

IPPS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & TOURS

PERTH AND SOUTHERN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SEPTEMBER 2027

PLANT PRODUCTION FOR A SUSTAINABLE WORLD

HERE IS YOUR GUIDE TO JOIN US DOWNUNDER



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- Tour Options & Key Dates

Long Tour: South West WA & Margaret River Region

- Arrive in Perth by Monday 6th September.
- Check in at The Vines Resort, Swan Valley.
- Long tour 7 Nights to South West WA to leave Tuesday 7th September.
- Tour ends afternoon of Tuesday 14th September at Vines Resort.

Short Tour: Margaret River Region WA

- Arrive in Perth by Thursday 9th September
- Short Tour bus leaves Vines Resort Friday 10th September.
- Short Tour joins Long Tour at Busselton on 11th September. Tours ending at Vines Resort early on afternoon of Tuesday 14th September at Vines Resort.

International Tour Conclusion. Tuesday 14th.

4 PM International Board Meeting – Final

7PM Buffet dinner, International & Australian Directors, 2027 Committee.

Australian Conference Preliminaries: Vines Resort

- Wednesday 15th September. Conference secretariat, A.V., administration and trade bump in.
- Australian Region Board Meeting
- Golf Event

Conference: Vines Resort

- Wednesday 15th September. Registration & Welcome event.
- Thursday 16th Conference sessions and Bus tours.
- Friday 17th Conference sessions and Bus tours.
- Saturday 18th Conference sessions. Australian AGM & Gala Dinner.
- Sunday 19th Fellows breakfast. Final sessions & Farewells.

Post Conference Tour: Mid West Region WA

Monday 20th to Saturday 25th September – Mid West 4 x 4 Wildflower tour.

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Conference Venue

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Accommodation Booking link (Credit card)

<http://www.reservations.vines.com.au/clientAuthenticate.html?autoUser=IPPS+International+Conference+&autoPass=IPPS2027>

<https://www.reservations.vines.com.au/index.site.bookings.671.html>

Your WA conference committee:

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David Hancock

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Natalie Vallance

Neroli Foster

Peter Lewis (UAE)

Ross Hooper

Hinewai Kitchen

TOUR COMMITMENTS. CRITICAL TIMING ACTIONS & RESPONSES REQUIRED FROM MEMBERS & DELEGATES.

The tours have been costed at the lowest reasonable level and rely on a minimum number of bookings for viability. Significant deposit commitments need to be made by IPPS Australia to secure the arrangements. The costs are substantially less than very similar commercial tours.

Should confirmed numbers not be achieved by the cut off dates, it may be necessary to amend or cancel respective tours. Therefore, it is essential that the timetable set out below is adhered to.

International Long Tour, Short Tour & Post Conference Tour

1. E mail confirmation of tour choice intention – November 30th 2026.
2. Remittance of deposit AU \$ 1,000 (refundable) or payment in full by January 30th 2027. Use credit card please.
3. Full balance of payment by March 31st 2027.

Booking of Accommodation at the Vines Resort.

Conference accommodation bookings at the venue need to be made more than 60 days ahead of 14th September 2027 to ensure room allocation availability.

Discounted rates have been negotiated for delegates and bookings are to be made via the link provided. Those attending either of the 3 tours will have their accommodation paid for the one night (only) before departure within the tour budget, i.e.

International Long Tour – Monday September 6th

Short Tour – Thursday September 9th

Post Conference Tour – Sunday September 19th.

All other dates selected by delegates to attend conference events (other than tour dates) are for delegates account at the conference rate via the booking link.

Long and Short Tour travellers will need to arrange their accommodation at tours end for night of 14th September as required and for the duration of their chosen conference stay.

Registration for Conference.

The conference registration form will be available in November 1st 2026. with early bird close on July 1st 2027.

Conference registration cost does not cover accommodation costs.

TOUR OUTLINE, LOGISTICS & COSTS.

International Long tour.

Single traveller AU \$5,900 Twin AU \$4,900 Each.

Pay by credit card.

Arrive in Perth by Monday September 6th and travel to the Vines Resort. Allow 30 to 40 minutes for travel from Perth airport. Airport pickup is possible for international visitors by arrangement. Your accommodation will have been booked for night of the 6th and is included in your long tour cost payment. A minimum of 25 travellers is required for tour to proceed. Maximum numbers to be approx 35 depending upon singles / doubles mix. Check what

is included and what is not. Refer to itinerary and what to bring on tour.

3 International Board meetings scheduled on tour.

Full payment required by March 31st 2027.

Short tour.

Single traveller AU \$3,500 Twin AU \$2,800 Each

Pay by credit card.

Arrive in Perth by Thursday September 9th and travel to the Vines Resort. Airport pickup is possible for international visitors by arrangement. Your accommodation will have been booked for night of the 9th and is included in your short tour cost payment. A minimum of 20 travellers is required for tour to proceed. Maximum numbers to be approx 35. Check what's included and what's not. Refer itinerary and what to bring on tour.

Full payment required by March 31st 2027.

POST CONFERENCE TOUR

Single traveller AU \$3,400 Twin AU \$2,800 each.

Pay by credit card.

Upon completion of conference (Sunday 19th) your accommodation at The Vines for that evening will be met from the tour payment. The tour vehicle(s) will be 2 Mine site specification 4 x 4 to seat up to 12 but the plan is for maximum of 8 or 9 per vehicle.

Depending upon numbers registering, it may be necessary for only one vehicle to proceed. The departure will be mid morning of Monday 20th with a short run on first day. Refer what's included and what's not included. Refer to itinerary and what to bring.

Full payment required by March 31st 2027.

RUN OF CONFERENCE EVENTS.

Tuesday 14th – International long & short tours return to Vines Resort. Final International Board meeting, catered afternoon tea 3 pm for est 12 members.

