

INTERNATIONAL
FRESH PRODUCE SAFETY
Symposium



A future of safe and sustainable fresh produce through science, innovation and collaboration

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TUESDAY 20 AUGUST PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Times	Session	Overview	Speakers
Empowering Connections: Building Trust in Fresh Produce on a Global Scale			
9:00am	MC Introductions	Housekeeping, introduction of FPSC-ANZ Board Chair.	Farzana Adams, CEO - FPSC-ANZ <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
9:10am	Symposium opening	Welcome to the inaugural International Fresh Produce Safety Symposium.	Dr Andreas Klieber, Board Chair - FPSC-ANZ
9:20am	Keynote presentation	Stay tuned for an overview of Frank's exciting keynote presentation!	Frank Yiannas, former Deputy Commissioner, Food Policy & Response, US FDA
10:10am	Connecting and trust building with customers	How brand Australia builds trust and international market access.	Tom Black, A/g First Assistant Secretary, Exports and Veterinary Services Division, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
10:35am	Regional food safety	Fresh produce safety in the Asia Pacific region. More information to come.	<i>Speaker TBC</i>
11:00am	Morning tea & networking sponsored by MERIEUX NUTRISCIENCES		
11:30am	Panel discussion: Fresh perspectives in produce safety	Learning from global insights and building brand trust with speakers from morning sessions.	Frank Yiannas Tom Black, DAFF <i>Speaker TBC</i> Moderator: Belinda Wilson-Chartres, Board Director - FPSC-ANZ
Collaboration in the details: Food Safety, Sustainability, Innovation & Traceability			
11:55am	Innovations in auditing	Technological advancements and remote verifications.	<i>Speaker TBC</i> Moderator: Brendan Hayes, Board Director - FPSC-ANZ
12:30pm	Panel discussion: Fresh approaches to assurance frameworks	This panel will discuss auditor capacity, capabilities and consistency, what's working well and what we could do better.	Damien Farrelly, Board Director - FPSC-ANZ Jane Siebum, CEO - Freshcare <i>Speaker TBC</i> Moderator: Brendan Hayes
1:00pm	Lunch & networking sponsored by PERFECTION FRESH		

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Collaboration in the details: Food Safety, Sustainability, Innovation & Traceability			
2:00pm	Innovation & traceability	Controlled environment agriculture at a commercial scale, pioneering digital solutions for traceability and AI in horticulture.	Rebecca Ogg, COO - Greengrower <i>More speakers TBC</i> Moderator: Dr Libby Harrison, Board Director - FPSC-ANZ
2:30pm	Adverse weather events and climate variability	Discussing learnings from Cyclone Gabrielle in New Zealand in 2023.	Professor Phil Bremer, University of Otago Moderator: Andrew Redman, Board Director - FPSC-ANZ
2:50pm	Technical session: Microbiological risks in fresh produce	More information to come.	<i>Speaker TBC</i>
3:10pm	Technical session: Food borne illness outbreaks	More information to come.	<i>Speaker TBC</i>
3:30pm	Afternoon tea & networking		
4:00pm	Packaging responses to environmental sustainability and food safety	Food safety, food waste & food security - how do we get it right?	Dean Parsons, Sustainability Programmes Manager - CHEP David Pointer, General Manager of Corporate Business - OPAL <i>Speaker TBC</i> Moderator: Andrew Redman
4:30pm	Research from our emerging food safety scientists	More information to come.	Emeritus Professor Robyn McConchie - PSC-ANZ Board Director
5:00pm	FPSC-ANZ 10 Year Celebrations	Highlighting the FPSC's 10 year legacy and the role it plays in fresh produce safety.	Dr Andreas Klieber Robyn McConchie
5:30pm	Networking canape function until 6:30pm		

WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Times	Session	Overview	Speakers
Connecting & Cultivating: Changing regulations & the new Australian Horticulture Standards			
9:00am	Welcome back	Day two overview.	Dr Andreas Klieber Farzana Adams
9:10am	Towards convergence of produce safety science, standards, practice and profitability	Food safety is vital for produce integrity and viability, at the nexus of science, standards, practice, and profitability. This session aims to highlight how industry's R&D investments and food safety initiatives are propelling the industry towards convergence.	Dr SP Singh, Senior Research Scientist & Adjunct Associate Professor - NSW Department of Primary Industries Moderator: Farzana Adams
9:30am	Panel discussion: Regulatory update on horticulture standards and implementation	More information to come.	David Cusack, Manager Food Standards & Programs - NSW Food Authority <i>More speakers TBC</i> Moderator: TBC
10:00am	Grower Case Study	Rugby Farming group	Lynley Van Latham, Executive Officer - Marketing, Rugby Farming Group Moderator: Damien Farrelly
10:30am	Morning tea & networking		
11:00am	TBC	More information to come.	<i>Speaker TBC</i>
11:20am	TBC	More information to come.	<i>Speaker TBC</i>

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11:40am	Case Study: Global partnerships to increase food security	Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research Project funded by the International Food Policy Research Institute for Philippines and Tanzania	Mark Bradbury, Lecturer in Food & Nutrition - LaTrobe University Moderator: Damien Farrelly
12:00pm	Panel discussion from morning sessions	More information to come.	<i>Speakers TBC</i>
12:30pm	Lunch & networking		
Cultivating for success: Emerging developments, biosecurity, risk management and the future			
1:30pm	Biosecurity & food safety; novel approaches	With impending changes around phasing out of inter-state fruit fly treatments such as dimethoate and methyl bromide, what alternatives are available for inter-state trade of fresh produce?	<i>Speakers TBC</i> Moderator: Andrew Redman
2:10pm	The Horticulture Food Safety Initiative (HSFI) and the growing fresh produce safety Community of Practice (COP) - opportunities for the future.	This session will provide an overview of the HFSI, including future plans for extension, R&D, the Community of Practice, collaboration and discuss key issues and opportunities in fresh produce safety.	Susannah Roelofs, Technical Officer - FPSC-ANZ Bianca Cairns, R&D Manager - Hort Innovation Dr Libby Harrison, Board Director -FPSC-ANZ & Director - NZFSSRC Moderator: Dr Andreas Klieber
2:50pm	Food Safety Risk Assessments and Strategies for Board-level Engagement	Structured workshop exploring food safety risk assessment, management and communication from the lens of enterprise risk management. The focus of the workshop would be to gain practical knowledge on how to communicate food safety risks effectively at board level and developing prioritised action plans for reducing the overall risk exposure for the business.	Peter McGee, Co-Founder - Victual Dipon Sarkar, Ph.D, Food Safety Consultant - Victual
3:20pm	Afternoon tea & networking		
3:40pm	Global trends and the future	More information to come.	Frank Yiannas
4:00pm	Symposium closing		Dr Andreas Klieber
4:15pm	Trade exhibition until 5:30pm For information on exhibiting at the IFPSS, contact Jody Sharpe: events@fpsc-anz.com		

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