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Your invitation

We are pleased to invite you to the premier event on the Australian macadamia industry calender – the 2018 Australian Macadamia Industry Conference – at Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast from 13-15 November 2018.

The conference is hosted by the Australian Macadamia Society and supported by our platinum partner Hort Innovation.

This is the biggest event on the Australian macadamia industry calendar. It connects industry representatives all the way along the supply chain – growers, processors, researchers, marketers, investors, trade representatives and international industry bodies.

By attending AusMac2018 you will gain valuable insight and knowledge into the global industry, learn about innovation and new products, share ideas, talk to levyfunded researchers and industry suppliers and connect with other growers and industry reps.

The AusMac2018 program comprises a great mix of practical workshops, information sessions, on-site trade and machinery expos (over 60 exhibitors!) and social networking. A wide selection of industry experts will cover all the key and emerging issues like IPM, new technology, soil health & nutrition, irrigation, pollination, on-farm quality, new orchards, nurseries, new varietal information and a comprehensive report on the International Macadamia Symposium in China.



The conference will span three days, kicking off on Tuesday 13 November with five informative workshops for growers. The golf day on the magnificent PGA championship course is sure to be a popular event, as will be the 2½-day machinery expo (which opens Tuesday afternoon) and the calypso

cocktail party by the pool on Tuesday evening.

The action-packed first day will be followed by two full days of information sessions, and AusMac2018 will culminate with the gala dinner, celebrating the remarkable achievements of our industry. All these activities will be staged at the one magnificent venue, ensuring delegates can get involved at all levels.

So, what are you waiting for? Jump online now to secure your tickets (and great accommodation deals!) to the No1 macadamia industry event. Go to the conference website: www.ivvy.com.au/event/AUSMAC2018 to read more and make your booking.

We look forward to seeing you at Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast in November.

Richard Doggett AMS Chair

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Day 1 - Tuesday 13 November

- Beekeeping & pollination workshop
- GPS farm operations workshop
- Soil sampling & analysis workshop
- Grafting workshop
- Post-harvest handling workshop
- Golf day
- Machinery expo
- Welcome cocktail reception

Day 2 - Wednesday 14 November

- Trade & machinery expos
- Farms of the future
- Hitting the innovation sweetspot
- Integrated pest management
- Irrigation: critical scheduling
- Better soil, better profits
- Technology changing orchards
- Wild macadamias
- AMS AGM
- Happy hour

Day 3 - Thursday 15 November

- Celebrity chef macadamia breakfast
- Trade & machinery expos
- Floodplain growing
- New orchard establishment
- New varietal information
- On-farm quality
- Tree physiology
- Your levy at work
- Trade wars
- International industry update
- Nurseries: management & standards
- Young researchers' forum
- Gala dinner





Your venue - Royal Pines Resort



About Royal Pines Resort

RACV Royal Pines Resort is a relaxing green oasis, located just a short drive from the sandy beaches and shopping heart of the Gold Coast. As home to the world-class 27-hole golf course that hosts the Australian PGA Championship, it is surrounded by more than 100 hectares of magnificently landscaped grounds.

Royal Pines offers something for everyone with luxurious, modern accommodation, One Spa, a haven of relaxation and unrivalled treatments, and a wide range of eateries. Dining options range from the award winning Videre Restaurant to the family friendly Trattoria Amici.

Explore the recreational facilities including resort swimming pools, children's water park and playground, tennis courts and fully equipped gymnasium or simply relax at one of the many bars overlooking the golf course or gardens.

The purpose-built conference centre has been awarded the accolade of "Queensland's Best" and this year's conference will be an event not to be missed!

Book your accommodation

AusMac2018 delegates will receive a special accommodation rate at the beautiful 5-star Royal Pines Resort.

To take advantage of the special rate, delegates must complete the online accomodation booking form (found on the event website www.ivvy.com.au/event/ AUSMAC2018) and return it to Kelly Cattanach at South East Events via email - info@southeastevents.com.au. Please note you will not receive the discounted rate if you call the resort directly.









PROGRAM - DAY I TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

8.30AM ROYAL BENOWA FOYER, ROYAL PINES CONFERENCE CENTRE

RECISTRATION DESK OPENS

Collect your delegate pass and program from the friendly AMS staff the the front desk. Super Saver delegates receive an event satchel and polo too!

MORNING & AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Choose from a selection of practical, hands-on workshops led by recognised experts in each area. Includes lunch.

BEEKEEPING & POLLINATION WORKSHOP

9.30-11.30AM (INCLUDES LUNCH FROM 12-1PM)

Bees provide a great pollination benefit in macadamia orchards. This workshop will look at good beekeeping principles and ways to optimise pollination in orchards. Facilitated by Chris Fuller, a leading apiarist with more than 20 years' experience as a consultant in the macadamia industry, this workshop will cover all aspects of a successful apiary in an orchard environment.

Facilitator: Chris Fuller – Nutworks / Kin Kin Natives Bees

CPS FARM OPERATIONS WORKSHOP

9.30-11.30AM (INCLUDES LUNCH FROM 12-1PM) This technology-focused workshop looks at how GPS-guided farm operations are changing orchards. Covering GPS mapping and planting all the way to automated tractors, this workshop will give growers practical tools to improve farm efficiency and maximise profits. Facilitator: Janus Erasmus – FreshPaws Farming Solutions

SOIL SAMPLING & ANALYSIS WORKSHOP

9.30-11.30AM (INCLUDES LUNCH FROM 12-1PM) Soil health is the basis of sustainable macadamia production and a key driving factor in orchard yield. Facilitated by highly experienced agronomists with many years of experience in macadamia production, this workshop will discuss the best ways to sample and importantly the interpretation of the analysis, getting the most out of your soil.

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GRAFTING WORKSHOP

1-4PM (INCLUDES LUNCH FROM 12-1PM)

Grafting is a key skill in the propagation of macadamia nursery trees and this workshop will provide a hands-on grafting experience. Facilitated by master grafters, this practical demonstration will pass on many years of experience with highly successful grafting techniques and propagation principles. Facilitators: Peter & Bev Henson – Master Grafters

POST HARVEST HANDLING WORKSHOP

1-3PM (INCLUDES LUNCH FROM 12-1PM) How nuts are handled once they are harvested is critical to their quality and maximising the profits of any macadamia grower. This practical workshop will look at proven post-harvest principles and explore the economic benefits of various methods of nut handling, dehusking, sorting and storage. Facilitator: Kerry Sparke

11.45AM-5PM ROYAL PINES CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE

GOLF DAY – presented by Corteva Agriscience

Join us for 18 holes on the course that plays host to the Australian PGA Championship. Get your team together for a great day with loads of prizes including best dressed team! For more details see page 13.





