

AUSTRALIAN BANANA INDUSTRY CONGRESS

Congress 2019 program

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

10:00am–
3:00pm

Off-site tours

Meeting point in the RACV Royal Pines Resort foyer

Tour 1

Duranbah trial site, Tropical Fruit World, Husk Gin Distillery

Tour 2

VISY pack house, Riviera boat building factory, Rocky Point Mulching

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5:00pm–
7:00pm

Welcome Reception – Poolside, RACV Royal Pines Resort

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7:00pm–
closing

Banana Bar

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THURSDAY 23 MAY

7:15am– 8:00am	Introduction to Oji Fibre Solutions Grower Breakfast – Monarch Room, RACV Royal Pines Resort OJI Fibre Solutions
8:30am– 8:45am	Official opening ceremony Paul Inderbitzin , <i>Congress Chair and ABGC Director</i>
8:45am– 9:15am	Opening keynote Shane Webcke
9:15am– 10:15am	Global Banana Business Marc Jackson , <i>Special Project Manager, Fyffes Bananas International</i> Global Banana Trade Trends Wayne Prowse , <i>Principal & Senior Analyst, Fresh Intelligence Consulting</i>
10:15am– 10:30am	Q&A – Marc Jackson and Wayne Prowse
10:30am– 11:00am	Morning Tea – Exhibition area
11:00am– 11:30am	Banana marketing – Peel good marketing. Feel good results Tate Connolly , <i>Hort Innovation Marketing Manager for Australian Bananas</i>
11:30am– 12:00pm	Bernard Salt AM , <i>Leading media commentator, demographer and global trends expert</i>
12:00pm– 12:15pm	Q&A – Tate Connolly and Bernard Salt
12:30pm– 1:30pm	Lunch – Exhibition area
12:30pm– 2:30pm	Banana Women's Network Luncheon – Videre Restaurant, RACV Royal Pines Resort
1:30pm– 2:00pm	Science in a crisis: The story of PSA in kiwifruit Dr Bruce Campbell , <i>Former Chief Operating Officer, Plant & Food Research in New Zealand</i>
2:00pm– 3:00pm	Science Speed Talks Chaired by Dr Rosie Godwin , <i>ABGC R&D Manager</i>
3:00pm– 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea and Science Poster session – Exhibition area
Future of Bananas and R&D	
3:45pm– 5:15pm	The future of bananas and the potential impact of R&D Dist. Prof James Dale , <i>Centre for Tropical Crops and Biocommodities, Queensland University of Technology</i> Advances in Banana Breeding and Genetics Eli Khayat , <i>Vice President of Research and Development at Rahan Meristem</i> Feet on the ground, eyes on the future – The role for R&D and the banana industry Stewart Lindsay , <i>DAF Team Leader, Banana Production Systems</i> Banana Plant and Soil Microbiomes Dr Paul Dennis , <i>School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, University of Queensland</i>
5:15pm– 5:30pm	Panel discussion – Future of bananas and R&D Prof James Dale, Dr Bruce Campbell, Eli Khayat, Stewart Lindsay, Dr Paul Dennis
5:30pm– 7:30pm	Trade Show Evening with Pakall Happy Hour



FRIDAY 24 MAY

8:30am–8:40am	Next Gen Video Presentation
8:40am–9:00am	Exporting Success David Daniels, <i>Citrus Australia</i>
9:00am–9:10am	Q&A – David Daniels
9:10am–9:50am	Growing your business and dealing with change Rob Pafumi, <i>General Manager : Innovation, Marketing and Sales, Austchilli Group</i> Andrew Dewar, <i>Managing Director, Pilton Valley Produce/SAS Pastoral</i>
9:50am–10:00am	Q&A – Rob Pafumi and Andrew Dewar
10:00am–10:30am	Morning Tea – Exhibition area
10:30am–10:50am	Living and Farming with TR4 Mark Smith, <i>Farm Manager, Darwin Fruit Farm</i>
10:50am–11:20am	Living and Farming with TR4 – Discussion Panel Mark Smith, <i>Farm Manager, Darwin Fruit Farm</i> Gavin and Stephen Mackay, <i>Mackays, Tully</i>
11:20am–11:50am	Grower Innovation Panel – Learn from four banana growers trialling innovative farming practices Peter Inderbitzin (Lakeland) Bunch cableway/composting Rob Zahra (Innisfail) High efficiency sediment basin Mark Nucifora (Innisfail) Track bagging machine Matt Abbott (Innisfail) Slashing machine
11:50am–12:20pm	Grower Innovation – Discussion Panel
12:20pm–2:00pm	Lunch – Exhibition area
2:00pm–2:20pm	Value Adding Pam Brook, <i>Co-founder of Brookfarm</i>
2:20pm–2:40pm	Sustainable pest management options Dan Papacek, <i>Bugs for Bugs</i>
2:40pm–3:40pm	Rachael Robertson – Rachael was chosen to lead the 58 th Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition to Davis Station. She was only the second female to ever lead a team at the Station and one of the youngest ever leaders. Rachael is an entertaining and engaging presenter who will speak about the valuable leadership skills she had to deliver to led such a diverse group of people in a demanding and isolating environment.
3:40pm–3:50pm	Q&A – Rachael Robertson
3:50pm–4:00pm	Closing ceremony
7:00pm-late	Banana Ball and Awards of Honour MC – Paul Inderbitzin Guest of Honour, Dave Hughes Awards Special Guest Presenter, Georgina Lewis, Channel 10 News Presenter Brisbane Sponsored by VISY



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