IPPS AUSTRALIAN REGION CONFERENCE 2026

"Seeds of Success"

Hobart, Tasmania | 26–29 May 2026
Conference Base: The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel

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OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE TOUR PACKAGE

(Separate Registration & Payment Required)
23–26 May 2026

Saturday 23 May

Arrival & Welcome Function

- Delegate arrivals in Hobart
- 5:30 pm – Welcome Function
  Hobart Brewing Company
- Accommodation: Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel

Sunday 24 May

Derwent Valley Industry & Landscape Tour

7:00 am Depart Hobart
Breakfast stop – Hamilton

Site Visits

- Derwent Catchment revegetation nursery
- JCLM Farm – Strawberry production systems
- Mt Field National Park – Russell Falls & Tall Trees
- Salmon Ponds
- Plenty Cider (afternoon tea)

Approx. 4:00 pm Return to Hobart
Evening: Group dinner (venue TBC)

Monday 25 May

South East Tasmania Tour

7:15 am Depart hotel

- Blue Lagoon Oysters – tasting & production insight
- Port Arthur Historic Site *or* Pennicott Tasman Cruise
- Lunch – Premaydena Hill Winery
- Angus Stewart property visit
- Scenic stops: Doo Town, Devil's Kitchen, Tessellated Pavements

Approx. 5:30 pm Return Hobart
Evening function (details TBC)

Tuesday 26 May

Pre-Conference Activities

Morning

- IPPS Board Meeting (8:00 am – 12:00 pm)

Afternoon Options

- Golf (9 holes) – Sponsored by Seasol
- Garden & Bonsai Tour (limited numbers)
    - Private Sandy Bay garden visit
    - Montane Bonsai demonstration
    - Lunch & interactive session

5:15 pm – Welcome Reception
Government House
(Separate online registration required for all attendees)

MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(Conference Registration Required)
27–29 May 2026

Wednesday 27 May

Industry Workshops & Production Focus

Venue: Westland Nurseries

7:30 am Depart hotel
8:00 am Breakfast & coffee
8:45 am Conference Welcome & Keynote

Morning Program

- IPPS exchange talks
- Industry presentations
- Design Sprint collaborative session

Lunch & Nursery Trials Showcase

Afternoon Workshops (rotating sessions)

- Tissue culture & propagation systems
- Grafting demonstration
- Potting systems & mechanisation
- Growing media & container innovation
- Irrigation & greenhouse systems

Evening: Dinner & networking (Salamanca precinct – venue TBC)

Thursday 28 May

Technical Tours, Speaker Program & Gala Dinner

Morning Technical Tours

- Advanced production facility
- Research institute

- Specialist horticulture operation

Afternoon Conference Sessions

- Ancient trees & conservation
- Endangered Tasmanian endemics
- Biosecurity & industry resilience
- Genetics & breeding perspectives

Panel Discussion
Industry futures: Production, climate & market alignment

AGM – Late Afternoon

Gala Dinner

Henry Jones Hotel
Pre-dinner drinks 6:00 pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Auction & Special Guest Speaker

Friday 29 May

Breeding for Success & Botanical Tours

Morning Plenary & Panels

- Breeding for climate adaptation
- Production scalability
- Research–industry collaboration
- Retail & market insights

Afternoon Tours (choice of)

- Harmony Garden Centre
- Specialist nursery visits

Conference concludes 4:30 pm