



▶ THURSDAY 23RD MAY:
BERRY FIELD DAY
9.30AM-4.30PM



▶ FRIDAY 24TH MAY:
BERRY & PERENNIAL
FRUIT PROGRAM
8.30AM—5.00PM



▶ SATURDAY 25TH MAY:
CHERRY PROGRAM
8.30AM—5.00PM

FGT May Conference

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2013 FGT Annual May Conference, Wrest Point Hotel Casino, Hobart
Thursday 23rd May — Saturday 25th May 2013

Growing with Knowledge

The 2013 FGT Annual May Conference will be held at the very popular venue, Wrest Point Hotel Casino in Hobart starting from Thursday 23rd May 2013.

Once again the conference program will feature a Berry Field Day on Thursday 23rd May and two action-packed conference days on the Friday 24th May and Saturday 25th May.

As well as the technical sessions there will be plenty of opportunity to network with delegates, speakers and sponsors at the Network drinks on the Friday night and the Gala Conference Dinner on the Saturday night.

The Gala Conference Dinner will once again feature the FGT Annual Award Presentations and the new inductees into the Tasmanian Fruit Industry's Roll of Honour.

Our line-up of speakers includes several international speakers including Mekjell Meland, a cherry grower and researcher from Norway.

An additional cherry workshop has also been scheduled to coincide with the May Conference which will be held on Sunday 26th May with Professor Matthew Whiting from Washington State University.

The trade display will feature over 20 trade tables from a variety of sponsors.



Matthew Whiting One-Day Workshop

Fruit Growers Tasmania are delighted to have Professor Matthew Whiting in Tasmania for the 2013 FGT May Conference. Professor Whiting will hold a special 1-day workshop on Sunday 26th May at Fruit Growers Tasmania offices followed by a field visit. The Workshop will cover the latest cherry research outcomes from USA in relation to crop load and fruit quality.



This Workshop is supported by Cherry Growers Australia



Conference Program: Friday 24th May 2013

Berry Conference Session: Wellington Room



9.00am **The Role of Biologicals in Producing Better Berries**

Asma Johansson, Zadco

9.45am **Update on Overseas Rubus & Vaccinium Breeding**

Dr Andrew Granger, Plant and Food Australia

10.30am Morning Tea

(Boardwalk Gallery)

11.00am **Modified Atmosphere Post Harvest Management of Raspberries**

Dr Dugald Close, TIA

11.30am **IPM in Tasmanian Berry Production**

Dr Paul Horne, IPM Technologies, Victoria

12.00pm **Burlington Berries: A Year in Review**

Nick King, Burlington Berries

12.30pm Lunch: Proudly Sponsored by Visy Boxes & More

(Boardwalk Gallery)



Perennial Fruit Conference Session

1.30pm **Role of Nitrogen Fertigation in Fruit Production**

Dr Nigel Swarts, TIA

2.15pm **Sweet Cherry Production in High Tunnels: The European Experience**

Dr Mekjell Meland, Norway

3.00pm Afternoon Tea

(Boardwalk Gallery)

3.30pm **Managing Soil Microbes for a Better Yield and Quality**

Dr Teferi Belayneh, Omnia Specialties

4.30pm **Keeping an Eye on the Weather**

Simon McCulloch, Bureau of Meteorology

5.00pm **Clinical Trials in Tasmania: Health Benefits of Anthocyanins**

Melanie Blackhall, School of Medicine, UTAS

5.30pm Network Drinks - Sponsored by

Venue: Boardwalk Gallery



Berry Field Trip: Thursday 23rd May 2013

9.30am **Grove Blueberries** (Blueberries), 2048 Huon Highway, Grove

10.30am Morning Tea @ Huon Valley Apple & Heritage Museum

11.15am **Lucaston Park Orchards** (Raspberries), Lucaston Road, Grove


12.30pm Lunch @ Lucaston Park (Peppermint Ridge Catering)

2.00pm **TruBlu Berries** (Blueberries), 78 Cygnet Coast Road, Lymington

Conference Program: Saturday 25th May

Cherry & Stonefruit Conference Session: Wellington Room



- 8.30am **Australian Horticulture: What does the future bring?**
Pip Courtney, ABC Landline
- 9.00am **Overview of Sweet Cherry Production in Europe**
Prof. Mekjell Meland, Norway
- 9.45am **How Can Biologicals Improve Fruit Quality?**
Asma Johannson, Zadco
- 10.30am Morning Tea**
(Boardwalk Gallery)
- 11.00am **Stop the Rot: Latest Research on Cherry Rots**
Dr Karen Barry, TIA
- 11.30am **The Next Frontier....Solving the Issues in Cherry Production**
Professor Matthew Whiting, Washington State University
- 12.30pm Lunch: Proudly Sponsored by Link Logistics** *linklogistics* 
(Boardwalk Gallery)
- 1.30pm **Steps to buffer against stress factors in fruit production drawing links between Europe and Australia**
Christian Hubener, Russia, OCP
- 2.00pm **Rain vs Cherries: The latest odds on winning the fight against cracking**
Dr Penny Measham, TIA
- 3.00pm Afternoon Tea**
(Boardwalk Gallery)
- 3.30pm **Tas'Mania: Bringing Premium Tasmanian Produce to Hong Kong and what are the lessons?**
Robert Wallace, Tas'Mania
- 4.30pm **Fostering Networks and Relationships in the Tasmanian Cherry Value Chain**
Sophie Folder, Pear Consulting



7.00pm Gala Conference Dinner Sponsored by:
Venue: Boardwalk Gallery



Professor Mekjell Meland, Norway

Mekjell Meland is a professor in pomology and fruit tree physiology. He is currently employed with Norwegian Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research located at Bioforsk Ullensvang, Western Norway as well as being a cherry and plum grower himself. Whilst his experience and background is diverse across pome fruit and stone fruit, in recent years he has concentrated on sweet cherry research, in particular research on cherry cracking and the effects of covered cropping on cherries. Mekjell currently is involved in many international collaborations and travels extensively for research.





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