

Fourth Annual General Meeting, Information and Field Day/Workshop Orange, NSW, 17 - 18 July 2010.

Saturday, 17 July, 2010. Ex-Services Club, Anson St., Orange.

9.00am – 10:30am The Annual General Meeting

9.00am – 10:30am The formal opening of the Annual General Meeting . Welcoming of guests including Staff of RIRDC, the NZTA Representative and Guest Speakers.

Formal AGM comprising Association business.

The Presidents Report, Financial reporting. and discussion.

Election of Officers

Other matters and discussion on matters arising.

Closure of the Formal AGM.

10:30am – 11:00am Morning Tea

11.00am 11:30am NZTA update on the NZ Industry and current R&D in NZ

11.30am – 12:15pm Guest Speaker; Professor Zambonelli, 'Current research in truffle genetics and its possible impact on truffle cultivation'. Question/discussion time.

12.15am – 1:00pm - Colin Carter report on his European visit and issues arising.

1:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch

2:00pm – 2:45pm - Guest Speaker; Dr Ian Hall, 'The lifecycle of the truffle, from fruiting to harvest and management interventions to maximise production'. Question/discussion time.

2:45pm – 3:30pm Peter Marshall and Colin Carter. Bio security at your truffiere

3:30pm – 4:00pm Afternoon Tea

4:00pm – 4:30pm –Pat Fitzgerald introduces us to issues being faced in his truffiere, which we all visit tomorrow.

4:30pm – 5:00pm Collective Marketing, Frank Downes the industry, based on the addresses from the guest speakers.

6:30 pm Buses leave the Ex-Services Club for the Highland Heritage Restaurant

7:00 pm Dinner at the Highland Heritage Restaurant, Local chefs led by Michael Manners, previously of Selkirks, Orange.

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Sunday, 18 July, 2010. Ex-Services Club, Anson St., Orange.

9:00 am – Departure of the Field Trip buses from the Ex-Services Club

9:30 am - 10:30am

Visit the 6000 trees Pinnacles truffiere of Pat Fitzgerald, - Discussion on site in three rotating groups (A, B and C as per name tags) regarding site issues including ;

1. Dog training and harvest techniques (Col Roberts, Adrian Mielke);
2. Soil preparation and management including fertilisers and irrigation regimes (Colin Carter); and
3. Safe herbicides and pruning regimes (Peter Marshall).

10.30 am Return to the Ex-Services Club by Bus.

11.00 – 1.00 pm

Morning Tea and Formal Panel including Professor Zambonelli and Dr Ian Hall, for discussion including the day to day issues on the property visited, including dog training and harvest techniques, soil preparation and management, including fertilisers, irrigation regimes, safe herbicides and pruning regimes. Question/discussion time.

1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunch at the Club

2:00pm – 3.30pm

Discussion/Open forum - Day to day issues experienced by growers

3:30pm – 4:00pm Afternoon Tea

4.30pm - Close