Protected Cropping Australia
Conference 2013

‘Solutions for Sustainable Growth’
A conference for greenhouse, hydroponic and aquaponic growers
Pullman Conference Centre, (formerly the Sebel), Queens Rd, Albert Park, Melbourne

Program

Sunday afternoon 28 July – Trade exhibition
Trade exhibition open - 1.00 to 5.00 pm
Protected Cropping Australia AGM - 6.00 pm
Welcome function (sponsored by Moraitis) - 7.00 pm

Monday morning 29 July – plenary sessions
Official Opening – 9.00 am
Commercial Protected Cropping Application of Light & Optics - Prof. Jurgen Kleinwachter, Germany
Australia’s Economic Future - Dave de Garis, Director & Senior Economist, Markets, NAB
What supermarkets want from Protected Cropping - Daniel William, Coles

Monday afternoon 29 July – 4 concurrent sessions (4 presentations per session)
The effectiveness of foliar feeding - Sophie Parkes, NSW DPI
Biochar as a soilless media - Nick Savidov, Canada
Getting the best out of your crop protection application - Scott Mathews, Syngenta
Consequences of climate differences in greenhouses - Ben van Onna, Netherlands
Fundamental management of hydroponic systems - Rick Donnan, Growool
Precision growing for sustainable greenhouse production - Andy Lee, Grodan UK
New greenhouse air handling systems for Australia - Ben van Onna, Netherlands
Managing sustainability performance - Stuart Lambie, Grodan, UK
Options for recycling rockwool slabs - Tony Bundock, Chisholm TAFE
Climate control with plant temperature camera - Frits Veenman, Royal Brinkman, Netherlands
What screens do for your plants - Ton Habraken, Svensson, Netherlands
Drain control weigh scales & Disinfection with Electo Chemical Activated water - Frits Veenman, Grodan
Green roofs - John Rayner,
Sustainable growth in a farm enterprise - Jeremy Badgery-Parker, Primary Principles

Monday evening 29 July – conference dinner
Pre-dinner drinks – 7.00 pm
Conference banquet dinner – 7.30 pm

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Tuesday morning 30 July – 2 concurrent sessions  (4 presentations per session)
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Tuesday morning/afternoon 30 July – specialist sessions:

Fruit & vegetables
Alternative greenhouse fruit and vegetable crops - Mike Nichols, Massey Uni, NZ
Practical IPM - How it works at Bellarine Hydroponics – Daryl Wilson, Bellarine Hydroponics
Realities of upgrading greenhouse technology - Grower stories - Ian Mortlock, John Murphy, Chris Millis
Irrigation strategy in substrates - Herman Eijkleboom, Netherlands
Title to be announced - Andy Lee, Grodan, UK

Cut flowers
IPM for Cut Flowers - Paul Horne,
Quarantine issues for flower imports – DAFF representative
Nutrient deficiency in floricultural crops - Herman Eijkleboom, Netherlands
Plant physiology for flowers (temp, water & CO2) - Wim van der Ende, Netherlands
Flower Q & A Forum – Panel - Eijkelboom, van der Ende, Roskam, Mann, Tesoriero

Leafy greens  (lettuce, herbs, Asian greens)
Propagation Plugs For NFT Systems - Rene van der Meche, BVB
Biological control of pythium root rot in hydroponic coriander - Len Tesoriero, NSW DPI
NFT solution temperature management - Brian Ellis
IPM for leafy greens – Paul Horne,
Plant factories for production and nursery - Mike Nichols, Massey Uni, NZ

Aquaponics
Commercial aquaponics in Canada - Nick Savidov, Canada
Aquaponics - a grower perspective - Hogan Gleeson, UESL
Aquaponics - an investor perspective - Greg Dutton, UESL
Aquaponics - Truth, Realities and Fallacies ! - Wilson Leonard, Aquaponic Solutions
Australian Aquaponics - What every grower needs to know ! - Paul van der Werf,

Wednesday  31 July – all day farm tours
Farm tours - optional extra – strictly conference delegates only
Buses return to Melbourne airport no later than 4.30 pm

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