

BERRIES AUSTRALIA

BerryQuest International 25–28 July 2022

Sea World Resort & Conference Centre
Gold Coast, Queensland



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AT berries.net.au/bqi22

Queensland's stunning Gold Coast will welcome an influx of berry growers, associated businesses, and industry experts from Australia and abroad in July 2022 when the much-anticipated national conference for the Australian berry industry is held again for the first time in over 4 years.

BerryQuest International will run from 25 to 28 July 2022 at Sea World Resort and Conference Centre, with two days of speaker presentations and a trade exhibition, followed by a day of farm tours and plenty of other activities including networking and social functions.

WHAT TO EXPECT – CONFERENCE PROGRAM *at a glance*

MONDAY 25

AM

Exhibition Set Up

PM

Registration Opens

EVENING

Welcome Reception

TUESDAY 26

AM

Conference Opening
Plenary Sessions

PM

Lunch & Networking
in Exhibition Hall
Plenary & Breakout Sessions

EVENING

Boatshed Bar & Grill BBQ

WEDNESDAY 27

AM

Shark Bay Tour & Breakfast
Plenary Sessions

PM

Lunch & Networking
in Exhibition Hall
Plenary & Breakout Sessions

EVENING

Sea World Plaza
Conference Dinner

THURSDAY 28

AM

Farm Tours / Activities

PM

Farm Tours / Activities



The event was last held in 2018 in Launceston, Tasmania and feedback received from delegates and sponsors/exhibitors was overwhelmingly positive. Over 400 delegates attended the Conference, and a post-conference survey indicated a preference for the event to be held every two years with Queensland as the next location. Unfortunately, COVID-19 got in the way, hence scheduled dates in both 2020 and 2021 were postponed. But we've locked in the venue and date for BQI22 and are now in full planning mode.

The choice of Sea World Resort and Conference Centre as the venue for BQI22 provides an opportunity for delegates to bring their families for a winter escape on the beautiful Gold Coast. Boasting a stunning Broadwater location, with 400 rooms and suites at discounted BQI22 rates starting from just \$149 per night for a room that can accommodate a family of up to 5, plus easy access to Australia's best theme parks, world-renowned beaches, and everything that the Gold Coast has to offer, Sea World Resort will be your home away from home during BQI22. There are four restaurants and two bar areas, as well as free Wi-Fi access throughout the Resort and complimentary broadband to all guest rooms.

The Gold Coast also provides an ideal base for delegates to visit berry farms in the nearby key growing regions of Northern NSW and the Sunshine Coast.

The conference program is currently in development in collaboration with growers and other industry experts. It will focus on the issues that will be pertinent to the berry industry as it expands over the next 5 - 10 years. With borders gradually re-opening we are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to welcome international delegates and speakers in person, but plans are being developed to incorporate a live stream component to conference proceedings for international participation should this prove difficult. Provisions are also in place to ensure the safety of all should circumstances associated with COVID-19 change.

Networking events will provide numerous opportunities for everyone to socialise, relax, and re-engage with the broader berry community. With a Welcome Reception in the Exhibition Hall, a gourmet BBQ with Broadwater and Southport skyline views at the Boatshed Bar & Grill, and a unique Conference Dinner in the Sea World Plaza including pre-dinner drinks and exclusive dolphin show at Dolphin Beach (you can't go to Sea World without seeing a dolphin!), our aim is to ensure that delegates have a fantastic conference experience.

Conference Chair, Peter McPherson said, "BerryQuest International 2022 will be an opportunity for our berry community to come together to support one another and to share recent learnings, as well as showcase the latest innovations including growing techniques, research, packaging, export development, biosecurity, labour and marketing."

Tickets to BerryQuest International 2022 are now on sale at berries.net.au/bqi2022 with a range of ticket options available, including full conference registration, single-day options, farm tours and individual social events.

An early bird discount for full-conference packages is available from 1st December 2021 to 28 February 2022, with the first 150 full-conference delegates to register receiving a free breakfast and tour of Sea World's Shark Bay.

Sponsorship and exhibitor packages have also been released and are selling fast. If you're interested in participating in BQI2022 as a sponsor or exhibitor, please visit berries.net.au/bqi2022 or contact Jen Rowling on 0448 322 389 jenrowling@berries.net.au

Further information including ticket prices, Sea World Resort accommodation packages and the conference program as it develops can be found at berries.net.au/bqi2022.

If you have any additional queries about the conference, contact a member of the BQI22 Conference Management team:

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