MACHINERY EXPO OPENS – presented by Pacific Farms

1-5PM PODIUM LAWNS This macadamia machinery expo has seriously got the lot. All the latest new products, innovations, machinery and equipment that will help you improve your bottom line. There'll be over 1000m2 of displays including mowers, mulchers, sprayers, profilers, spreaders, sweepers, harvesters and more. See the full list of confirmed exhibitors on page 14.





WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION - presented by MWT Macadamia

6-8PM POOLSIDE What's not to love about a Calypso-themed cocktail reception and pool party! Grab yourself a macadamia-inspired cocktail & some tropical canapes and ease into the swing of things as we celebrate the opening of AusMac2018! More details on page 13.









DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

7.30AM **ROYAL BENOWA FOYER** ROYAL PINES CONFERENCE CENTRE

REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

Collect your delegate pass, conference satchel, polo shirt and program from the friendly AMS team at the front desk. Grab a coffee from the AMS coffee cart then wander through the trade show and machinery expo before the conference begins at 8.45am.







MACHINERY EXPO (presented by Pacific Farms) & TRADE SHOW

The indoor trade show will host more than 40 exhibitors from Australia and overseas including a wide range of new exhibitors showcasing tree shaking technology, aerial spectral imaging and GPS management software. The outdoor machinery expo, presented by Pacific Farms, is jampacked with more than 20 exhibitors (and over 1000m2 of displays) including mowers, mulchers, sprayers, profilers, spreaders, sweepers, harvesters and more. See the list of confirmed exhibitors on page 14.

8.45AM MAIN THEATRE

WELCOME

FARMS OF THE FUTURE - presented by the Macadamia Group

MAIN THEATRE

9-9.45AM Andrew Bulmer was the 2017 ABC Rural Farmer of the Year. He will discuss the various challenges that face Australian farmers, drawing from his experience transforming his family farm into a world class horticultural enterprise. He will also talk about the process of adopting innovative farm practices and implementing precision growing technology to produce the highest quality crop. Andrew's farming enterprise has had to adapt to increasing environmental pressures, natural disasters, rising compliance requirements and the ever-changing needs of the consumer. Through his wealth of knowledge and humble growing experience Andrew will share his ideas for 'farms of the future' and explore how the macadamia industry can navigate the times ahead.





KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: ANDREW BULMER

MANAGING DIRECTOR. BULMER FARMS & 2017

Andrew Bulmer is the Managing Director of Bulmer Farms, one of Australia's largest salad producers. Bulmer Farms is a family owned horticulture enterprise, cropping 52 weeks of the year and employing around 150 people. Bulmer Farms intensively crop over nine farms totalling over 1400 acres around and within the Lindenow Valley. They are committed to providing career pathways for people into AUSTRALIAN FARMER OF THE horticulture. Bulmer Farms proudly embraces innovation, collaboration and sustainability. Andrew YEAR is a proud ambassador for his industry and region. In 2017, Andrew was awarded the Kondinin and ABC Rural Farmer of the Year. In 2011 he won the AUSVEG Young Grower of the Year Award and in 2016 claimed the AUSVEG Vic Grower of the Year Award. He has a long history working with the horticulture Rural Research and Development Corporation and a strong record of promoting R&D for the betterment of the industry.



HITTING THE INNOVATION SWEETSPOT

9.45-10.30AM MAIN THEATRE Innovation will be a key to our industry's continued success into the future. We outline key initiatives and hear from one of Australia's young and innovative culinary stars about why macadamias are an ideal fit for new food development. We showcase 10 of the most innovative product launches of 2018.

SPEAKER: LYNNE ZIEHLKE MARKET DEVELOPMENT MANAGER AUSTRALIAN MACADAMIA INDUSTRY

Lynne has spent almost a decade working for the Australian macadamia industry, revitalising the Australian Macadamias brand, spearheading the development of new international markets and leading highly successful campaigns in Australia, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and China. In 2017 Lynne guided the development and launch of the industry's Innovation Initiative, the central component of a new three-year international marketing plan, designed to drive steady growth in global demand in anticipation of more robust supply becoming available. Created in consultation with the marketing committee, the Initiative is helping food manufacturers increase their commitment to macadamia use in existing products and include macadamias in their innovation pipelines with surety and confidence.



DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER CONTINUED

10.30-11AM MORNING TEA, TRADE & MACHINERY EXPOS







INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PANEL

11AM-MIDDAY MAIN THEATRE

A panel discussion led by entomologists Dr. Paul Horne and Jessica Page with experienced growers and consultants. As scrutiny on chemicals registered for crop protection mounts, the macadamia industry will need to look to integrated pest management to maintain yields. Virtually every chemical currently used is under review or has a review scheduled. The good news is that there are promising signs that IPM, properly understood and holistically implemented, can be effective and commercially viable.

SPEAKERS: DR. PAUL HORNE & JESSICA PAGE IPM TECHNOLOGIES

Dr Paul Horne and Jessica Page have been involved with the development and implementation of integrated pest management (IPM) in a wide range of crops and currently work across both Australia and New Zealand. They have also worked in southeast Asia and Europe on specific pest problems. Paul and Jessica have co-authored two books on IPM and pest management in agriculture, and published papers on IPM. In 2018, Jessica received the 'Researcher of the Year' award from the Australian vegetable industry, and Paul was also given this award in 2009.





IRRIGATION: CRITICAL SCHEDULING

MAIN THEATRE

12-1PM Just how far ahead is the South African industry? The data is growing that well targeted and accurately timed supplementary irrigation can be one of the most effective tools when it comes to maintaining profitable yields and seasonal consistency. In some instances, on-site capture and storage may be sufficient. Coming out of one of the most severe droughts on record, the South African industry has jumped ahead of us in irrigation scheduling. Come and hear how they do it.

