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## Explore the Possibilities

Our 46th IPPS Tasmania conference from 23rd to 26th May looks like it is going to be great. "Explore the Possibilities" breaks with the traditional format of our conferences aiming to deliver better value. Congratulations to Tony and the team for organising a program with a good mix of content that should satisfy everyone.

This early part of the year is becoming really busy with IPPS international conferences, starting with the Southern African Region in March, and a huge China conference at the end of April that coincides with the New Zealand Region conference. Our Tasmanian conference at the end of May naturally promises to be one not to be missed.

With Hobart we have kept with the trend of going to places that have been awarded by Lonely Planet as one of the top ten cities in the world (2013). For the arts scene MONA and TMAG (Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery) are real draw cards. For foodies Hobart has been reinvigorated with great places to dine featuring local fresh produce not to mention wine and beer. Nearby Bruny Island has become a mecca for food and wine buffs. The famous Salamanca markets held on Saturday are nearby to our venue this time. Then there are the many historical sights in the city as well as nearby and across Tasmania worth visiting. You are warned however to prepare for unpleasant weather, with the city having "its fair share of wet days and frosty Antarctic winds".

I have fond memories of the last conference here with great speakers, outstanding nursery visits and scenery. I recall the brisk point to pot boat tour and green tee-shirts we were awarded with for attempting it. For

most I am sure it was the oyster shucking enjoyed for lunch after touring Westland Nursery that tops the list. The challenge is out there, how could you top that?

The program for both the pre-conference tour and Conference look great and the reception at Government House on Wednesday night should really be something. The range of talks are well rounded and should interest a variety of horticulturists. Tony has negotiated some great deals, and this time your conference registration includes four nights accommodation at the four star Old Woolstore hotel from the Wednesday night through to departure on Sunday.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone in May.

Bruce Higgs



Stuart Gibson, Aerial view of Hobart courtesy of Tourism Tasmania

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## President's Comment

Recently, some of us IPPS committee members have been looking into the history of our region, and the people that have comprised the membership base over the course of its existence. Ian Gordon

published "A History of the Australian Region of the IPPS" in 1991, and completed a second volume in 2011, which covers in fine detail the people, places and meetings that have occurred under the banner of IPPS Australia to that time. We managed to track down a copy of this publication, and it has been interesting reading to say the least.

Since the idea of an Australian region was first floated at a meeting in Kings Cross in 1973, much has happened. Conferences have taken place in every State and Territory of the country. Techniques and technology have changed to a point that the early participants in those conferences would not have been able to conceive. Our industry, and indeed our world, is a very different place to the one back then. But something has been constant through all that time. That is, there have always been benefits that come from "Seeking and Sharing". When information and experiences can be openly shared, it is a win-win situation for all involved. Good for our industry, and good for the people involved in it.

My own name appears in that publication, as a Rod Tallis award presenter in Launceston. I remember the scary experience of presenting at my first conference like it was only yesterday. The date in the book however, tells me that it was 19 years ago! In that time, I have listened to countless propagators present about what to do, and what not to do, when it comes to propagating, growing and selling plants. I have talked to even more over lunches and dinners, on bus rides and at nursery visits. And maybe I have shared a little too. All in all, I have learned more in 19 years of seeking and sharing with real propagators than I could have in a life time in a library. And to think I could have missed out on it all were it not for the insistence of my boss at the time, Mr Peter Smith, that I "give it shot". So I know first hand, while it can be daunting to throw yourself into the fold, it is well worth making the effort.

The opportunity to benefit occurs again this year in Tasmania. Our 46th Annual conference - titled "Explore the Possibilities" - takes place from the 23rd to the 26th of May, at the Old Woolstore Hotel, in Hobart.

While there is a 'new and improved' format to this years conference, the core value of 'Seeking and Sharing' will still be at the forefront. Tony Van der Staay has done a brilliant job in organising what looks to be a top-notch gathering. See the article later in this newsletter for all the details about the conference, and the pre-conference tour. The Tasmanian conferences are always worthwhile attending. As a side note, it will be 38 years since Tony's father, Henry VanderStaay, organised the first Tasmanian conference, also in Hobart.

