



2025 AUSTRALIAN CHESTNUT INDUSTRY CONGRESS

Optional meet and greet and informal dinner Friday 12th.

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th SEPTEMBER 2025

VENUE

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**THE CONGRESS IS BEING SUPPORTED AS PART OF THE
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PROGRAM

FRIDAY 12th September 2025

Opportunity for any Chestnut Growers to meet with John Stanley for a 15-minute one-on-one session about value-adding and or Food trails.

Informal Dinner in the hotel restaurant at OWN costs.

PROGRAM

SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2025

INDUSTRY WORKSHOP - KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

8:30 am **REGISTRATION**

8.55 am Welcome

9:00 am: ***"A Nutty Affair: Developing a Chestnut Business into a key Destination"***.

The session will cover: -

- Why be a Chestnut Grower?
- What are your values?
- Price Taker or Price Maker?
- What are the key ingredients for success?
- How can we sell more chestnuts in Australia?

This will be an interactive 'workshop' for chestnut growers led by the acclaimed industry/international speaker – John Stanley.

John Stanley is a qualified horticulturist who consults to agricultural and horticultural business in 35 countries. He is a Nuffield Scholar and a professional speaker.

Eleven years ago, John and his wife, Linda, purchased a chestnut farm in Western Australia. Chestnut Brae had 1,000 sweet chestnut trees and the previous owners sold chestnuts directly to market, often at a loss.

John and Linda toured the world to learn about chestnut growing and how to become "Price Makers" and not "Price Takers" in the industry.

Chestnut Brae now supplies everything from Chestnut Liquor to Chestnut Flour and is recognized globally as an agritourism destination.

John has presented his ideas to chestnut growers in the USA, Italy and France.

10:30 am: **Morning Tea - in Trade Display area**

11:00 am: Workshop continues.

12:30 pm: Workshop concludes and LUNCH.



CHESTNUT CONFERENCE.

1.30 pm **"OFFICIAL OPENING"**
Local Member (TBC)

1:35 pm **"Biostimulants and plant/soil health"**
Robert Stanic, Sonic Essentials (TBC)

2:05 pm **"What's new in grading equipment for chestnut producers".**
UNITEC Asia Pacific (TBC)

2:35 pm **"NE Region Weather Station Network application and usage"**
CropX/Green Brain/TAFCO

3:00 pm Afternoon Tea

3:30 pm **"ProBlad - a multi-faceted fungicide"**
7 Worlds Ag (TBC)

4:00 pm **"Maximising yields through targeted Precision agriculture using Drones and bio fertilisers."**
Luke Weekley, Falcon UAV

4.30 pm **2025 CHESTNUTS AUSTRALIA INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- **Australian Chestnut Levy Report**
- **2025 Chestnut Marketing program report**

CONFERENCE DINNER:

6:30 pm Pre-Dinner Drinks followed by Conference Dinner at 7:00 pm

CONFERENCE (Cont'd)

SUNDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 2025

7:30 am Conference Breakfast

9:00 am **"NUT ROT – update"**

- **Overseas trial reports**
- **Australian trial reports**
- **In-vitro project report**
- **Other R&D Programs – soil, irrigation, endophytes"**

NUT ROT – launch of

- **Australian Nut Rot Management Protocol**
- **Australian Nut Rot Predictive Model"**

10:30 am Morning Tea

11:00 am Orchard visit

- Drone flight
- Launch and Inspection of Indigo Extension - TAFCO Weather stations.

The **Indigo Extension – TAFCO Online Weather Station Network** is supported by the Australian Government through funding from the Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate-Smart Agriculture Program and delivered by North East CMA in partnership with Indigo Shire Council.



12:30 pm Light Lunch organised by TAFCO and Indigo Shire

SPONSORS:



ACCOMMODATION:

ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE AT

THE WANGARATTA QUALITY INN
Just Quote Chestnuts Australia Inc

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REGISTRATION FORM: Register by completing below.

Business Name:

Address:

.....Postcode:

Phone: Mobile:

E-mail:

FULL REGISTRATION: In part sponsored by NATIONAL BUSINESS EVENTS PROGRAM (REGIONAL VICTORIA)

Covering Saturday Congress, Saturday night Dinner (3-course), Sunday morning breakfast and Conference and Sunday orchard walks.

Members: \$143 (Inclusive GST) Non-Members: \$187 (inclusive GST)

PART REGISTRATION:

Saturday Workshop: Members: \$77 (Inc GST) Non-Members: \$110 (Inc GST)

Saturday Night Dinner: Members: \$77 (Inc GST) Non-Members: \$110 (Inc GST)

Sunday Breakfast, Workshop and Orchard visit: Members: \$66 (Inc GST) Non-members: \$99 (Inc GST)

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The following person(s) will be attending the

a) Saturday Congress:	YES	NO
b) Saturday Dinner:	YES	NO
c) Sunday Breakfast and Workshop:	YES	NO
d) Sunday morning orchard walk:	YES	NO

How many seats Payment \$.....

NAMES:

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

RSVP: ASAP

RETURN FORM TO: Trevor Ranford
27 Ludgate Hill Road, ALDGATE. SA. 5154
E-mail: sahort@bigpond.com

Signature:Date:

Payment option - EFT

Bank Account name: Chestnuts Australia BSB: 803 070 Acc No: 74674
(Register with Surname and 25 Congress)