SPEAKER: THEUNIS SMIT

SOUTH AFRICAN IRRIGATION SPECIALIST, MAYO MACS Theunis Smit has aided growers in growing and producing macadamias in various regions including Kwa-Zulu Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and the Southern Cape of South Africa. Before Mayo Macs, he was a student lecturer at the University of Pretoria's Department of Plant Production and Soil Science where he obtained a BSc (Agric.) and MSc (Agronomy) whilst focusing most of his research on water use dynamics and efficiency on a wide range of crops. Theunis is currently completing a PhD focusing on the water/irrigation requirements of macadamias in South Africa. He has also spent a substantial amount of time studying macadamia ecophysiology and its relation to orchard scale water use.



1-2.30PM LUNCH, TRADE & MACHINERY EXPOS







BETTER SOIL, BETTER PROFITS: EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION

2.30-3.30PM MAIN THEATRE

We all know now that protecting the orchard floor and soil is a critical step in maintaining productivity as trees age. The Integrated Orchard Manual identifies it as THE starting point for orchard improvement. Respected consultant Alan Coates and SCU's Dr. John Grant will present the key elements behind building a healthy soil and will then take questions from the audience.

SPEAKER: ALAN COATES COATES HORTICULTURE

Alan is an integrated pest management (IPM) consultant and educator who runs a pest and nutrition consultancy largely focused on the macadamia industry. A TAFE agriculture and horticulture teacher for more than 30 years, Alan also has a wealth of in-field experience on farms of all types and size. In addition to biological farming, he has also taught subjects on soils, IPM, production horticulture, macadamia production, sub-tropical fruit growing and more. In recent years he has focused on the macadamia industry as a farmer, consultant and collaborator in research trials for the bio-control of insect



SPEAKER: DR. JOHN GRANT

RESEARCH FELLOW, SCHOOL OF ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING. SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

Dr John Grant has had thirty years' experience in land and soil mapping and research across Australia and internationally. His particular interests lie in soil health, nutrient cycling and agroecology, carbon sequestration in soils, and soil parameters and plantation productivity relationships. John has been involved in lecturing in soils at Southern Cross University for 15 years.



3.30-4PM AFTERNOON TEA, TRADE & MACHINERY EXPOS











DAY 2 WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER CONTINUED

TECHNOLOGY CHANGING ORCHARDS

4-4.45PM What's the latest technology being used to maximise productivity in our macadamia orchards? Hear about state of MAIN THEATRE the art trials being done in orchards with a range of technologies including advanced GPS mapping and orchard operations, tree shakers, irrigation scheduling and other exciting innovations. These trials are promising to change the way we work our orchards, delivering leaps in productivity whilst reducing costs. This is a presentation no grower will want to miss.

SPEAKER: DANIEL MANSON

MACADAMIA PRODUCTIVITY

Daniel Manson was awarded a doctorate in Biological Sciences from Southern Cross University and University of Queensland in 2011 for his research on tropical tree plantations. Whilst completing IMPROVEMENT AGRONOMIST, his PhD, Daniel spent time in Vietnam working with universities and forestry companies on the SUNFAM reforestation of degraded areas. Daniel's professional roles have included conducting research for two ASX listed forestry companies where he worked with Eucalyptus plantations in low rainfall areas of southern Australia, and commercial irrigation management on Indian Sandalwood plantations in northern Western Australia and the Northern Territory. His current role at Sunfam involves helping



LOSS OF NATURAL DIVERSITY: NOT ON OUR WATCH

growers increase productivity through improving their irrigation management.

MAIN THEATRE

Most commercial food crops struggle to find wild relatives for breeding. We're lucky with macadamias - as a relatively young industry, we still have access to wild populations and their treasure trove of diversity. However, wild macadamias compete for survival with agricultural and urban development and invasive weeds. Find out where wild macadamias still exist and what we need to do to protect them.

SPEAKER: DENISE BOND MACADAMIA

CONSERVATION TRUST

Denise works with trees and people. After a degree in Australian Environmental Studies, she campaigned to protect the Wet Tropics World Heritage Forests, then worked with the Forestry Department and Queensland farmers to integrate trees into farms - the right tree, in the right place, for the right reason. For 10 years, Denise and her family lived in Nepal, Uganda and Palau working on community forestry projects. As Executive Officer of The Macadamia Conservation Trust she works with industry and the wider community to protect wild relatives of the world's finest nut - conserving the source of Australia's gift to the world.



5-5.30PM MAIN THEATRE

AMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

5.30-6.30PM **PODIUM LAWN**

HAPPY HOUR – presented by Ventrac

(MACHINERY EXPO) Join us out at the machinery expo on the lawn where we'll relax, unwind and enjoy a cool beverage amongst friends.





DAY 3 THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

RISE AND DINE! CELEBRITY CHEF BREAKFAST - presented by BASF Australia Ltd

7-8.45AM

Right in front of our eyes on the centre stage kitchen, our celebrity chef Ben O'Donoghue will create the most mouth-watering macadamia breakfast and explain why he loves working with macadamias. Then we all get to feast on his creations. You know what they say...eat breakfast like a king!



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YOUR CHEF: Ben is one of the first and most loved Celebrity Chefs in Australia. With a career spanning over 2 decades in the UK and Australia he has appeared in successful prime time shows such as 'The Best' BBC2 UK and 'Surfing the menu' with Curtis Stone and published 4 books. Ben's highlight of his career so far was catering the 2015 G20 summit, serving the We create chemistry leaders from around the world and having Barak Obama coming back for more!





8.30AM-2.30PM



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MY NEW LIFE AS A GROWER

9-9.45AM As AMS Industry Development Manager, Robbie earned the industry's respect for his innovative and effective work MAIN THEATRE to help improve orchard management practices and raise productivity. Now he's out there doing it for real. Come and hear Robbie share the challenges he is facing on 200ha of cane flats and the solutions he is trying.

SPEAKER: Robbie manages 2 tonne enterprises (2te), an entity focused on delivering premium orchard ROBBIE COMMENS management services to the nut industry. 2te currently have a 200-hectare macadamia orchard MANAGING DIRECTOR, 2TE development underway in northern NSW, converting floodplain land into a 75,000-tree orchard. Previously, Robbie was the Productivity Development Manager for the Australian macadamia industry, where he was responsible for achieving an increase in grower adoption of best practice across a range of production aspects, engaging with other regional agricultural and horticultural industries, and assisted the industry to increase the average production per hectare by over 15%. Robbie was awarded the 2013 Horticulture Australia Young Leader of the Year award and the 2015 Australasian Pacific Extension Network award for a young professional in extension.



