard that has been in the Hansen family for generations. Howard is now the driving force behind one of the largest growers of apples and cherries. Hansen Orchards have new varieties and new strains of existing varieties and coupled this with the world's best growing practices. In 2016, Hansen Orchards won Exporter of the Year for the apple and pear industry's National Awards of Excellence.

**Angelica Cameron, Entomologist, IPM Technologies**

Angelica is an entomologist who has worked with Dr Paul Horne and Jessica Page at IPM Technologies for the last 5 years. She has experience assisting farmers and advisors to develop and implement highly successful IPM strategies. She currently works across Australia and New Zealand on a variety of projects aimed at increasing uptake of IPM in crops ranging from intensive horticulture to broad-acre cropping and fodder crops.

Angelica lectures in entomology and plant protection at the University of Melbourne and La Trobe University and in 2018 she received the "Researcher of the Year" award from the South Australian vegetable industry.



**Dan Papacek AM, Entomologist, Bugs for Bugs Pty. Ltd.**

Dan is an Entomologist and currently the Manager and Co-Owner of Bugs for Bugs. He received the Order of Australia (AM) in January 2001 for "Services to the Citrus Industry, particularly through the development of strategies for integrated pest management of horticultural crops."

Dan's key experiences range from Integrated Pest Management (IPM), managing beneficial insect mass-rearing programs and collaborating in research with QLD DPI, CSIRO and the Universities.

Over many years he has also worked directly with growers in endemic areas of Queensland to help them achieve best practice fruit fly control.

**Hannah James, AgroFresh Research & Development Manager, Australia & New Zealand**

With a PhD from Sydney University on internal browning in Pink Lady apples, Hannah started working for AgroFresh in Wenatchee, Washington in 2010 as a research manager.

She focused her research in Washington on the use of SmartFresh in apples and pears with focus on ways to maintain fruit quality during storage and development of protocols for extension of quality and prevention of postharvest disorders.

Her research focus since relocating back to Australia in 2015 has been based on Australian conditions and varieties, working on new 1-MCP formulations, developing use recommendations for SmartFresh on new apple varieties, developing tools for advancing storage technology of apples & pears.



**Professor Emeritus Richard (Dick) Drew**

Professor Drew has conducted research on tropical fruit flies throughout Asia, South-East Asia and the South Pacific region for five decades.

His research has led to the definition of all major pest species and a sound knowledge of their ecology and pest management strategies. He has published over 140 research papers and three major books.

In 1990 he received the Mackerras Medal from the Australian Entomological Society; in 1995 he was awarded the Order of Australia for outstanding contributions to fruit fly entomology and, in 2000, the Centenary Medal and then the Clunies Ross National Science and Technology Award, Australia's most prestigious science award. He is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering.

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## General Enquiries

### **Countrywide Conference Management**

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### **Cancellation Policy**

A full refund, less a \$110 cancellation fee, will be made on any cancellations received by Friday 27 July 2018. No refunds will be issued for any registration cancellations made after July 27, although substitute delegates will be accepted.

### **Insurance**

Participants shall be regarded as carrying their own risk for personal injury or loss of property, including baggage, during the conference. We strongly recommend that, at the time of booking your travel, you take out travel insurance policy of your choice. The organisers are in no way responsible for any claims concerning insurance.

### **Disclaimer**

Every effort is made to ensure that the contents of this registration brochure are correct. The organisers retain the right to make changes where necessary. Fruit Growers Victoria and the conference managers, Countrywide Conference and Event Management, will not accept liability for any damages of any nature sustained by participants or their accompanying persons or loss or damage to their personal property for the duration of the conference and field trip.

### **Condition of Entry**

It is a condition of entry that no delegate may disrupt the order of events or intent of the program. Anyone considered to be disturbing the program intent will be asked to leave. Only pamphlets and brochures approved by the event organisers may be distributed.



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