



Pistachio Growers' Association Incorporated

PISTACHIO SPRING SYMPOSIUM

THEME – UPDATES ON R&D, WATER, ORCHARD TOOLS

Wednesday 11th September 2019

VENUE

Acacia Room
Agriculture Victoria
Mildura Research Centre
Corner Eleventh St and Koorlong Ave
Irymple VIC 3498

This symposium will:

- Update current research in Australia on Pistachios.
- Discussions on irrigation and water.
- Provide a forum for questions and answers in relation to establishing orchards and orchard management.
- Update members on PGAI activities.

PROGRAM

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 am Welcome and Opening – **Chris Lee**, Chair Pistachio Growers' Association Inc
- 9:10 am **“Season update”**. APPC – Chris Joyce/Grant Birrell
- 9:30 am **“Research update”**.

Dr Subha Abeysinghe, Pistachio Researcher, PGAI
Trevor Ranford, Executive Officer – PGAI,
Chris Joyce, Chair R&D Committee.
- 10:15 am Morning tea
- 10:45 am **“Insects – nasties and beneficials?”**
Stuart Pettigrew
- 11:15 am **“Dark Stain – what have we found?”**
Dr Belinda (Brandy) Rawnsley
- 11:45 am “Irrigation systems update”
Charlie Griffiths, TORO Australia
- 12:15 pm ***Pistachio Growers' Association Inc Annual General Meeting***
- 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:45 pm **SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS**
- Velcro – Lee Rufus, Account Manager, Southern Region.
 - Peats Soil & Garden Supplies

- 2:00 pm ***“Soil moisture management solutions.”***
CropLogic
- 2:30 pm ***“Gross Margin Improvement with Soil Microbiology”.***
Damien Heintze, Product and Solutions Manager VIC/SA,
BIOACTIVE SOIL SOLUTIONS
- 3:00 pm ***“Water – availability and management.”***
- 3:30 pm ***“Energy audits – how can they help your business?”***
- 4:30 pm Close

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REGISTRATION FORM

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Business Name:

Address:

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Both the symposium and orchard visit are FREE for PGAI members.

PGAI Member Yes No

The following person(s) will be attending the

a) Symposium: YES NO

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RSVP: Monday 9th September 2019

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