NEW ORCHARD ESTABLISHMENT

9.45-10.30AM MAIN THEATRE

Chris Searle is one of the most sought-after consultants advising on new orchard establishment and optimisation. Some might even call him the Ian McConachie of his day. From site selection to ground preparation, planting and early training and tree care, Chris will cover it all. Do not plant a tree until you have heard Chris' conference presentation.

SPEAKER: Chris joined the Queensland Department of Primary Industry (DPI) in 1992, examining disease resistance DR. CHRIS SEARLE in banana and the physiology of mango as a post-doctoral fellow with CSIRO. He has led a series MACAVO CONSULTING of projects examining water use efficiency in both avocado and macadamia and was involved in the macadamia root and soil health and the abnormal vertical growth projects. After leaving the DPI, Chris managed a 250,000-tree macadamia nursery and worked for macadamia processors advising growers. He is involved in the 'Multi-scale Monitoring Tools for Managing Australian Tree Crops' project, which aims to develop decision support systems to better assist farmers to manage their crops. Chris is also assisting in the development of a set of standards for Australian macadamia nurseries.



10.30-11AM MORNING TEA, TRADE & MACHINERY EXPOS







NEW VARIETAL INFORMATION

MAIN THEATRE

11-11.30AM The Australian macadamia industry is built on 40-year-old Hawaiian varieties and a handful of 20-year-old A varieties. All of a sudden there is 'MCT 1', the 20-year long levy breeding program has released 'G', 'J', 'P' and 'R' varieties and Hidden Valley Plantations have the next generation of 'A' varieties. Come and hear what the biggest revolution the Australian industry has seen since the mechanical harvester will mean for the industry, your orchard and your plans for the future. This is a panel discussion with industry experts, researchers and growers who have trialled the new MCT1 and levy varieties on their orchards.

SPEAKER: ASSOC. PROF. BRUCE TOPP

PRINCIPAL RESEARCH FELLOW. UNIVERSITY OF OUFFNSLAND Associate Professor Bruce Topp is a plant breeder and the Horticultural Crop Improvement Leader of the Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI). He leads national macadamia and stonefruit breeding projects aimed at increased orchard profitability, improved quality and development of innovative products. He collaborates with breeders, geneticists, pathologists, entomologists, food scientists, market specialists, students and orchardists in developing new fruit and nut cultivars for Australian industries.



SPEAKER: SHANE MULO

SUBTROPICAL FRUIT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS TEAM LEADER, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Shane has over 28 years of experience in leading projects and teams to improve productivity and quality in horticultural industries. He has collaborated in many macadamia industry research and extension projects over the last 20 years and currently leads the 'Benchmarking the macadamia industry 2015-2018' project and the IPM program for the macadamia industry - DAF project. Shane was awarded the Norm Greber Memorial Trophy in 2013 in recognition of his contribution to the Australian macadamia industry.



SPEAKER: DAVID BELL A second-generation macadamia farmer, David's first macadamia trees were planted in the 1960s, when HIDDEN VALLEY PLANTATIONS the Australian commercial industry was just beginning. The family farm's strong interest in research and innovation led to the Hidden Valley breeding program and the A-Series genetics that resulted have been widely adopted by the industry over the past 30 years. David is also involved in the industry funded breeding program in his capacity as chair of the Macadamia Industry Varietal Improvement This session continues Committee (MIVIC). Currently, his interests are moving towards robotics and he recently gained a place next page on the advisory panel for Hort Innovation's Advanced Production Systems fund.





SPEAKER: LINDSAY BRYEN SUPERIOR MACADAMIA CONTRACTING

Lindsay is a macadamia industry stalwart, having been heavily involved in the industry for more than 40 years. He is keenly interested in the Australian Macadamia Breeding Program and has been a member of the MIVIC (Macadamia Industry Varietal Improvement Committee) since its inception. This involves participation in the selection of suitable candidates for RVT's (Regional Varietal Trials) and the selection of the best commercial releases to the industry from the RVT. Lindsay is committed to driving scientific research to improve productivity and the commercial returns of growers and is well known for his pivotal role in the industry's innovative varietal improvement trials while conducting an Elite Variety RVT that will benefit the industry from 2021 and beyond.



ON-FARM QUALITY

11.30-11.55AM As Australia's share of global macadamia production continues to drop it becomes correspondingly more important MAIN THEATRE that our quality and consistency continue to improve. Our future will be in the supply of the highest quality, safest and most sustainably grown macadamias for the highest price in the most premium markets. What are the key things that growers can focus on over the season and up to the delivery of their crop to processors that will make a measurable difference to the quality and the price they receive?

SPEAKER: LEONI KOJETIN INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, AUSTRALIAN MACADAMIA INDUSTRY

Leoni Kojetin is tasked with delivering the Australian macadamia industry's innovation and adoption program which aims to raise productivity through the implementation of research and development. She is passionate about providing practical resources which build the capacity of our growers as well as finding innovative and sustainable ways to add value along the macadamia supply chain. Leoni's involvement in the industry started years before joining the AMS when she established and managed a macadamia nursery in the Northern Rivers.



TREE PHYSIOLOGY RESEARCH

11.55AM-12.25PM MAIN THEATRE One of the biggest challenges growers face is understanding how their trees will respond to the changing seasons and climatic and cultural conditions. Just a few generations from their wild forebears, little is known about the physiology of macadamia varieties and how they respond to climatic variation, and management practices including pruning, nutrition and growth regulators. Three of the industry's most experienced researchers will discuss what we know and, more importantly, what we don't, and outline the implications for growers and future research.

SPEAKER: PROF CHRISTINE REVERIDGE

AFFILIATED PROFESSOR CENTRE FOR CROP SCIENCE. UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND Professor Beveridge's interest is in the control of plant development. Her research focuses on understanding the role of plant hormones in the regulation and coordination of plant development. Her team is particularly interested in shoot architecture because it is a variable trait that is important in crop production and horticulture. Recently, they discovered strigolactone as the novel plant hormone that has been elusive but is known to be involved in shoot branching. Strigolactone is important for nutrient uptake, is involved in attracting harmful parasitic weeds and is involved in several developmental processes such as adventitious rooting, secondary growth and root development.