I hope to see you there!

John Messina

## Executive Officer's Report



### Membership Renewal 2018

### Subscription

All Members should've or shortly will receive notification emails from the International Board and Australian Region advising that your IPPS Membership is now due for 2018.

All IPPS Regions are now managed by the International Board. Last year there were a few 'teething' problems. The International website committee have been working hard to rectify these so all should be smoother this year. If Members are still experiencing issues whilst trying to renew their membership via the International website, please let me know.

For those Members who prefer to pay via credit card or EFT facility please contact me. *If you are having difficulty in paying your subscription please contact me so that we can look at the various options available for split payments.*

**BANK DETAILS: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633-000 Account No: 140185737**

**If paying by EFT PLEASE PUT INVOICE NO. OR NAME IN THE PAYMENT BOX SO I CAN IDENTIFY WHO PAYMENT IS FROM. THANK YOU**

### Volume 66 – IPPS Proceedings

Books and CD's were posted out in January 2018. If you have not received your Book or CD to date, please contact me so I can follow up.

## Contact Detail Changes

To ensure Office records are kept 'up to date' I would appreciate it if Members could please notify me of any changed contact details. In particular, if you have changed telephone provider recently, please advise me of your new email address at [pam@ipps.org.au](mailto:pam@ipps.org.au)

It is important that the Australian & International database records are kept 'up to date', otherwise you could be missing out on receiving information.

**IPPS Conference –'Explore the Possibilities' - 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 – The Old Woolstore, Hobart**

**Conference Registration** Forms along with information can be accessed and downloaded from the Australian website: [www.ipps.org.au](http://www.ipps.org.au) as well as the International website: [www.ipps.org](http://www.ipps.org)

**Pre Conference Tour starts in Launceston from 19<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. Includes full registration and 4 nights accommodation at the Wool Store.**

There are still seats available on the Pre-Conference Tour.



**DON'T DELAY..... BOOK TODAY....**

I look forward to meeting up with Members who will be attending the conference in HOBART.

Pam Berryman

## Southern African Exchange

*I am originally from Brazil (Rio de Janeiro) and came to Aus in 2002 with my family. Haven't looked back since!*

*I studied at Murdoch Uni in Perth, south west WA; majoring in conservation and wildlife biology and minor-ing in ecosystem management. I undertook honours in conservation and wildlife biology at the same uni, and my project looked at how native and introduced ecosystem engineering altered plant growth, soil properties and fungal assemblages in the soil.*

*My friends and family were all very proud and happy for me, they thought it was such an honour and exciting trip, and I would not only enjoy it but learn a lot. I was thrilled, excited and scared as this is my first trip alone and first time to Africa. Learning that there is no water in Cape Town was a worry.*

*I wish to learn more practical and hopefully simple ideas to mitigate water usage in a nursery but in a way that is still effective. It would also be lovely to learn new ways of propagating cuttings that we may not be aware of. I*

## Rod Tallis Award

**Do not miss this outstanding career opportunity. Young propagators need to be nudged and encouraged to apply for this prestigious award today.**

**A worthy propagator at the start of their career can gain an award that they can be proud of and mark the start of a successful career in horticulture. All you need to do is report on some propagation work you have undertaken.**

**Go to the IPPS website and apply today.**

[www.ipps.org.au](http://www.ipps.org.au)

*know I will be surprised about the different foods and traditions over in Africa and hope to increase my cultural understanding and knowledge.*

*My personal hobbies outside of work include yoga, spending time with my partner, north-Brazilian dancing lessons (farró) and camping in the many nature reserves in WA.*

*Kindest regards,*

*Lara Osborne*

Lara Osborne from Western Australia works with Bree Howard (last year's exchangee) at Natural Area Holdings Nursery. We look forward to hearing at Hobart in May about Lara's Southern African experience of the 21st IPPS SA annual educational tour & conference in the beautiful Port Elizabeth area. We will also then meet and welcome Siyasanga Yenzela who is the 2018 Southern African Exchange horticulturist.



