

Media Release

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TATURA SMARTFARM TO HOST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Agriculture Victoria's Tatura SmartFarm is hosting the second International Symposium on Precision Management of Orchards and Vineyards from 3 – 8 December.

The symposium is focusing on the latest findings and technologies around precision crop management with farm demonstrations, presentations, and workshops.

Tatura SmartFarm is one of Australia's leading horticultural research facilities – providing an ideal setting for the symposium.

The symposium features presentations covering key aspects of precision crop management, including irrigation systems, mapping systems, fruit ripening and quality, disease and pest detection and opportunities for mechanisation, automation, and robotics.

The event is bringing together leading scientists, industry experts and service providers to share ideas and build their networks, which is a crucial part of a thriving industry.

The symposium is hosted by Agriculture Victoria in partnership with the International Society of Horticultural Science and Australian Society for Horticultural Science, with support from key industry and stakeholder organisations.

More information about the symposium, including registration information presentation abstracts, can be found on the conference website: ccem.eventsair.com/pmov2023/

Quote attributable to Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence

"This symposium is a great opportunity to showcase the cutting-edge research taking place at the SmartFarm, including the use of technology to enhance digital traceability, smart irrigation systems and new orchard design."

Quote attributable to Agriculture Victoria Senior Research Scientist Dr Mark O'Connell

"This is a unique opportunity for scientists, industry experts and growers to see first-hand how technology can transform how orchards and vineyards are managed to increase productivity and sustainability."