SPEAKER: DR. GRANT THORP

SENIOR SCIENTIST, PLANT & FOOD RESEARCH AUSTRALIA

Dr. Grant Thorp works with fruit industries to research and provide solutions for growers to obtain costeffective and sustainable increases in yield and product quality. Key areas of Grant's expertise include tree architecture, rootstocks and orchard systems design for almond, avocado, kiwifruit and macadamia. He currently leads programs in Australia and California researching the development of high density growing systems for almonds. With macadamia he is evaluating a range of management techniques to improve tree structure, promote flowering and thus reduce the time to first commercial harvest for new orchards.



PRINCIPAL HORTICULTURIST, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SPEAKER: DR. JOHN WILKIE John is currently leading and is a co-principal investigator for the Small Tree - High Productivity Initiative, a large, collaborative, multi-disciplinary research program with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, The Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation and NSW Department of & FISHERIES Primary Industries and co-funded by Hort Innovation. The primary focus of John's work over the years has been undertaking research to improve horticultural tree crop productivity through understanding the underlying physiology of the crop and its responses to manipulation of the production system e.g. pruning and crop load. He is currently working with the subtropical/tropical tree crops macadamia, avocado and mango, and has previously worked with the highly developed temperate tree crop, apple.



YOUR LEVY AT WORK

12.25-12.50PM



MACADAMIA

The Macadamia Strategic Investment Advisory Panel (SIAP), managed by Hort. Innovation and made up of some of the most experienced people in the industry, is responsible for recommending how the \$2.2 million of matched R&D levy funds are spent. Out of the approximately 30 funded projects in the Macadamia Fund, key SIAP members will each present the funded research project they think has the greatest potential to benefit growers and improve their bottom line. It's your investment; make sure you know what the return could be.

SPEAKERS: VARIOUS SIAP MEMBERS INCLUDING KIM WILSON (EUREKA MACADAMIA MANAGEMENT), STEVE LEE (MACADAMIA PROCESSING COMPANY) AND ANDREW STARKEY (MACS NETWORK OPERATIONS PTY LTD)

12.50-2PM LUNCH, TRADE & MACHINERY EXPOS







TRADE WARS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR OUR INDUSTRY?

- presented by Rabobank

2-2.20PM The news is full of looming trade wars between the US and China. What does this mean for the MAIN THEATRE global food trade and for Australian macadamias in particular? Rabobank international trade expert Tim Hunt will explain what is going on, where it might all end up and what this might mean for the macadamia trade for Chinese consumers and demand for macadamias.



GENERAL MANAGER. RABORESEARCH FOOD & AGRIBUSINESS (AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND)

SPEAKER: TIM HUNT Prior to his current position, Tim Hunt was the global strategist and team leader of Rabobank's Dairy research team in New York, where his role included analysing developments in the regional and global dairy markets, coordinating Rabobank's medium-term dairy forecasts and advising Rabobank on its engagement with the dairy industry. Tim is a professional economist with more than 20 years' experience of working with leading financial institutions and strategic consultancies in Australia, England and the United States. Tim graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1993 with an honours degree in Economics and Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Arts degrees.



INTERNATIONAL MACADAMIA INDUSTRY UPDATE - presented by AustSafe Super

2.20-3.15PM MAIN THEATRE China is holding the triennial International Macadamia Symposium in October, and a strong contingent of Australian industry will be attending. A group of experienced growers, consultants, researchers and AMS staff will report to the conference on all that they saw at the symposium, complete with videos and pictures and the best facts and figures we can gather. What does China's growth as a macadamia producer mean for global demand for Australian macadamias, the farm gate price growers can expect and the longer-term outlook for new Australian plantings?



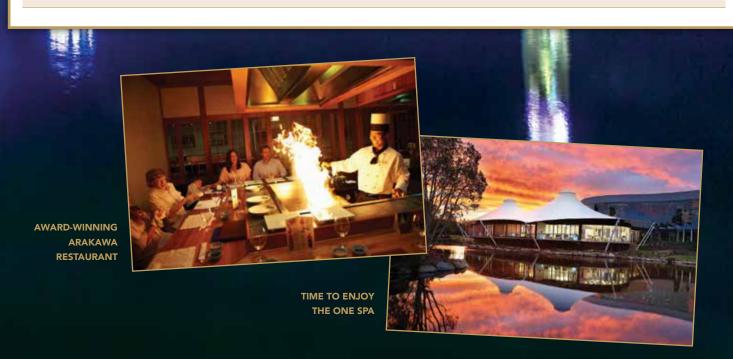
SPEAKER: JOLYON BURNETT

CEO, AMS, & A SELECTION OF EXPERIENCED GROWERS,

Jolyon has been professionally involved in Australian horticulture for more than 30 years. Prior to the AMS, he was CEO of Irrigation Australia Limited and Nursery and Garden Industry Australia and Senior Program Manager with the Horticultural Research and Development Corporation. Jolyon has served on RESEARCHERS AND unmerous government and industry advisory boards and committees (including Horticulture Australia CONSULTANTS Council) and spoken at conferences throughout Australia and internationally. His professional career has covered parks management, academic and research positions at TAFE and university, environmental and horticultural consulting, journalism, research management and industry development and leadership. Jolyon is currently the Chair of the Australian Nut Industry Council. He has a degree in Agricultural Science, a Masters in Environmental Science and is a graduate of the AICD Company Directors Program.



3.15-3.45PM AFTERNOON TEA



CONCURRENT SESSIONS

NURSERIES: MANAGEMENT & STANDARDS / YOUNG RESEARCHERS FORUM

3.45-4.30PM

NURSERIES: MANAGEMENT & STANDARDS

SPEAKER: DR. CHRIS SEARLE
(SEE BIO PAGE 9) MACAVO

Building on the well-regarded Nursery Industry Accreditation Scheme and following similar developments in avocados and bananas, a nursery accreditation and tree standard is being developed that will, for the first time, set standards of tree quality and nursery hygiene and provide a benchmark for nurseries producing and selling new varieties. Every tree that is sold by a macadamia nursery has the potential to affect the industry for the next 40 years; it is essential that only plants produced in the highest quality nurseries form the future of the industry.



