Monday 19 Feb

0800-1630 Industry Tours
1630-1730 Registration Collection & Exhibition Walkthrough
1730-1930 Waterfront Welcome Drinks

Tuesday 20 Feb

0730 Registration desk open
0800 Exhibition opens
0830 Conference Opening & Welcome
MC Opening Announcements & Welcome
NGIA President
0845 Address to Industry
0905 Welcome to Tasmania – Selling the story of the grower...
Matt Evans, The Gourmet Farmer
0950 American Trends for Australian Nursery & Garden Businesses
Chris Beytes, Ball Publishing, Florida USA
1035 MORNING TEA - Exhibition Area
1100 Workshop: Horticulture Masterclass
Dr Alistair Gracie & Dr David Monckton, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture, School of Land and Food, University of Tasmania
1245 LUNCH - Exhibition Area
1330 Drone technology: opportunity for nursery application
Adam Kilpatrick, University of Adelaide
An update from Garden Centers of Australia (GCA) and Garden Releaf 2018
Leigh Siebler, Garden Centres of Australia
Biosecurity War – 2018’s high and medium risks explained
Lois Ransom, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
1515 AFTERNOON TEA – Exhibition Area
1535 Nursery & Garden Industry Australia – State of Play
Peter Vaughan, CEO Nursery & Garden Industry Australia
1610 Industry Structural Change Panel Discussion.
1700 Closing announcements – Day 1
1830 OPTIONAL - Hobart Brewing Company Casual Function

Wed 21 Feb

0800 Registration Desk open
0830 Results of the Tree Standard Research
Professor Mark Tjoelker, University of Western Sydney
Nursery Industry Biosecurity Program
John McDonald, Nursery & Garden Industry Australia
Diagnosing Plant Diseases
Andrew Manners, University of Queensland
1015 MORNING TEA- Exhibition Area
1040 The future of retail: Five trends shaping how we shop
Louise Grimmer, University of Tasmania
Nursery Research & Statistics & Data Tool
Jan Paul Van Moort, ACIL Allen Consulting
Future for nursery and greenhouse crops
Chris Beytes, Ball Publishing, Florida USA
1225 LUNCH- Exhibition Area
1310 The future of the Nursery Industry & the Digital World
Rose Herceg, Futurist, Social Forecaster, Chief Strategy Officer, WPP AUNZ
Demographic shifts for greenlife growers and retailers to capture!
Mark McCrindle, Social Researcher, Principle at McCrindle Research
1440 AFTERNOON TEA- Exhibition Area
1500 Repositioning Industry! Value what you do and others will follow - Culture Shift
Chris Helder, Author of ‘Useful Belief’ and ‘The Ultimate Book of Influence’
1545 FINAL SPEAKER
Improvise, Adapt, Overcome
Paul de Gelder, Advocate, Adventurer and former Navy Clearance Diver
1630 Closing announcements – Conference concludes
1800 Industry Dinner - Ferry departs for MONA Museum of Old & New Art

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