



Autumn 2021 Orchard Walks Goulburn Valley

Monday
15 March 2021
2.00pm – 5.00pm
Location
Calimna Orchard

Is Covid-19 reshaping our orchards and industry?

In coming years, we may reflect on 2020 as the year we saw a step-change in how our industry attracts and retains permanent and seasonal labour.

What could a more resilient and reliable labour supply look like, how will orchard design and operations change, and how will this flow through to business investments and profitability?

Ross Wilson and **Craig Hornblow** from AgFirst will join our Autumn Future Orchards® walks online from New Zealand and explore options to reshape your labour needs and orchard to:

- get the job done on time and well,
- reduce the cost of labour per kg of fruit,
- ensure orchards are workable by a broader demographic of staff, and
- make orchards an employer of choice.

Orchard walk with Matt Lenne of Calimna Orchards

Host **Matt Lenne**, with **Mick Crisera** and **Nic Finger**, will lead an in-orchard discussion looking at the performance of local pear and apple varieties, and local experiences using leaf defoliators and hedging this season.

With the increased use of harvest-tech including picking platforms this season, one of the industry's early adopters **Jason Shields** will showcase some of the latest harvest tech and share insights on what to consider when choosing a platform.

Program outline

2.00pm	Light lunch provided on arrival
2.30pm Streamed presentation plus live Q&A	Ross Wilson and Craig Hornblow, AgFirst How is Covid-19 reshaping our orchards?
3.30pm In-orchard demonstration	Matt Lenne, Mick Crisera, Nic Finger Jason Shields, Plunkett Orchards
5.00pm	Concludes

Register now

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Registration is essential to ensure compliance with COVID safety regulations.

For further information

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