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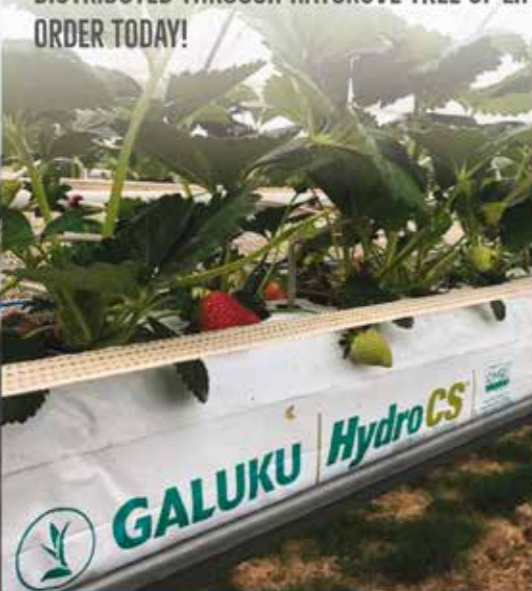
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### FRONT COVER

PCA members enjoyed visiting Jim & Lucy Azzopardis med-tech tomato greenhouse on our recent greenhouse tour of Western Sydney. Photo by David Randall **Full story page 16**



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Register now and reward yourself with \$150 early bird discounts for a mid-winter, tax-deductible retreat to the sunny Gold Coast in Queensland from July 7 - 10.

[www.pca2019.com](http://www.pca2019.com)

\* Work on your future business and growing techniques.

\* Be inspired by international guests, other growers, researchers and suppliers like you, who are all devoted to commercial hydroponics and greenhouses.

On offer is a pop-up shopping centre, technical how-to-grow information and social activities for like-minded growers interested in the future of intensive food production.

It is the perfect place to meet with our industry peers, reinforce relationships and make new connections.

The Costa PCA Conference 2019 will be our 15<sup>th</sup> biennial conference and trade show since 1990.

### Seduction By Technology

#### Knowledge Exchange for Greenhouse Growers.

Like you, PCA is honing our skills and listening to members. Our next conference will feature in-depth speakers and panel sessions, including;

-  Pollination
-  Medical Cannabis
-  Training and education
-  Lighting
-  Hi-tech how-to-grow
-  Low-tech how-to-grow
-  How-to capitalise on new trends in consumer shopping such as Uber Eats and Hello Fresh
-  Vertical Farming
-  Fresh Produce Contamination
-  Berries
-  Growing Strategies Using Data From Climate Control Systems
-  Robotics
-  Nutrition
-  Climate Control
-  Irrigation
-  Labour Management Solutions

### Hydroponic Greenhouse Farm Tours

Touring several different commercial farms with fellow delegates is one of the best networking and learning opportunities of the conference.

On Wednesday, July 10th 2019 we will offer a choice of two bus tours either going north (and returning via Brisbane airport) or in a westerly direction from the Gold Coast.

Among others, we will visit the brand new Nora Valley snacking tomato greenhouse on the Sunshine Coast and the nearby Vertical Farm System operation.

We promise a range of crops and levels of technology where you can meet the grower managers and hear their story. The questions and answers amongst the group are always enlightening.

### Join Other Growers Who Learn From the Best

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## Speaker Highlights



**Meiny Prins, Priva**

What does your business look like in 2025? A shift is happening based on adding value, available and affordable technology and 'the city' that will force us into a sustainable world, including local food production.



**Andy Lee, Grodan**

Planning cropping strategies to enhance yields and crop performances by using data gathered from grower's climate control systems.



**Emily Rigby, Cannatrek  
Medical Cannabis Panel Session**

Australia is well positioned to lead the world in this new and emerging industry thanks to its innovative and adaptive agricultural and biomedical industries.



**John Leslie, Vertical Farm Systems**

Making vertical farms profitable and productive in Australia with seedlings and medical cannabis.



**Tristan Kitchener**

The changing retail and consumer landscape. Insights into the opportunities for producers with the shift in shopping habits and behaviours to the likes of HelloFRESH, Light n Easy and Uber Eats.



**Understanding Pests & IPM**

Panel Session  
Hands-on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) workshop



**Roelf Schroeder, Grower Manager at Gourmet Mokai NZ**

LED lighting trials on long-term tomato crops.

## Conference Schedule

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

3 - 5 pm Trade exhibition open to public  
5:15 - 6 pm PCA General Meeting  
6 - 9 pm Welcome reception in the trade hall Sponsored by South Pacific Seeds

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

8 am - 5 pm Trade exhibition  
8.30 - 5.30 pm Official opening, plenary and breakout sessions with guest speakers  
7 pm Pre-Gala Dinner Drinks  
7.30 pm Gala Dinner sponsored by Perfection Fresh and Awards

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

8 - 5 pm Trade exhibition  
8.30 - 5.30 pm Panel speakers and breakout sessions with guest speakers

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

8 - 6 pm Choice of two bus tours travelling north or west to visit several hydroponic greenhouse sites. The north tour includes Vertical Farm Systems and will return via Brisbane International Airport.

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INCLUSIONS

**2 1/2 Day Full Registration**

Allows access to all sessions, trade exhibition, welcome reception, daily catering, Gala Dinner and Proceedings featuring all speaker talks and contact details for all exhibitors.

**One Day Registration**

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**Farm Tours** are an additional cost for everyone.

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<b>2 ½ Day (Incl Gala Dinner)</b>			
Student	\$500	\$600	
PCA Member	<b>\$700</b>	<b>\$850</b>	
HFF Member	\$800	\$950	
Non PCA Member	\$900	\$1,050	
<b>One Day (Gala Dinner Extra)</b> Monday <input type="checkbox"/> or Tuesday <input type="checkbox"/>			
Student		\$350	
<b>PCA Member</b>		<b>\$490</b>	
HFF Member		\$570	
Non PCA Member		\$650	
<b>Optional extras</b>			
Farm Tour		\$130	
Additional Gala Dinner		\$150	
Additional Welcome Cocktails		\$80	
<b>TOTAL COST \$</b>			

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### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online Registration via [www.pca2019.com](http://www.pca2019.com)  
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