Preliminary Program
Join us for the 2018 Australian Almond Conference!

We are pleased to announce that the 18th Australian Almond Conference and Gala Dinner, from October 30th to November 1st 2018 will be held at the Pullman Hotel Melbourne, Albert Park, in Victoria.

This year’s Conference will include presentations by respected researchers and experts focussing on the entire supply chain from both a domestic and an international perspective. Speakers will address issues of industry interest; from pollination to promotion and product quality to price prediction.

This Conference is the one event attended by many in our industry – from the growers who do the hard yards on our farms to the many industry partners who continue to help us maintain our position as Australia’s number one horticulture export industry.

It is also a time when we hear from, as an industry, leaders and decision makers from Government and across the broader agriculture sector.

Growers and delegates go away with a thorough understanding of the industry’s research activities and the wide ranging efforts to further develop our industry; from production through to processing and onto the marketing of our increasing almond crop. We look forward to announcing the full speaker line-up shortly.

A ‘must attend’ event on the industry calendar, the Conference is the largest gathering of almond industry representatives in Australia. It brings together Australian and international delegates, with participants including growers, processors, marketers, researchers, industry suppliers and other interested persons.

The Australian almond industry has come a long way in a short period of time. Almonds are Australia’s fastest growing horticultural industry, servicing an expanding domestic market and major export markets in India, Europe, Japan, Hong Kong, New Zealand and the Middle East.

The Conference offers value, especially given it is tax deductable. It adds to our industry presence in the horticultural community and we can assure you that our 2018 event will showcase the Australian Almond industry.

For more information on this year’s Australian Almond Conference please contact the Conference Manager Abigail Quirke on +61 8 8584 7053 or email communications@australianalmonds.com.au

Highlights

Largest EVER Trade Show - 45 Exhibitors

The Conference is the perfect platform to connect with new suppliers and strengthen relationships with existing suppliers and network with industry peers – basically it is the perfect setting to discover and learn about new brands, products and services!

Welcome Cocktail Function

An invitation is extended to all delegates to attend the Welcome Reception to be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 30th. Our Welcome Reception has become well known as a great way to relax and enjoy the company of your fellow Conference delegates.

Gala Dinner

Don’t miss the Annual Conference Dinner! The dinner includes a three course meal, drinks, entertainment and a chance to relax and enjoy the company of your fellow delegates. Dinner tickets are included with full registration prices, and extra tickets are also available. Be sure to attend this year’s Conference dinner to be held at The Park overlooking Albert Park Lake opposite the Pullman Hotel. It will be an evening to remember!
## Conference Schedule

### 30th October
- **6.00 to 8.00 pm** | Welcome Function

### 31st October
- **8.00 to 9.50 am** | Conference Registration.
- **8.30 to 9.20 am** | Almond Board of Australia Annual General Meeting. Presenters: Neale Bennett & Ross Skinner.
- **9.20 to 9.50 am** | Morning Tea and Exhibition Session.
- **9.50 to 12.30 pm** | Production Technology Session.
- **12.30 to 1.30 pm** | Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Session.
- **1.30 to 3.00 pm** | Market Development Session.
- **3.30 to 5.00 pm** | The Global Almond Industry Session.
- **6.30 to 10.00 pm** | Pre Dinner Canapes / Gala Dinner Function / Hall of Fame Induction at The Park.

### 1st November
- **9.00 to 9.10 am** | Day 2 Opening.
- **9.10 to 11.00 am** | Times Will Get Challenging.
- **11.10 to 11.50 am** | Cognitive Research and Other Health Benefits. Presenter Allison Coates - University of SA.
- **11.50 to 12.05 am** | Heart Health Claims for Almonds. Presenter Beth Scholes - Nutrition Australia.
- **12.05 to 12.25 am** | The Market for Australian Almonds. Presenter Chanel Day - Nielsen.
- **12.50 to 1.00 pm** | Word from the MC. Peter Hayes.
- **1.00 to 1.45 pm** | Lunch, Exhibition and Poster Session.
- **1.45 to 2.10 pm** | Characterising Constraints to Alternate Production Systems. Presenter Tim Pitt - SA Research and Development Institute.
- **2.10 to 2.30 pm** | AgVic’s Field Laboratory; A Platform for Current and Future Production Systems. Presenter Michael Treeby - Agriculture Victoria.
- **2.30 to 2.50 pm** | Next Generation Growing and Handling Systems for Almonds. Presenters Grant Thorp & Michael Coates - Plant and Food Research.
- **2.50 to 3.00 pm** | Closure Peter Hayes & Neale Bennett.