## Explore the opportunities

### IPPS conference Hobart - May 2018

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for networking with others from the horticultural world. Tasmania, an isolated island state off Australia's south coast, is known for its vast, rugged wilderness areas, largely protected within parks and reserves. In Hobart, the port capital, Salamanca Place's Georgian warehouses now house galleries and boutiques.

Our conference venue is "The Old Woolstore, Hobart, 1 Macquarie St, Hobart, TAS , (03) 6235 5355" and this year your full conference registration also covers 4 nights accommodation at the Woolstore.

**Golf Day:** will be held at the Llanherne Golf Links designed by Peter Toogood the course design is based on English and Scottish sand belt links courses. The event will be organised by long time golf enthusiast Tony VanderStaay.

**Welcome Function: Wednesday 23rd May:** at Government house <https://www.govhouse.tas.gov.au>

**Meet at the Woolstore to join coaches (Collar & tie required for men).**

**Thursday 24th:** conference with conference dinner that night.

**Friday 25th:** in house till 12 midday then on the buses to see local growers and gardens, ending up at Seven Mile Beach for an extravaganza wind up and end of conference proceedings.

**Saturday 26th;** Free day: (not included in costings) you could choose from:

- **Salamanca market** [www.salamanca.com.au](http://www.salamanca.com.au)
  - **Mona** <https://mona.net.au>
  - **Tahune forest walk in the trees Geeveston** <http://tahuneairwalk.com.au/>
  - **Bruny Island Cruises,** [www.pennicottjourneys.com.au/book?journey=bruny](http://www.pennicottjourneys.com.au/book?journey=bruny)
  - **Richmond village** [www.richmondvillage.com.au](http://www.richmondvillage.com.au)
- Looking forward to seeing you there



Poon Wai Nang, Salamanca Market

## 2018 Youth Auction

*Supporting youth in horticulture, the future of our industry*

### BRING SOMETHING TO THE CONFERENCE TO AUCTION OFF TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

If you have some quality plants (being aware of quarantine regulations in Tasmania), a painting or work of art or craft, a book, some useful tools or implements, fertiliser or chemicals, football souvenirs or some nice wine / beer etc. that you could contribute, please bring them along.

If you would like to have something special to display to your customers for a year then we have our annual mounted display Silver Felco secateurs as well (these are much sought after and usually go for over \$1000).

**Don't forget to bring some cash to support a good cause.**

### Speaker Program

**Paul Boland** - Ball Australia – "Current trends in plant propagation worldwide and in Australia"



Paul, our keynote speaker, is Managing Director of one of Australia's largest commercial plant propagators, Ball Australia and will speak on "the latest developments in commercial plant propagation in Australia and overseas". Ball Australia offers a daily national distribution of quality seed and vegetative lines for flowers, vegetables, herbs, cut flowers and tissue culture. Established in 2001, Ball

Australia's wholesale nursery is based 38km from Melbourne on a 40 acre site in Skye, Victoria. With environmentally controlled glasshouses, an automated production facility and state of the art despatch systems, Ball Australia has the flexibility of growing high-quality plants to supply growers with plugs all year round.

### Other confirmed speakers

**Mike Quarmby** – Outback Pride Fresh – "Selection and propagation of Australian native plants for food production"



The Outback Pride Project was created by Mike and Gayle Quarmby of Reedy Creek, South Australia in 2001. Their aim was to

provide opportunities for remote Aboriginal communities to access an industry where their traditional knowledge would be valued. Mike Quarmby, a true "tree chaser" and innovator, brought to the project his 45 years of experience in business, product and supply chain development and innate skill with botany. Mike has pioneered commercial cultivation in the native foods industry.

**Chris Read** – Diemen Pepper – "Selection and propagation of Tasmanian Mountain Pepper as a new food crop"



Chris Read has worked for many years in the areas of essential oils and floriculture, as researcher, technical adviser and practitioner. He currently operates a mixed horticultural enterprise on his coastal property, 'Five Bob', near Hobart in southern Tasmania, producing cut flowers (Dutch iris) Boronia Extract and pepper products.