3.45-4.30PM

YOUNG RESEARCHERS FORUM

MODERATOR: DR. OLUFEMI AKINSANMI

UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

An industry as young as the macadamia industry has its future in the hands of the next generation of researchers and problem solvers. Six of the best post graduate candidates currently working on macadamias will present short sharp summaries of the problem they are addressing in disease management, pest suppressive landscapes, remote sensing and robotics and plant physiology, and the possible solutions that they hope to develop. Make sure that this youthful energy and enthusiasm is not wasted on the young.

A selection of Australia's best and brightest PhD students covering the following topics:

1. USING DNA MARKERS TO PREDICT YIELD & NUT CHARACTERISTICS IN MACADAMIA

Speaker: Katie O'Connor, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland Industry Project: Macadamia second generation breeding and conservation (MC14000)

2. MANY PHYTOPHTHORA SPECIES ARE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO MACADAMIA IN AUSTRALIA

Speaker: Olumide S. Jeff-Ego, PhD Candidate - University of Queensland Industry Project: Macadamia Integrated Disease Management (MC16018)

3. A GENETIC PLATFORM FOR MACADAMIA

Speaker: Kirsty Langdon, PhD Candidate, Southern Cross University
Industry Project: Establishing an open-source platform for unravelling the genetics of Macadamia: integration of linkage and genome maps (MC15008)

4. SEARCHING FOR BETTER MACADAMIAS

Speaker: Thuy Mai, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland Industry Project: Macadamia Second Generation Breeding and Conservation (MC14000)

5. A NEW INSIGHT INTO ABNORMAL VERTICAL GROWTH IN MACADAMIA

Speaker: Mohamed C. M. Zakeel, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland Industry Project: Macadamia Integrated Disease Management (MC16018)

6. EXPLORING CANOPY ARCHITECTURE AND FLOWERING FOR IMPROVED YIELD EFFICIENCY

Speaker: Benjamin Toft, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland Industry Project: Small Tree High Productivity Initiative (AI13004)

7. VEGETATIVE PHASE TRANSITION IN MACADAMIA

Speaker: Umair Ahsan, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland Industry Project: Small Tree High Productivity Initiative

8. FLOWER BLIGHT COMPLEX IN MACADAMIA

Speaker: Kandeparoopan Prasannath, PhD Candidate, University of Queensland Industry Project: Macadamia Integrated Disease Management (MC16018)

9. INSECT PATHOGENIC FUNGI ON MACADAMIA WEEVIL, KUSCHELORHYNCHUS MACADAMIAE

Speaker: Kim Khuy Khun, PhD Candidate, University of Southern Queensland Industry Project: IPM Program for the Australian Macadamia Industry (MC16004)

10. ASSESSMENT OF CROP WATER STATUS IN MACADAMIA USING UAV-ACQUIRED MULTISPECTRAL AND THERMAL IMAGING

Speaker: John Coulombe, PhD Candidate, Central Queensland University Industry Project: Small Tree High Productivity Initiative (Al13004)

4.30-4.45PM MAIN THEATRE

IN A NUTSHELL: CONFERENCE WRAP

Jolyon Burnett - CEO, Australian Macadamia Society



6.45-11.45PM ROYAL BENOWA BALLROOM

GALA DINNER - Presented by Stahmann Farms

Time to relax and celebrate the end of another great conference! The gala dinner includes a delicious 3-course meal, drinks and fabulous entertainment. This year's theme is James Bond style!



50 YEARS

TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

GOLF DAY

presented by Corteva Agriscience

11.45AM-5PM ROYAL PINES CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF COURSE



This is your chance to play where the champions play! The 27-hole golf course at Royal Pines includes a recently redesigned championship course which hosts the Australian PGA Championship. It was a finalist for Australia's Best Golf Hotel 2017 in the World Golf Awards. This will be a 4 ball ambrose (18 holes) with prizes for longest drive, nearest the pin (men and women) as well as best dressed individual and team. Lunch is supplied and a refreshment cart will be available on-course.



WELCOME COCKTAIL RECEPTION & POOL PARTY

presented by MWT Macadamia

6-8PM POOLSIDE AT ROYAL PINES RESORT



What's not to love about a Calypso-themed cocktail reception and pool party?! Grab yourself a macadamia-inspired cocktail and some tropical canapes and ease into the swing of things as we celebrate the opening of AusMac2018! This will be a fantastic networking event that officially kick-starts the conference and provides you with a wonderful opportunity to meet other delegates.



WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

HAPPY HOUR

presented by Ventrac

5.30-6.30PM
PODIUM LAWN (MACHINERY
EXPO), ROYAL
PINES RESORT

Join us under the marquee on the lawn where we'll relax, unwind and enjoy a cool beverage and nibbles at the end of the first conference day. This is a great networking opportunity and a chance to catch up with new friends and old. It's also the perfect time to take a wander through the magnificent macadamia machinery expo!



THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

RISE AND DINE! CELEBRITY CHEF BREAKFAST

presented by BASF Australia Ltd

7-8.45AM
ROYAL POINCIANA ROOM
ROYAL PINES
RESORT

BASF
We create chemistry

Once, serious chefs would not be seen dead in the kitchen before noon. But breakfast is now the time for adventurous chefs to rise and shine and our Aussie chefs now have quite the reputation for taking the art of the 'Down Under Brekky' to the world! Right in front of our eyes on the centre stage kitchen, our celebrity chef Ben O'Donoghue will create the most mouth-watering macadamia breakfast and explain why he loves working with macadamias. Then we all get to feast on his creations. You know what they say...eat breakfast like a king!



GALA DINNER

presented by Stahmann Farms

6.45-11.45PM ROYAL BENOWA BALLROOM, ROYAL PINES RESORT



Don your best James Bond attire for the social highlight of the conference which will feature the finest cuisine and live band entertainment. With the conference complete, this is the perfect opportunity to relax and party with your industry colleagues and friends. Enjoy a delicious 3-course dinner before dancing the night away.







