

ATIA 2024 CONFERENCE - 'Progressing Industry Best Practice'

The Terrace Hotel, South Terrace Adelaide

Workshop Day – Monday 27th

Registrations open at 9:00am

9:50 am – Welcome - Katherine Faull - ATIA President

10am – 12pm – Truffle Dog Scent Training Workshop

Presented by Detection Dogs SA.

Dean and Warren will take you through truffle dog training essentials and anecdotes from their own experiences as SA's foremost truffle dog detection company. The workshop also includes an outdoor session for practical demonstration.

12pm – 1pm – Working Lunch (1 hour)

1:00pm – 2:30pm – Truffle Farm Maintenance Forum

Presented by Noel Fitzpatrick & panel members

Damon Borman- Managing Director - Stonebarn, Manjimup WA

Paul Robinson - Co owner - Silverwater Truffles, Manjimup WA

Anna Fraser Co owner - The Truffle Barn, Canyonleigh NSW

Michael McAuley - Co owner - Red Hill Truffles, VIC

Panel will cover a range of topics and take questions on subjects such as mitigating against changing climatic conditions, irrigation, pruning, shade, soil inoculation, mulch, wind breaks, and fire risk.

2:30 pm – 3.00pm – Afternoon Tea (30 minutes)

3.00pm – 5.00pm - Industry Best Practice Workshop

This most important face to face workshop continues on from the series of workshops recently conducted. The workshop will present the Industry Best practice framework and generate ideas and feedback through group discussion.

6.30pm – Casual Canape & Cocktail Networking Event @ Hotel Alba

Join us for this much anticipated casual gathering of growers, presenters and industry stakeholders.

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Conference Day – Tuesday 28th May

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9:00 am – Welcome - Katherine Faull - ATIA President

9:10 am - 9:50 am – Biosecurity

Presentation on a range of important topics currently relevant to the industry.

9:50 am – 10:30 am – Professional Truffle Hunters Forum

Karyn Turnbull - Koolies Nose, Simone Thomas - Canine Truffle Hunt & Training, and Damon Boorman - Stonebarn WA, will present a view of seasonal activities from the professional truffle hunters perspective. This is an interactive session, with questions from the floor.

10:30 am – 11:00 am – Morning Tea & Coffee

11:00 am – 11:20 am – NZTA President Allister Richardson - NZ Industry Update

11.20 am - 12 pm - Industry Levies forum - DAFF, AgriFutures Australia

Fiona Mavris DAFF and Kerinne Harvey AFA discuss industry development through levies.

12:00 pm - 12:45 pm – Invertebrate Ecology and Pest Management

Michael Nash, PhD - Michael presents a fascinating insight into the lifecycle, ecology and potential control of one truffle farmings' greatest challenges.

12.45 pm – 1:30 pm – Working Lunch

1.30pm – 2:15 pm – Irrigation

Presenter - Jamie Zapp, Netafim Australia - Jamie, a Netafim agronomist and irrigation expert presents on irrigation types and techniques as we move forward into the challenging realities of a changing climate.

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm – Moisture Monitoring - 'Measure it accurately, manage it well'

Presenter - Bill Bateman, Department of Primary Industry & Regional Development, WA

3:00 pm – 3:20 pm – Afternoon Tea Break (30 minutes)

3:20 pm – 4:00 pm – ACF & ATIA Collaboration - Agritourism Opportunities

Forum: Katherine Faull, Jill O'Grady, RedGround, NSW, Karen Doyle, Australian Culinary Federation, NSW, Jenny McAuley, Red Hill Truffles, VIC

4:00pm – 5:00pm – International Keynote Speaker - Merlin Sheldrake

Merlin Sheldrake is a fascinating individual known for his work as a biologist and writer, particularly his book "Entangled Life: How Fungi Make Our Worlds, Change Our Minds and Shape Our Futures."

"Entangled Life" is a captivating exploration of the hidden world of fungi and their profound impact on our planet. He takes readers on a journey through the complex and interconnected web of fungal life, revealing their crucial role in ecosystems, from forests to farms.

5:00 pm – Wrap & Close Katherine Faull

6:30pm – 11:00pm – Post-Conference Dinner @ The Terrace Hotel