**Professor Bob Menary** – University of Tasmania – Selection and propagation of species for the essential oil industry of Tasmania

Profile Bob has spent a lifetime as a researcher who has been instrumental in helping establish a wide range of essential oil crops in Tasmania. His hands on, practical approach to research and extension has also helped train and mentor people who have established crops such as opium poppy, pyrethrum, peppermint, mountain pepper, brown boronia, fennel and parsley seed. Selection and propagation of high yielding varieties has been a particular focus of Bob's work that he will talk about.

**Robert Ravens** Bridestowe Lavender Farm – "Hybridisation of lavender for essential oil production"



Robert is the owner of Bridestowe Lavender Farm which sets an Australian benchmark for excellence in agritourism. Each year more than 50,000 visitors from all around the world stroll through the stunning fields, set in one of the most photographed landscapes in Tasmania. The farm produces very high-quality lavender oil which has been enhanced through an in-house

breeding program to increase yield and oil quality, a program that Robert will elaborate on at the conference.



**James Wood** - Royal Botanic Gardens Hobart – "The Eden project – seed testing for storage of botanical germplasm"

James Wood is based at the Tasmanian Seed Conservation Centre of the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. He has worked in seed conservation for 27 years, working for Kew Gardens' Millennium Seed Bank project prior to taking his current post in Tasmania.

**Michael Garret** – Bicheno Nursery – "Propagation and production of Australian ferns".

Michael Garrett from Bicheno Nursery, the 'fern man' during the late 80's and 90's was Westland Nurseries fern production manager, before establishing his own nursery at Bicheno on Tasmania's east coast. Mike is an expert on ferns.

**Paul Robert Thomson** – Van Diemen Quality Bulbs – "Practical workshop on Liliium bulb propagation"

Paul is carrying on a family business on the rich volcanic soils of Table Cape in Tasmania's north-west. His parents Paul and Bronwen imported their first tulip bulbs from Holland in 1984 and since then Van Diemen Quality Bulbs has continued to expand and are now one of the major producers of not only tulip bulbs, but also dutch iris and liliiums. Photo of outstanding farm location used with permission.



**Peter Lewis** – Birkdale International - "The Production of Citrus species topiaries for Chinese New Year Celebrations"

Peter was a production manager of a large wholesale nursery in Queensland (Birkdale Nursery) for many years before taking on his current role as a horticultural consultant for landscape projects in Shanghai, Macau & Hong Kong for Birkdale International. He is involved in selection of plants for interior & exterior landscape

designs, development of landscape maintenance programs and provision of technical analysis & recommendations on horticultural issues in south east Asia.

**Dr Puthiyaparambil Josekutty** - Skybury Coffee Pty Ltd - "Designer plants for the changing environment"



Dr Josekutty (Jose) is a plant biotechnologist with 30 years of experience in research and research management. Global

warming and climate change are realities and its impact are being felt in the environment all over the world.

Unlike animals, plants are

not mobile and have to live in the environment it is born. Natural adaptations do occur in the plant kingdom and the fittest individuals and species survive the adversities caused by the changing environment

**Tony Ferraro** "Observations on using Preforma plugs in commercial plant propagation"

Tony is a well known plant propagator with about 30 years experience in his own nurseries as well as being employed by other businesses throughout that time. He has also taught horticulture at TAFE for around 10 years.

**Steven Hill** - Devonport Transplants

Steve is a 2nd generation propagator and grower of large scale vegetable seedlings and trees. Following a massive downturn in the forestry industry a decade ago, Steve and his staff reinvented their business and moved into micro herb production for supermarket distribution.

**Shane Newitt** – "Giant pumpkin production in Tasmania"

Shane owns a family farm in Sorrell, near Hobart, where his family have been vegetable growers on the rich volcanic soils there for several generations. Shane is currently trying to surpass his Tasmanian record for a giant pumpkin of 422.5 kilograms and will tell us some of his secrets. He was quoted in the Hobart Mercury recently, "It's a science and it's teaching children about farming and looking after the soil."



## Explore the opportunities IPPS conference tour package

We certainly are doing things differently with a great pre-conference tour and conference package seeing the sights as well as many growers along the way.

