



Pistachio Growers' Association Incorporated

PISTACHIO SPRING SYMPOSIUM

**THEME – UPDATES ON R&D, BIRDS, WATER,
BENCHMARKING**

Wednesday 20th September 2023

VENUE

The Ballroom
The Grand Hotel
Seventh Street
MILDURA VIC 3498

This symposium will:

- Update current research in Australia on Pistachios.
- Discussions on Birds and bird management
- Discussions on Water and the Murray Darling Basin.
- 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
Introduction of Brenda Kranz, newly appointed Executive Officer, PGAI
- 9:10 am ***"Season update"***. APPC – Nigel Carey
- 9:30 am ***"Research update"***.
Dr Maha Mahadevan, Pistachio Researcher, PGAI
Chris Joyce, Chair R&D Committee.
Trevor Ranford, PGAI
'Including an update on Benchmarking and new data collection in 2024.'
- 10:15 am Morning tea
- 10:45 am ***"Birds – What do we know of their behaviour."***
Representative of BirdSol Pty Ltd
- 11:15 am ***"The Cherrp® solution to resolving the bird problem."***
Representative of BirdSol Pty Ltd
- 12:00 noon ***Pistachio Growers' Association Inc Annual General Meeting***
- 12:45 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm ***"BioScout - Fungal Disease Detection."***
Representative from BioScout

- 2:00 pm ***“Murray Darling Basin Plan – where is it up to and how will buy backs affect growers.”***
Representative of the Murray Darling Basin Authority
- 2:30 pm ***“Victoria is adopting a new approach to water delivery entitlements in declared systems.”***
Representative from the DEECA
- 3:00 pm Afternoon tea
- 3:30 pm ***“PGAI website – update on how to use the site.”***
Craig Feutrill, Project Leader, PIT group program and web master.
- 3:45 pm ***“Preparation for the 2023/24 season – nutrition, irrigation.”***
TBC
- 4:15 pm **PANEL Q&A**
- 4:30 pm Close

PISTACHIO SYMPOSIUM

REGISTRATION FORM

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Business Name:

Address:

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Phone: Fax:

Mobile:.....

E-mail:

The symposium is FREE for PGAI members.
Non-members of the PGAI \$55.00

Electronic Payment: Pistachio Growers' Association Inc
Bank: Bank SA, Renmark SA.
BSB: 105 035 Account No: 046897440

PGAI Member Yes No

The following person(s) will be attending the

a) Symposium: YES NO

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Please detail any dietary requirements:

RSVP: Monday 18th September 2022

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Signature: Date: