



# 2024 SUMMERFRUIT CONFERENCE

Tatura Conference Centre  
266 Fergusson Road, Tatura  
Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 July, 2024

**Day 1: Conference and AGM**  
Industry dinner, guest speaker and awards

**Day 2: Field Walk**

## Day 1: Wednesday 24 July

8.45 am	Registrations for seminar and AGM
9.15 am	Welcome
9.20 am	2023/24 Marketing Program Report, Speaker Hort Innovation
9:40 am	Vietnam – lessons learnt, Summerfruit Industry Representative, Vietnam
10:20 am	India – a way forward
10:45 am	Morning Tea
11:15 am	Market Access update from DAFF
11:35 am	Supply Chain 2 Project Report – 2023/24 season
11:55 am	Fresh and Secure Trade Alliance
12:15 pm	Market Issues panel session
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Food Waste – opportunities for stonefruit
1:50 pm	Biochar – opportunities for stonefruit
2:10 pm	Fair Farms – fostering fair employment practices
2:30 pm	Victoria's prospectus on Planning our Basin Future Together
3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30 pm	SAL Annual General Meeting
4:15 pm	Summerfruit 'Master Plan' Launch
5:00 pm	Industry Q&A
5.30 pm	Close.



# Industry Dinner and Awards night

Dinner venue: Parklake Motel and Conference Centre, 481 Wyndham St, Shepparton VIC 3630

6:30 pm            **Pre-Dinner Drinks**

7.00pm            **Dinner & Awards**

8.30 pm            **Guest speaker: Gary Ayres.** Gary Ayres was recruited as a 17-year-old by Hawthorn from country Victoria and went on to win 5 Premierships and 2 Norm Smith Medals. He was Captain at Hawthorn from 1992-1993 and once his playing days were over, turned to hand to coaching where he was Head Coach at Geelong, Adelaide and Port Melbourne. Ayres won two Premierships with Port Melbourne in the VFL and is currently coaching Montrose in the Eastern Football League. The AFL awards the “Gary Ayres” Medal to the best finals player as voted by qualifying finals coaches.

10:00 pm         **Close**

*Accommodation is available at the Parklake and Conference centre in Shepparton or at other hotels in the city of Shepparton or surrounding suburbs*



## Day 2: Thursday 25 July

### Breakfast and R&D field day at Tatura Smart Farm, 255 Ferguson Rd, Tatura VIC 3616

The Tatura SmartFarm in the Goulburn Valley is Australia's leading horticulture SmartFarm research facility effectively linked to the Mildura SmartFarm, enabling research and innovation to deliver high-quality fruit from orchard to export market. They develop, use and demonstrate new applications of agricultural technology to achieve increases in marketable yield, product value and production efficiency in pears, apples, stonefruit and almonds.

#### PROGRAM

**8.00 am Egg and Bacon Breakfast – Coffee**

**9.00 am Narrow Orchard Systems for Future Climates, Presentation by Agriculture Victoria**  
A new Hort Innovation Frontiers project is about to explore planting stone and pome fruit trees in 2m rows with canopies as narrow as a pair of secateurs. And it's not about increasing the density of trees but planting trees at 2-3m down each row. The project is fittingly titled "Narrow orchard systems (NOS) for future climates" and is a partnership between state agriculture agencies in Vic, SA, WA and NSW, the University of Queensland and Plant and Food Research NZ.

**10.00 Morning tea**

**10.30 Precision Summerfruit Orchards, Presentation by Agriculture Victoria**

The project is developing profitable management strategies for summerfruit growers associated with temporal and spatial variation in crop load, fruit quality (fruit number per tree, fruit size and colour), and labour use efficiency. Through trials at the Tatura SmartFarm, this project will demonstrate the value of precision crop information and data-driven spatial 'zonal' crop load management (chemical, mechanical and hand thinning) geared to tree size to provide fruit growers with objective data for decision-making. Scans of commercial orchard blocks will provide 'real world' examples of spatial data on crop load, fruit size, fruit colour, yield and tree vigour and size.

The project will expand on the crop load management principles from the previous summerfruit levy fund project Experimental summerfruit orchard – phase II (SF17006), incorporate economic analysis into crop load management practices and initiate new research on establishing block-specific relationships between fruiting level, tree size and fruit size.

**12:00 noon Close**

**2024 SUMMERFRUIT CONFERENCE, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FIELD WALK.**

**Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th July 2024**

TATURA CONFERENCE FACILITIES – CONFERENCE & AGM  
PARKLAKE MOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE – DINNER  
TATURA SMART FARM – FIELD DAY

**REGISTRATION FORM:** Register by completing below.

Business Name: .....

Address: .....

.....Postcode: .....

Mobile: ..... E-mail: .....

- The 2024 Conference: SAL Members \$88 (inclusive GST) – Non-members \$99
- The 3 course Dinner on the Wednesday night: SAL Members \$88 (Inclusive GST) – Non-members \$99
- ‘Brekkie’ and Field Day for SAL members is NO CHARGE – Non-members \$22
- SAL Member [ ] YES [ ] NO

The following person(s) will be attending the

a) 2024 Conference & AGM	YES	NO	\$.....
b) Wednesday Night Dinner	YES	NO	\$.....
c) ‘Brekkie’ and Field Day	YES	NO	\$.....

how many seats .....

NAMES:.....

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PAYMENT.

Total Amount: \$.....

To pay direct into SAL bank account:

Summerfruit Australia Ltd

BSB - 014 711 Acct: 900116658.

Use reference “seminar” and your name (ANZ Branch Stanthorpe, QLD)

**RSVP: 15th July 2024**

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**Signature:** ..... **Date:** .....