As a package of the tour and conference we are offering for limited numbers a cost of **\$1900** per person (twin share) with an additional charge of \$500 for single room accommodation, this includes:

**Pre-conference tour and Conference registration, accommodation** (Sat to Sat inclusive - 7 nights), **entry fees, most meals including breakfast.**

**Book your conference package now by depositing \$100 per person with full payment by 1st April 2018.**

**Act Now:** contact Tony VanderStaay on [tvanders@westlandnurseries.com.au](mailto:tvanders@westlandnurseries.com.au) or Pam [pam@ipps.org.au](mailto:pam@ipps.org.au)

### Pre Conference Tour Itinerary

It is important to remember for your flight bookings to fly into Launceston (by 19th May) and out of Hobart.

Arrive Launceston (our northern Capital) on **Saturday May 19th** [www.coloniallaunceston.com.au](http://www.coloniallaunceston.com.au) where we will meet up for a welcome dinner and drinks at this 1850's school that has been transformed into a modern heritage hotel.

**Sunday 20th** : aboard our coach for Habitat Plants at Liffey [www.habitatplants.com.au](http://www.habitatplants.com.au) who specialise in the propagation and growing of Tasmanian plants; then onto Marakoopa Caves, [www.parks.tas.gov.au](http://www.parks.tas.gov.au) › **Mole Creek** Karst National Park .

After Devonport, the group will travel to Exeter and Tamar Valley where we stay overnight at the Tamar Valley Resort (Swiss Village) to enjoy some luxury with a European flavour; [www.tamarvalleyresort.com.au/](http://www.tamarvalleyresort.com.au/)

**Monday 21st** : We travel to Beaconsfield and Seahorse World, <https://seahorseworld.com.au> with a great collection of sea horses.

From there to Scottsdale and a famous Bridestowe Lavender Farm, <https://bridestowelavender.com.au>. The lavender farm is also home of Bobbie the lavender bear we saw at the "Hobart conference presentation" in Perth last year. Bridestowe Estate in 2007 has grown to become one of Tasmania's most acclaimed small businesses and has been recognised for agricultural and commercial excellence nationally and internationally. They grow French lavender (*Lavandula angustifolia*) that is used for perfume and cooking.

We then travel on to Derby and St Helens on the East Coast, staying overnight at Bicheno. [www.beachfrontbicheno.com.au](http://www.beachfrontbicheno.com.au) . You might get a chance to see some penguins coming ashore at dusk.



Brian Dullaghan, Bridestowe Lavender Estate,  
Below: Port Arthur Historic Site,  
photos courtesy of Tourism Tasmania



**Tuesday 22nd** : The tour leaves Bicheno and goes to Eaglehawk neck, via Swansea Bark Mill, and Tasman Unzoo Devil Park, <https://tasmaniandevilunzoo.com.au> The Tasmanian Devil Unzoo is a four-in-one wildlife nature experience combining up-close animal encounters, wildlife adventures, a Tasmanian native botanic garden and original art. Lunch will be at Devils Kitchen. We will stay over-night at **Lufra Hotel** at Eaglehawk Neck, [www.lufrahotel.com](http://www.lufrahotel.com) with stunning coastal landscapes outside your door.

**Wednesday 23rd.** It is only a short journey to Port Arthur conservation site [portarthur.org.au/](http://portarthur.org.au/) for the morning tour of the 40 ha. Port Arthur Historic Site is a special place for our convict history, and cultural heritage not to mention the scenery. The global significance has been recognised as one of 11 places that make up the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Australian Convict Sites.

The tour ends that night in Hobart, and the reception and conference begin.

## PROFILE

**Tony VanderStaa** Westland Nurseries

Each year we ask three questions of some key people that you will meet at the conference to get an idea of who they are and what they may be able to assist you with. Tony is an IPPS Australian Region vice-president and organiser for this years conference, and a keen



golfer. Tony and Rose have contributed and participated in many IPPS conferences around the world.

