

Australian Persimmon Industry Conference and Field Days

20th - 22nd June 2023

Mildura, Vic



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It's time to catch up

The 2023 Australian Persimmon Industry Conference and Field Days event is heading to Mildura - the heart of Victoria's Sunraysia district – to give persimmon growers and industry stakeholders alike an opportunity to step out into the sunshine and re-connect.

With the area producing 80% of Victoria's grapes and taking its name from a promotion's activity by the Australian Dried Fruits Association in 1919 to find a name to describe the dried fruits grown in the area, the Sunraysia is renowned for its horticulture, especially almonds, citrus and grapes – and now we are putting persimmons on the map too!

The sun-drenched city of Mildura sits on the southern bank of the River Murray – the location selected by Canadian irrigators George and William Chaffey as the site for the region's first irrigation settlement in the 1800s. Now with around 3,500 hectares of irrigated land, the region also includes the Victorian towns of Merbein, Red Cliffs and Robinvale, with Wentworth, Buronga, Gol Gol and Euston on the New South Wales side of the border.

And if you have got the time – why not stay a little longer and enjoy a bit of the Sunraysia's history and explore the riverine environments – *maybe catch a cod or two...*

The Program

The 2023 conference program is being generated to ensure that you are up to date with the current recommendations for persimmon production and marketing. The conference sessions will

- shine a light on marketing your crop, highlighting the trends and opportunities for growth;
- put a spotlight on new varieties from across the globe, and here in Australia;
- explore crop management strategies to maximise quality and productivity;
- review the 2023 promotional campaign;
- investigate how Hort Innovation is investing your levy;
- and showcase a selection of new and innovative technologies for the persimmon industry.

This is your chance to discuss ideas with leading researchers, growers, marketers and other relevant industry stakeholders, catch up with friends and bounce ideas off Hort Innovation staff to foster the growth of the Australian persimmon industry.

MONDAY 19 JUNE 2023 Bump In Arrive and Register	Arrive in Mildura and collect your <i>Shine on</i> event pack 4.30pm Sunset River Cruise and industry networking event, to includes BBQ dinner. (*OPTIONAL EVENT) 8.30pm
TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023 Day 1 Field Tour South Australian Riverland	7.30am Bus departs from Mildura Grand Hotel for a full day field tour to the South Australian Riverland visiting Persimmon orchards, includes morning tea and lunch at Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery overlooking the River Murray. 6.00pm Bus returns to Mildura Grand Hotel
WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023 Day 2 Conference and Dinner	8.00am Registration desk opens to collect your <i>Shine on</i> event pack 8.30am Conference Program, to includes morning and 5.00pm afternoon teas and lunch 7.00pm Conference Dinner
THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2023 Day 3 Field Tour Sunraysia District	8.00am Bus departs from Mildura Grand Hotel for a full day field tour around the Sunraysia district, with visits to the NSW DPI's Persimmon Research Block, another Persimmon orchard, and other horticultural establishments, includes morning tea and lunch. 6.00pm Bus returns to Mildura Grand Hotel 7.00pm Relaxed final gathering at the Pizza Café, includes dinner (*OPTIONAL EVENT)

The Venue

QUALITY HOTEL MILDURA GRAND, 129-137 SEVENTH STREET, MILDURA VIC 3500

The conference venue – the QUALITY HOTEL MILDURA GRAND – is a historic landmark, offering character and charm with modern amenities and comforts. The Mildura Grand is superbly located in the heart of Mildura’s shopping and dining precinct, just a short stroll from the Murray River – making it an ideal location for conference delegates and their guests.

Delegates are free to choose their own accommodation from the range of options within easy reach of the conference venue. The MILDURA GRAND offers accommodation within the same hotel as the conference venue. All rooms are equipped with modern furniture, quality drapery and dressed with premium linen, and complimentary high speed Wi-Fi and current release Movie channels are provided for an enjoyable stay.

Accommodation at the MILDURA GRAND can be booked by calling Kathy or Anita at the hotel directly on +61 3 5023 0511 and quoting *Australian Persimmons*. The following rates are available up until and including Monday, 22nd May 2023:

- Standard Queen at \$135 with 15% discount, i.e. \$114.75 per room per night
- Quality Queen at \$165 with 15% discount, i.e. \$140.25 per room per night
- Superior Queen at \$195 with 15% discount, i.e. \$165.75 per room per night

Bookings after Monday, 22nd May 2023 will continue to receive a 15% discount on rack rates, subject to the availability.

Buffet breakfast is available at \$28 per person per day at the hotel’s Coffee Palace, served from 6:00am-12:00noon (Weekdays) and 8:00am - 12:00 noon (Weekends & Public Holidays).



Book Now!

PAI Member rates are available for all registrants from businesses with current 2022/23 Membership.

Not currently a member of PAI? - Apply now and save! Sign up for 2023/24 Membership and get PAI Member rates for this event and bonus membership for the remainder of 2022/23. Contact the PAI Office for details.

Want to attend the entire 3-day event? - Register now for our Full Registration Package including:

- Attendance at all Conference Sessions
- 1 ticket to the Conference Dinner
- 1 ticket to the Field Tour – South Australian Riverland
- 1 ticket to the Field Tour – Sunraysia District
- All meals for these events as detailed in the Program
- *Shine on* pack including name badge, conference handouts and conference satchel

Optional events are to be purchased separately.

Only able to attend selected events on the Program? - Register now and purchase the single event tickets of your choice.

Registrations close 5 June 2023.



Registration Form

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Complete and return the Registration Form to PAI Office by email

Name: _____

Business name: _____

Postal address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Names of additional people registering from this business: _____

Comments/Dietary requirements: _____

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Ticket Order Form

Full Registration Package (Includes tickets for ALL Conference Sessions, Conference Dinner, 2x Field Tours and meals for these events as detailed in Program)

Cost per person (inc. GST)	No. of Delegates	Total Cost
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PAI Member Non-Member	\$465 \$645	
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Single Event Tickets (Extra tickets available for individual purchase)

Cost per person (inc. GST)	No. of Delegates	Total Cost
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Field Tour – SA Riverland ONLY

PAI Member Non-Member	\$115 \$160	
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Conference Sessions ONLY

PAI Member Non-Member	\$115 \$160	
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Conference Dinner ONLY

PAI Member Non-Member	\$120 \$165	
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Field Tour – Sunraysia ONLY

PAI Member Non-Member	\$115 \$160	
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***OPTIONAL Event Tickets** (Not included in Full Registration Package. Need to be purchased separately)

Cost per person (inc. GST)	No. of Delegates	Total Cost
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Sunset River Cruise, includes BBQ dinner

PAI Member Non-Member	\$95 \$100	
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Final Gathering at the Pizza Café, includes dinner

PAI Member Non-Member	\$35 \$40	
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Total Owing:	\$	
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Payment Options:

- Cheque – made payable to Persimmons Australia Inc., and posted to PAI Office.
- EFT - please advise PAI office by telephone or email on day of transfer.
Bank: Westpac Banking Corporation | BSB: 034 127 | Account number: 203070
Account name: Persimmons Australia Inc. | Reference: Include name with transfer.



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