



Hazelnut Growers of Australia – HGA.

NSW Grower Information Day & 2019 Autumn Farm Walk.

Warning you will be required to step into a foot bath as a biosecurity precaution. You need to wear closed shoes. You may also wish to wear old shoes and destroy them before re-entering your property.

Venue: 269 Cullen Bullen Road, Portland NSW.

Owners: Norman and Lynden Richardson.

To ameliorate decades of cement dust blowing over the property beside the Portland tip, Norm engaged the services of soil scientist Dr David McKenzie and imported and incorporated tonnes of bio-solids into the parched soil before re-seeding the orchard floor and planting hazelnuts in winter 2005.

Significantly his main-crop, Tokolyi Brownfield Cosford (TBC For short) has shown strong resistance to toxicity resulting from high soil levels of Manganese. However, the pollinizers were not so resistant, so Norm has had to manipulate the availability of soil manganese by changing the soil pH.

Not long after establishment he started to lose windbreak trees and young whips from a disease that had seldom, if ever, been identified in hazelnuts. Norm, a professional legal researcher, turned to leading scientists in their field for identification and advice, and now has the disease managed, if not 'licked'.

After several years of doubtful cropping Norm re-introduced pollinizers and obtained nut set. Birds and foxes were quick to want a share of the crop. Lynden devised a technique of netting that resulted in a saleable crop in 2018.

Again enthused, Norm and Lynden attended the Tri-nut conference in the "old nutters' sanitorium" at Beechworth and renewed old industry relationships. Hence, they were invited to host the Autumn farm walk and share their story.

- 10.00 am Registration from 9.30, and refreshments.
- 10.15 am Welcome and introductions.
About our Biosecurity precautions, gloves, foot bath, wear old shoes.
- 10.30 am Changing soils – WHY, how, cost, effectiveness, draw backs.
- 11.00 am pH testing and control of manganese toxicity
- 12.00 Noon Chemical Pruning
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 2.00 pm Netting for bird control. Other control methods in brief.
- 3.00 pm *Phytophthora cinnamomi* - identification and control.
- 3.30 pm Afternoon tea.
- 4.00pm. Housekeeping and close.



**REGISTRATION FORM – NSW Spring Farm walk/open day
Saturday 9th March 2019**

**Closing date for Registration
'Close of Business' Thursday, 7st March 2019.**

Names of Participants:

Address:

Email: **Mobile:**

	HGAMember	Non-member
Registration HGA is registered for GST	\$	\$
Includes Saturday morning tea, lunch afternoon tea	27.50	33.00

Any Special Requirements. E.g. Vegetarian.....

Are you a Potential grower? **New grower?** **Experienced grower?** **other**

Registration is payable on the day. Payable as cheque, cash or credit/debit card.

Please make cheques payable to HGA Inc.

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