Standing in the Industry,

*I am afraid I have my father's endless curiosity, he could never stand still, and was always interested in something different. Pop (Henry) was one of the founding members of IPPS, when they met in Leura back in the '70's. Not that I took a lot of interest at the time (I was more nursery industry conscious).*

*Then Pop got Rose into the IPPS on a trip to New Zealand, so I just tagged along, I didn't start attending conferences until the early 2000's, so now I feel I must go to meet up with all those like-minded people who enjoy getting together and talking plants in one form or another.*

*I guess we have been lucky over the years in finding and able to hold good staff, certainly I had the foresight and energy to create a nursery from very humble beginnings, I just never said No, there is always a way forward.*

*I have been privileged to get the opportunity to travel and visit other growers around the world for that matter around your local state, I strongly encourage people to move around and have a look at other growers, other industries that have similar problems to ourselves because you can bet your bottom dollar if you have a problem someone else has already resolved it.*

*So I encourage people to come and see what we are achieving and also go and see the world.*  
<http://www.westlandnurseries.com.au/>

*The biggest bonus for us being members of an international family is that it has given me the opportunity to visit growers, often staying a night or two, and making worldwide connections with like-minded people.*

*The networking connections are incredibly satisfying for both Rose and I, and also the people we meet. Come to Hobart and enjoy a 4 day break and as a bonus you might learn something.*



**2018 IPPS China**

**Annual Conference 27 April - 3 May 2018**

Cost is 2200RMB (about A\$440) for registration. Hotels are around 800RMB per night (about A\$160).

**27 April Conference Registration**

**Accommodation: Grand New Century Hotel Yuhang Hangzhou**

Address: No. 535 Yingbin Road, Hangzhou 311100, China

Contact Number: 0571-88578888

**Day 2 World Garden Show (Chang An, China)**

Opening Ceremony

Main Forum

The World Garden Show is a major event set up to examine the enormous Chinese horticultural industry and look for opportunities for global cooperation. Leaders and experts from the international horticultural industry will gather to discuss, pursue, develop and establish business relationships for the next decade. Over 1000 delegates will attend the event.

The Chang’An Flower Show is a large event occupying over 20,000m2 with indoor and outdoor displays plus large hospitality area. Food, drink and rest is well provided for so all attendees can get maximum enjoyment from their visit. The show has local and foreign exhibitors from various suppliers, wholesalers and retailers providing a single location for gardeners, public and trade.

The main forum of the World Garden Show will be held in the theatre in Zhejiang University of Finance & Economics – Dongfang College. The theme is “Home Gardening and International Trading”. Horticultural leaders from around the globe have been invited to discuss the future trends in the industry and how to develop varying gardening brands..

**Day 3 World Garden Show (Chang An, China)**

IPPS – Plant Production forum

The IPPS forum consists of various professional presentations and workshops looking at many aspects of plant production including; use of perennial plants, plant promotion, breeding, propagation, plant production and health and maintenance of ornamental plants. This forum will provide and open and free opportunity for all







participants to communicate with industry leaders and experts – foreign and local.

The theme is Plant Production – A Chinese and Western perspective with presentations and discussion on methods and processes used by propagators from around the world.

Address: Flower Town, Chang An, Haining City, Zhejiang

**Day 4 Wuzhen (a historic scenery)**

Wuzhen is located in Jiaxing city, Zhejiang province and is listed as one of the first Chinese Historical and Cultural Towns. Ancestors of the Wuzhen people existed here 7,000 years ago and it has been over 1,000 years since its establishment. Wuzhen is a typical Jiangnan water town, which is traditionally known as the "Land of Fish and Rice - Home of the Silk". It is also the permanent home of World Internet Conference - 2014.

**Day 5 Zhejiang Huazhiyun Agricultural Investment Co., Ltd. Xiazhu Lake National Wetland Park**

Zhejiang Huazhiyun Agricultural Investment Co., Ltd. was established in September 2015. It covers agricultural

investment, tourism development, ornamental plant production and landscaping. The company is located in Yuhang District of Hangzhou, with 1600 acres of nursery stock production.