Australian Board to join on completion. Buffet dinner, private dining 7 pm. Catered for up to 45. End

of International Tour. Set up registration area, 6 pack arrivals and initial registrations.

Wednesday 15th

Conference secretariat, audio visual, administration and trade set up. Australian Board Meeting 8 am to 12. Catered up to 20. International Board members to join on completion. Golf Event 12 to 4 pm.

Delegate registrations.

Welcome event. 5 PM. 2 hour cocktail package & bar. Up to 150 participants.

Thursday 16th.

Delegate registrations

Conference sessions 8 to 9. Morning tea. 10.30 Bus tours and lunch packs.

6 PM Sundowner BBQ buffet & bar. Outdoor event.

Friday 17th. Day – as per 16th. Evening- Outside catered venue.

Saturday 18th. Full conference day. Gala Dinner, auction & awards. 3 course plus bar.

Sunday 19th . Fellows Breakfast 7 am.

Final conference sessions, review and future.

OUR CONFERENCE VENUE, SERVICES & RATES.

The Vines Resort is a 4 star hotel, entertainment complex and championship golf course with ancillary facilities.

There are over 100 hotel rooms with XXX adjoining condominiums

The accommodation rates for delegates via the link are currently;

King Room (1 king bed) AU \$240

Resort Room (2 queens) AU \$280

Exec Suite AU \$450

3 bedroom apartment AU \$550

Condominiums ?????

All prices inclusive of GST.

Added services include;

- Free Internet
- Pool & Spa
- Tennis Courts
- Mini golf course
- Gymnasium

Alternate Accommodation

The organising committee is planning to set up some nearby, but not close, accommodation options and details will be provided when finalised. This would involve daily arranged bus from the alternative venue to The Vines resort.

TOUR ITINARIES IN GENERAL

Long Tour

This 8 day bus tour will showcase the flora & fauna of the South West WA global biodiversity hotspot and our unique floral magnificence. Our expert flora guides will share their knowledge & experiences.

At the same time you will get to appreciate our working rural precincts, outback national parks, our spectacular forests, pristine beaches and coastlines. “ Don’t forget your cossie ”

The variety will abound and astound as we visit a truffle farm, a wayside distillery and vineyard tourist venues, rustic workers pubs, thirsty yet ? Further highlights will be the emotional and historic ANZAC interactive memorial and walking elevated through

the Valley of The Giants. Ride the train on the longest jetty in the southern hemisphere and marvel at the underwater marine observatory. Enjoy the charms of Margaret River and visit world famous surfing spots and open your lungs and suck in the cleanest air on earth carried on the Indian Ocean breeze.

Yes, we will find time to visit some enterprising plant growers and a range of nurseries and squeeze in the mandatory meetings, always with bellies full and thirst slaked with world standard produce. Join us to WILD DOWNUNDER.... You will never know, if you never go.

WHATS INCLUDED

8 nights accommodation (6th to 13th inclusive) All transport, botanical guide & bus captain, meeting costs, breakfast & lunch 8 days, dinner & morning tea 7 days, venue entry fees, drinks allowance @ \$10 x 7 days. Bottled water.

Not included – Personal items. Dinner on night of 6th. Additional alcohol. Dinner on 1 free night (Albany)

SHORT TOUR

5 days of fun and excitement await the short tour travellers as they get knocked out with the WA flora and the unique propagation and TC skills of Ben & Anouska at Nuts about Natives followed by the expertise of Neroli Foster & the team at Seed Shed. You will visit the seaside tourist towns of Mandurah and Bunbury before joining the Long Tour party bus at Busselton and the experiences accelerate to another level as you enjoy the unique WA coastal lifestyle of Busselton & Margaret River. Same as latter part of long tour.

WHATS INCLUDED.

5 nights accommodation (9th to 13th inclusive) All transport, botanical guide & bus captain, meeting costs, breakfast & lunch 5 days, dinner 4 days, morning tea 6 days, venue entry fees, drinks allowance @ \$10 x 5 days. Bottled water.

Not included – Personal items. Dinner on night of 19th. Additional alcohol.

POST CONFERENCE WILDFLOWER TOUR

This tour will take you to stay and explore the only Monastery town in Australia, the history is quite amazing. Join a small group of wildflower explorers as we move through the rural areas of the mid north. We then go searching for the elusive wreath flower and the best displays of the most colourful wild annuals in the world. Our expert flora guide will astound you with the endemic floristic variety of the area. We will do some low level 4 x 4 exploring on wildflower farms and explore coastal towns areas and national parks.

WHATS INCLUDED

6 nights accommodation (19th to 24th inclusive) All transport, botanical guide & bus captain, breakfast, m tea, lunch & dinner 5 days, dinner 4 days, morning tea 6 days, venue entry fees, drinks allowance @ \$10 per day x 5 days. Bottled water.

Not included – Personal items. Dinner on night of 19th. Additional alcohol.

Western Australia – Living the Dream

WA represents almost a third of the Australian landmass covering an area of 2.5 million square KM and 21,000 KM of coastline. It is 4 times larger than the state of Texas and is home to 3 million people, 90 % of which reside in the south west. The state features magnificent coastlines and beaches, vast plains and wondrous forests with unique flowering flora, comprising over 12,000 species, 60 % of which are endemic. Of that 60%, 80% are unique to the South West of the State.

Western Australia accounts for 60 % of the nations exports and enjoys huge resources of Iron Ore, Natural Gas, Gold, strategic minerals and broad acre grain production.

We can but only show you snippets of the state but will do our best to showcase the best available in our timeframe and to share our plant production industry and the great people involved.

We hope you get to extend your stay or visit again but spend what time you can, living the dream in Western Australia.