

PIPS 4 Profit & Narrow Orchard Systems Researcher Roadshow

Showcasing Victorian apple & pear contributions to current national R&D programs.

Visit Agriculture Victoria's Tatura SmartFarm where Australia's two largest national R&D programs into profitable, modern and sustainable orchard systems are underway for apple and pears.

Hear from and discuss the R&D with researchers from across Australia and local growers involved in these projects.

Orchard walk & talks only! Beanies, coats & boots a must!

When: Wednesday, 21st August

2.30pm Start

255 Ferguson Rd, Tatura [Google Map- Tatura SmartFarm](#)

- *Walk through the Sundial Orchard where spatial and temporal management experiments are underway.*
- *Learn more about the newly established narrow orchard systems experiments.*
- *Visit the new netting site where permanent, retractable and autonomous systems are being installed.*
- *Take-part in hands-on demonstrations of labour-saving tools.*
- *Hear more on work underway to improve fruit quality in pears including reflective mulch, leaf blowing, PGRs & thinning strategies.*
- *Consider how IPDM R&D will influence your current pest and disease management: biocontrol rearing & release, attracting beneficials and pollinators, & monitoring tools/resources.*

Finish the afternoon in the warmth of indoors with some final displays and short talks over a social drink and nibbles at around 5.30pm

Easy to attend - no registration necessary!

Incorporate this event into your plans to attend the Fruit Growers Victoria Conference on the 22nd of August!
A highly relevant segway into the conference theme "Improving On-Farm Efficiency through Innovation".



Hear about the new PIPS 4 Profit innovative netting experiment (Pictured: retractable Valente® covers).



PIPS 4 Profit crop load and fruit quality research in both apples and pears (Pictured: reflective mulch experiment in the Tatura SmartFarm pear orchard).



Demonstration of labour saving tools