Xiazhu Lake National Wetland Park is located in south-east of Deqing county, Zhejiang Province, the area is around 36.5 square kilometers, including 3.4 square kilometers' of water, that is rated a national AAAA level scenic location, and is one of China's most beautiful wetlands.

**DAY 6 Anji County**

Anji county, located in northwest of Zhejiang province, is well known for its bamboo. It started building the Chinese Beautiful Countryside in 2008. In 2010, Anji county became the national standard example of "Chinese Beautiful Countryside". Anji is the also the only winner of the Best Habitat Environment Prize at a country level in China.

**DAY7 May 3 Conference closing**



## News

### Vale - Eric Haynes

*Sadly, on Monday 18th December 2017 we lost our beloved "Eka", owner of Seasol International. Eric was a true entrepreneur with a pioneering spirit. His energy, business acumen, vision, and ethics were second to none.*

*Aged 23, Eric and Molly with their son Gary embarked on forging a new life in Australia from the mines of Sheffield.*

*With experience gained through other businesses Eric purchased a flailing business in the mid 80's, which had a product called Seasol, and with mountains of courage, tenacity and millions of dollars of investment turned it into the household name it is today.*

*We, the staff of Seasol, are indebted to Eric for his wisdom, his faith in what we do, and for our amazing family culture, which is a direct result of his standards and sense of fair play. Eric loved celebrating success with the whole team, and whilst this year he couldn't attend our annual function, we had a standard to live up to, a standard which will be carried on forever in his memory. "Eka" you were our boss, our mentor, our team mate, and our friend. We are all blessed with treasured memories which will never be forgotten.*

*- the Seasol Team*

### Newsletter Editors Comment

I am looking forward to going to Tasmania again in May, and hope you can make it too.

If you are not already a member join up to the region's **facebook site** - search for "**International Plant Propagators Society (IPPS) Australia**" and start contributing. As well as horticultural news items there are photos as well from past conference tours and activities.

Don't forget that this newsletter and many past copies are available on the IPPS website at [www.ipps.org.au](http://www.ipps.org.au)

**Pass your extra printed copy of the newsletter around at work.**

*Bruce Higgs - editor "the Propagator"*



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### The SEASOL 6-PACK

The IPPS Australian region acknowledges Seasol as sponsor of the 6-Pack initiative. We thank Seasol for their support in encouraging and developing young talent in the industry.

Seasol International manufactures and markets high quality kelp, fish, humic and trace element products for the horticultural and agricultural market. The Seasol range of products have been used by farmers, orchardists and commercial growers for over 40 years to improve the quality and performance of their yields. These products cover a wide range of applications, from establishing new plantings to increasing frost or dry resistance and general soil and plant health, and are manufactured to the highest quality and the highest possible concentrations.

Seasol believe that the greatest measure of their success is the success of growers. They offer both traditional and certified growers a choice of excellent alternative products for their fertiliser programme and invest heavily in research and development so growers receive the full benefit of findings. Many of the products are 'soft' inputs that can be used in sustainable agriculture and have a profound effect on both soil and plant health.

With decades of experience and a local person on the ground, we provide a wealth of technical support and expertise to assist growers to get the best out of their crops.

Seasol have a network of agents and technical people around Australia. You can get in contact with them utilising the details below:

1027 Mountain Hwy, Bayswater Victoria 3153 Australia  
Phone 03 9729 6511  
Email: [Ask@seasol.com.au](mailto:Ask@seasol.com.au)

### 2018 IPPS Calendar

26 - 29 April 2018	New Zealand Conference, "Mind Blowing" Palmerston North
27 April - 3 May 2018	China Annual Conference
24 - 25 May 2018	Australian Region Conference, Hobart, Tasmania
28 July - 4 August 2018	Pacific Rim Conference, Western Region, Honolulu, Hawaii
11 - 22 September 2018	International Tour, Eastern Region, New York to Wilmington, USA
23 - 26 September 2018	Eastern Region Conference, Newark, Delaware
11 - 12 October 2018	European Region, Breda, Netherlands
20 - 24 October 2018	Southern Region, Chattanooga, TN
17 May - 2 June 2019	International Tour, Australian Region, Port Douglas to Maroochydore, Qld.