LARCEST EVER TRADE EXPO

WED 8AM-4PM, THUR 8.30AM-2.30PM

Don't miss our largest ever trade expo at this year's conference. Featuring all the latest products, services, suppliers and equipment to help improve your bottom line. There'll be demonstrations, promotions, taste testing and lots of networking and meeting spaces, with meals also served in this central hub. And don't forget to grab a coffee or a macadamia chai latte at the AMS coffee cart!



AusMac2018 Trade Show Exhibitors

- Agrichem
- AMB Rousset
- AustSafe Super
- BASF Australia Ltd
- Ceres Imaging
- Corteva Agriscience
- Eco Growth Qld
- Flory Industries
- Hort Innovation
- Imtrade Australia
- Inspection Systems Pty Ltd
- KEBA Engineering Group
- Macadamia Conservation Trust
- Macadamias Direct
- MWT Macadamia
- Netafim
- Northern Rivers Compost
- Nutrian Liquid Fertiliser
- Orchard Machinery

- Corporation
- Pacific Farms
- Plant & Food Research
- QRIDA
- Rivulis
- Rocky Point
- Roxset Health & Safety Flooring
- Seasol
- Stahmann Farms
- Stoller Australia
- Sumitomo Chemical
- Suncoast Gold Macadamias
- Toro Australia
- Ventrac
- Vermeer
- Waterfind
- WFI Insurance
- Yara Australia

MACHINERY EXPO

Presented by Pacific Farms

TUES 1-5PM, WED 8AM-4PM, THUR 8.30AM-2.30PM PODIUM LAWNS



Looking for new ideas and products that will help to improve your bottom line? Don't miss this event, where you'll get to see a large range of innovative machinery – harvesters, soil profilers, orchard tractors, tree planters, mowers, mulching machinery, chippers, pruners, spreaders, chainsaws, polesaws and more - and talk one-on-one to machinery suppliers.



AusMac2018 Machinery Expo Exhibitors

- Antonio Carraro Oceania
- Briggs & Stratton Australia
- Croplands Equipment
- Farm Moto
- Kubota Australia
- Monchiero Australia
- Mower World Commercial
- Pacific Farms
- Roberts Machinery

- Ryset Australia
- Schulte Sales Australia
- Silvan Australia
- SME Mowers
- Tisca
- Tornado Pumps & Sprayers
- Trimax Mowing Systems
- Tuffass Machinery
- Ventrac
- Vermeer

All conference delegates receive access to both the machinery expo and trade show.

Check the conference website for the most up to date list of exhibitors.









2018 AUSTRALIAN MACADAMIA INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

Registration Form

To register for the AusMac2018, please register online at: www.ivvy.com.au/event/AUSMAC2018 or complete the below form and return via:

Email: events@macadamias.org

Post: Australian Macadamia Society 113 Dawson St, Lismore NSW 2480 Australia

Current financial AMS members are able to purchase up to two tickets (one for themselves and one for their partner/spouse) at AMS member prices.

Membership classes A2-A4 and B2-B4 may purchase two tickets per additional contact listed on the membership. For example; John Stock and Jim Smith are Class A2 AMS members. John and Jim are able to purchase a ticket each for themselves and a ticket each for their partners, making four tickets in total.

Need more info? Go to: www.ivvy.com.au/event/AUSMAC2018 or phone 1800 262 426 (toll free within Australia) or 61 2 6622 4933

SECTION A: ATTENDEE DETAILS

First delegate det	tails
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Title	First name
Surname	
Organisation	
Postal address	
Suburb	
State	Postcode
Country	
Work telephone	>
Mobile telepho	ne
Email	
Special requirer	nents (dietary/access/mobility)
Super Saver tick	etholders receive a free conference polo shirt.
Polo shirt size (d	circle): Men - S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL 5XL Other
Women: 8 10 1	2 14 16 18 20 22 Other
Partner details	
Title	First name
Surname	
Organisation	
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Email	
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SECTION B: SUPER SAVER TICKET DETAILS

Complete this section if you are purchasing full registration tickets for yourself (and partner). Go to Section D if you are purchasing single event tickets only, for yourself and/or partner.

Conference Super Saver Ticket

The conference saver ticket includes admission for one person to the welcome cocktail reception (Tues 13 Nov) machinery & trade expos (Tues-Thur 13-15 Nov), conference days 2 & 3 (Wed-Thur 14-15 Nov), happy hour (Wed 14 Nov), macadamia breakfast (Thur 15 Nov) and gala dinner (Thur 15 Nov). It also includes a conference satchel and polo shirt. It does not include Golf Day or Day 1 workshops. These are optional extras.

	First Delegate	Partner	Total \$
AMS member early bird \$650pp	☐ please tick		
AMS member standard \$747pp			
Non-member standard \$910pp			

SECTION C: CONFERENCE SUPER SAVER TICKET

To assist with catering of your Conference Super Saver ticket, please indicate if you (and your partner) will be attending the following events:

Event	First delegate	Partner
Day 1 Cocktail reception Tuesday 13 Nov, 6-8pm	Y N N	Y N
Day 2 Conference Wed 14 Nov, 7.30am-5pm	Y N N	$Y \square N \square$
Day 2 Happy hour Wed 14 Nov, 5:30-6:30pm	Y N N	Y N
Day 3 Macadamia breakfast Thur 15 Nov, 7-8.45am	Y N	Y N
Day 3 Conference Thur 15 Nov, 8.30am-4.45pm	Y N N	$Y \square N \square$
Day 3 Gala dinner Thur 15 Nov, 6.45-11.45pm	Y N N	Y N

