

## PRESS RELEASE

There is only one month to go before Hort Connections 2019, the biggest event in Australian horticulture, kicks off at the Melbourne Convention Centre. This year, over 3,250 local and international industry members throughout the horticulture supply chain will come together to listen to experts and discuss 'Growing our Food Future'.

The premier event for the Australian horticulture industry will take place from 24-26 June 2019 and will cater to all members of the horticulture industry, including primary producers to retailers and the entire supply chain. It is an opportunity for growers and industry members to come together in one central location to build their knowledge and networks, and find out new ways to improve the productivity and profitability of their farms and secure the future of the industry.

Hort Connections is a joint initiative between AUSVEG and the Produce Marketing Association Australia-New Zealand (PMA A-NZ) that encompasses the vegetable, fruit, nut, cut floral and nursery sectors.

"Delegates will learn from the industry's leaders during a range of plenary and industry-focused speaker sessions, as well as visit more than 300 booths from the sector's leading agribusinesses at the Trade show, which is almost at full capacity," said AUSVEG National Marketing Manager Nathan McIntyre.

"Hort Connections 2019 is a not-to-be-missed opportunity for delegates to network with their peers from all areas of horticulture, and to work together to address the biggest issues that our industry is facing to discuss how we can grow horticulture's future growth and value.

"If you haven't already registered, have a look at the event program at [hortconnections.com.au](http://hortconnections.com.au) and see for yourself the many opportunities on offer for growers and industry members to attend and improve their knowledge."

Key events for Hort Connections 2019 include:

□ Keynote addresses from leading local and global agricultural thought leaders, including former Masterchef winner Adam Liaw, Foodbank Australia CEO Brianna Casey and athlete and inspirational speaker Samantha Gash.

□ A variety of informative, engaging and thought-provoking presentations and expert panels to inspire and educate delegates on all manner of topics, from on-farm productivity to the

latest updates on agricultural technology and industry issues affecting the entire supply chain;

□ A celebration of the contribution of the industry's female growers and industry members at the PMA A-NZ Fresh Perspectives and Women in Horticulture event and networking session;

□ Numerous opportunities for formal and informal networking at organised events and the Trade Show; and □ The National Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner where the accomplishments of the industry's leaders will be acknowledged and celebrated.

Registrations are still open and those who are interested in attending any of the three days can also register in person at the event. For more information or to register, please visit [hortconnections.com.au](http://hortconnections.com.au).

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