



HAZELNUT GROWERS OF AUSTRALIA INC

2026 ANNUAL HAZELNUT SEMINAR AND FIELD DAY

VENUE

Saturday Conference Sessions will be held at the

The Remington Orange
1517 Forest Rd, Orange NSW 2800

Phone: [\(02\) 6361 6362](tel:0263616362)

Website: theremington.com.au

Accommodation: <https://theremington.com.au/book-online/>



CONFERENCE SUPPORTERS:



PROGRAM

FRIDAY 11th September

Informal Dinner from 6:30 pm for those who are interested.

Own Cost:

Venue to be confirmed

HGA SEMINAR: SATURDAY 12th September

8:00 am Registration

8:30 am Opening and Welcome.

8:40 am ***INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE*** – Facilitated by Dr Ben Stodart, Charles Sturt University

- Trevor Ranford – overview of R&D activities
- Jenni Yeo – Hazelnuts in Italy – impressions from recent visit
- Brett/Steph Hodge – experiences with hazelnuts affected by fire

Grower Q&A

SESSION 1: R&D OPPORTUNITIES AND REPORTS

9:30 am ***“R&D Overview – role of AgriFutures Australia”***
Chair or CEO of AgriFutures Australia – TBC

9:40 am ***“Update on AUSHAZ”***
Professor Geoff Gurr, Charles Sturt University

10:00 am ***“Nutrition R&D – update on the 2025/26 activities.”***
Dr Jason Smith, Charles Sturt University.

10:20 am Grower Q&A.

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

SESSION 2: MARKETING OPPORTUNITIES

11:00 pm ***“The Fundamentals of developing the Australian Hazelnut Brand”***
Kristy Chilman, The Brand Architect
Presentation and grower working session

“Outline of a Hazelnut Industry Marketing Plan for 2027
Sallianne Faulkner/Jenni Yeo/Alex Evans

11:45 am Hazelnut Growers of Australia – **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

12:45 pm **LUNCH - NETWORKING**

SESSION 3: PROGRAMS TO ASSIST GROWERS

- 1:30 pm **OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE HAZELNUT SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK**
- 1:45 pm ***“Australian Hazelnut Industry Sustainability Framework – going forward”***
Representatives from AgriFutures Australia/ERM/Trevor Ranford, HGA
- 2:45 pm ***“Keeping Farmers Farming – Farm Insurance options”***
Nicole Griffith, ACHMEA Farm Insurance
- 3:05 pm **NETWORKING OVER AFTERNOON TEA**

SESSION 4: TECHNICAL UPDATES

- 3.30 pm ***“AUSHAZ PROJECT UPDATES***
- ***‘Results of the 2025/26 Benchmarking Report’***
Dr Pangzhen Zhang, University of Melbourne
 - ***‘Developments with flowers and nut counts’***
Dr Jeffrey Hsiao, LINCOLN AGRITECH LTD
 - ***‘Technologies for pests/disease/bird Management’***
Jian Liu, Research Fellow, Charles Sturt University and
Professor Geoff Gurr
- 4:30 pm ***“Hazelnut Aphids - Alert but not Alarmed”***
Adam Perkins, Agro-Ecology
- 5:00 pm ***“Bird Management – an Autonomous Drone System and Service”***
Animesh Ghimiray and Domenic Saporito, GuardianSkies
- 5.20 pm ***“Australian Hazelnut Industry – looking forward.”***
Trevor Ranford, Hazelnut Growers of Australia Inc
- 5:30 pm **CLOSE**

CONFERENCE DINNER:

The Conference Dinner will be held at the

- 6:30 pm PRE-DINNER DRINKS**
- 7:00 pm DINNER TO COMMENCE**
- **WELCOME BY PRESIDENT**
 - **Entrée**

SPONSORS

- 7:40 pm MAIN COURSE**

- 9:00 pm DESSERT**

- 9.30 pm CLOSE**



FIELD DAY PROGRAM

SUNDAY 13th September 2026.

8:45 am Delegates assemble - shared travel

Visit Lucknow Gold Hazelnuts and inspect: -

- orchard and production techniques
- drying methods.
- Harvest bins

Visit Fourjay Farms and inspect: -

- Drying structures
- Flower counts
- Soil cores
- Drone system and demonstration

Visit and inspect orchard soil pit

12:00 noon Lunch at the LUCKNOW TAVERN

3:00 pm Close

REGISTRATION FORM:

Business Name:

Address:

.....**Postcode:****State:**

Phone: **Mobile:**

E-mail:

Names of Delegates:

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COSTS

Conference Registration Activities and Costs PER PERSON	MEMBER (all prices are GST inclusive)	NON-MEMBER (all prices are GST inclusive)
FULL PROGRAM: Includes • Saturday Conference and meals. • Saturday Dinner. • Sunday Orchard visit/activities including lunch.	\$242.00 per person	\$341.00 per person
Friday Informal Dinner	@ Delegates own cost	@ Delegates own cost
Saturday Conference ONLY	\$99.00 per person	\$132.00 per person
Saturday Dinner ONLY	\$99.00 per person	\$132.00 per person
Saturday Conference and Dinner ONLY	\$198.00 per person	\$264.00 per person
Sunday Farm Walks & Lunch (Bus supplied)	\$55.00 per person	\$77.00 per person

QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any special food requirements? YES NO
If so, please list _____
2. If you are a member of a Horticultural Industry Body in Australia or HGANZ, we are pleased to offer you our MEMBERS rates.
Please detail Industry Body you are a member of:

3. If you are a member/representative of one of the AUSHAZ projects, we are pleased to offer you our MEMBERS rates.
Please detail AUSHAZ Project:

ALL PRICES ARE GST INCLUSIVE.

PAYMENT

Amount to be paid:

Full Registration: people @ \$..... TOTAL: \$.....
(Inclusive of ALL activities)

OR INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES:

Friday Informal Dinner: people @ At delegate's own cost

Saturday Conference ONLY: people @ \$..... TOTAL: \$.....

Conference Dinner ONLY: people @ \$..... TOTAL: \$.....

Saturday Conference and Dinner: people @ \$..... TOTAL: \$.....

Sunday Orchard Visits people @ \$..... TOTAL: \$.....

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$

1. Please make cheques payable to HGA Inc. and mail, with completed form to
Hazelnut Growers of Australia Inc.
C/- Trevor Ranford
27 Ludgate Hill Road,
ALDGATE. SA. 5154
2. By email, please direct credit HGA Inc. bank account BSB- 032 814; Account No. 195 114
quoting your surname and "Conf".
Email completed registration form to Trevor Ranford, sahort@bigpond.com

3. Credit Card

Please debit my credit card \$.....

Mastercard Visa

Card No. _____ Expiry ____ __

CVN ____ (3 Numbers on Back of Card)

Name on card _____ Signature _____

A TAX INVOICE WILL BE SUPPLIED ON RECEIPT OF THE PAYMENT

ACCOMMODATION

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