SECTION D: SINGLE EVENT REGISTRATION DETAILS

Day 1 Beekeeping & Pollination Wo	orkshop Tues 13 N	ov, 9.30-11.30am	Total \$
AMS member early bird \$60pp	☐ First delegate	☐ Partner	
AMS member standard \$69pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$84pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 1 GPS Farm Operations Works	shop Tues 13 Nov,	9.30-11.30am	Total \$
AMS member early bird \$60pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$69pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$84pp	First delegate	Partner	
Day 1 Soil Sampling & Analysis Wo	rkshop Tues 13 No	v, 9.30-11.30am	Total \$
AMS member early bird \$60pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$69pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$84pp	First delegate		
Day 1 Grafting Workshop Tues 13	Nov, 1-4pm		Total \$
AMS member early bird \$60pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$69pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$84pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 1 Post Harvest Handling Work	shop Tues 13 Nov,	1-3pm	Total \$
AMS member early bird \$60pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$69pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$84pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 1 Golf day Tues 13 Nov, 11.4	5am-5pm		Total \$
AMS member early bird \$110pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$125pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$135pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 1 Cocktail reception Tues 13 No	ov. 6-8pm		Total \$
AMS member early bird \$80pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$92pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$112pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 2 Conference Wed 14 Nov, 8.	45am-5pm (expos	open 8.30am)	Total \$
AMS member early bird \$220pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	,
AMS member standard \$253pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$308pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 2 Happy hour Wed 14 Nov, 5.	30-6.30pm	First Delegate	Partner
Free to those holding a conference Da	-		
purposes, please tick if you/your partn	•	3 - 7	
Day 3 Macadamia breakfast Thur	15 Nov, 7-8.45am		Total \$
AMS member early bird \$60pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$69pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$84pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 3 Conference Thur 14 Nov, 9am	ı-4.45pm (expos o _l	pen 8.30am)	Total \$
AMS member early bird \$220pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
AMS member standard \$253pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Non-member standard \$308pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	
Day 3 Gala dinner Thur 15 Nov, 6.	45-11.45pm		Total \$
AMS member early bird \$140pp	☐ First delegate	Partner	1
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AMS member standard \$161pp		☐ Partner	

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TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE:

Events for all conference registrations and accommodation bookings. All registration payments must be directed as such and further details are listed with the payment options below. For all accommodation enquiries please contact Kelly Cattanach, South East Events, on 0400 014 281.
I would like to pay via (choose one): Cheque (make cheque payable to: Australian Macadamia Society) EFT (AMS will send you an invoice) Please debit my credit card: Visa Mastercard
Credit Card Number:
Exp Date: / CW
Authorised amount to charge: \$
Name on card:
Signature:

SECTION E: PAYMENT DETAILS

SECTION F: AGREEMENT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By registering for this event, I acknowledge I have read, understood and accept the terms and conditions as presented by the event organisers.

Signature:	Date:	

Pricing and key dates

Early bird rates apply to AMS member conference registrations booked and paid in full between Monday 20 August - Friday 14 September 2018. If full payment is not received by the early bird closing date the standard registration fee will be applicable.

AMS member standard rates apply to conference registrations booked and paid in full between Saturday 15 September - Friday 9 November 2018.

Non-member standard rates apply to all non-member registrations booked and paid in full between Monday 20 August - Friday 9 November 2018.

Registrations close at 5pm Friday 9 November 2018. NO registrations will be processed after this date.

Account payments

Credit card payments of registration fees can be made online. Payment can be made via Visa, Mastercard and Amex. All credit card payments incur a surcharge of 2.9%. All payments must be made in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). All credit card details are gathered through a secure PCI and DSS (Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard) website and payment system so that all credit card details are fully protected at all times.

Invoices must be paid within 30 days or by the registration early bird or closing date (whichever comes first) to secure the booking. Invoiced early bird registrations must be paid in full by the early bird cut-off date (please see the conditions under pricing and key dates above).

Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST 10%) has been included in all registration pricing and is subject to change without notice.

Registrations

Additional/single event tickets can be purchased during the registration process. Partners of AMS members are eligible to purchase event tickets at member prices.

Registration on arrival at the event is required for all delegates to collect your name badge. Please bring your confirmation letter and some form of identification such as a driver's license or valid student card etc.

Catering such as morning/afternoon teas, lunches, canapes etc as appropriate is provided for all registrations to each event. Please see Special requirements below for information on advising your dietary needs.

The happy hour on Wednesday 14 November is free of charge to all Conference Super Saver delegates and Day 2 delegates. For catering purposes please indicate your attendance at this event during the registration process.

Cancellations and substitutions must be advised to South East Events in writing by the registrations close date. Should you be unable to attend the conference after making your booking, the registration may be transferred in full to another person, part substitutions will not be accepted. For full cancellations please see our Refunds policy below.

Confirmation of registrations will be emailed to attendees once payment is received and cleared. If payment is not made prior to the registration closing date and the event reaches capacity, your place is not guaranteed and may be offered to those on a waiting list.

Special requirements

Special dietary/mobility requirements should be advised during the registration process. Special requirements will not be catered for unless requested before the registrations close date. It is the delegates responsibility to ensure South East Events have received your request.

Refund policy

Refunds for cancellations will be processed after the conclusion of the event and where written cancellation has been received by South East Events prior to the event. A cancellation fee of \$50 per registration will be applicable. All refunds are subject to the following schedule for cancellations received:

- on or before Thursday 11 October 2018, full refund less cancellation fee
- Friday 12 October Friday 2 November 2018, 50% refund less cancellation fee
- on or after Saturday 3 November 2018, no refund will be applicable

Privacy policy and image release

Collection and storage of your personal information is done so for the purpose of providing you with services relating to your event registration. The event organisers support the Privacy Principles as contained within the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth), as amended.

Photography and/or video of delegates at conference events may be undertaken by the event organisers. In registering for the conference, all delegates grant permission to the event organisers, its agents and others working under its authority, to take and to have full free use of video/photographs containing their images/likeness. It is understood these images may be used for promotional, news, online/multimedia, research and/or educational purposes by and for the event organisers. Delegates agree they are not entitled to remunerations, residuals, royalties or any other payment from the event organisers in respect of their image/likeness or its use. Delegates release, discharge, and hold harmless, the event organisers and its agents from any and all claims, demands or causes of actions that they hereafter have by reason of anything contained in the video/photographs. Should a delegate not agree to the above image release, they must advise AMS in writing.

Insurance & indemnity

Changes to the program may be made by the event organisers due to circumstances beyond our control and every effort will be made to ensure a program of equivalent standard. In the event of changes to venue and/or speakers, or cancellation of the event, the event organisers are indemnified against any and all costs, damages expenses, including legal fees, which may be incurred by delegates.

Insurance is not included in any registration. Delegates (including accompanying persons, partners, and caregivers) carry their own risk for personal injury, loss cost or expense prior to, during and post conference. It is recommended all delegates take out their own travel, medical and other insurances as appropriate. The event organisers cannot accept responsibility for any person failing to insure.



