

CHERRY FOCUS

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Tree Fruit Magazine.

Recently Apple and Pear Australia Limited selected a new organisation to prepare their industry magazine. As a result the 'Tree Fruit' magazine will not cover the news and issues relating to Apple and Pear Australia Limited.

Cherry Growers of Australia Inc has a HAL project with Tree Fruit Media to prepare a number of cherry pages within the 'Tree Fruit' magazine. As a result of discussions with Nick Morenos, 'Tree Fruit' will continue to be produced and CGA will continue to support the magazine through the HAL project. Over the coming planning period CGA will review the project and make a decision on what will happen after the 30th June 2007.

To assist Tree Fruit Media, CGA is looking to expand the content with addition information including State Reports and specific R&D Reports.

'Tree Fruit' will continue to be posted to all Australia Cherry Growers on the CGA database at nil cost to individual growers.

Others wishing to access 'Tree Fruit' can do so through a subscription process.

CGA Executive/IAC Meetings.

CGA will be holding an Executive Meeting and a Cherry IAC Meeting in Lilydale, Victoria during the period 7th and 8th March. This will be the regular planning meeting at the end of the 2006/07 cherry season.

Executive will be using this meeting to commence the early planning for the coming year and preparing for a major industry strategic planning meeting to be held in mid to late May. The IAC meeting will consider the R&D applications submitted for the 2007/08 year but also prepare priorities and budgets for the coming three to five year period.

Following these meetings there will be an AFFCO/CGA Workshop and Field Day.

All growers are invited to participate in this activity. More details are available within the article in this months 'Tree Fruit' magazine.

Cherry Industry Biosecurity Plan.

Plant Health Australia (PHA) in conjunction with CGA has commenced the development of the Cherry Industry Biosecurity Plan. The first step has been to establish a Working Group involving industry and State and Federal Departmental representatives. A full list of the representatives will be printed in future articles.

Over the next six months this group will be meeting and communicating to develop the first draft of the Cherry IBP. We hope to have this draft ready for presentation at the 38th National Cherry Conference to be held in early August in Adelaide, SA.

Plant Health Australia will be conducting a series of important events with Members in Sydney from the 13th to 15th of March 2007:

- **Categorisation Meeting (Tuesday, 13 March 2007)** - PHA has convened an independent panel to review the categorisation process. Members will be updated on this review and its implications for the categorisation of pests in the future.

- **AOP consultation workshop meeting (Tuesday 13 March 2007)** - PHA will deliver a presentation to all Members on progress with implementation of the 2006/07 AOP and an introduction of the draft 2007/08 AOP.
- **National Plant Health Strategy Consultation Forum (Wednesday, 14 March 2007)** - will be an open exploratory session for Members to provide input into the development of National Plant Health Strategy.
- **Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed Meeting (Wednesday, 14 March 2007)** - will constitute the next round of Member consultation on matters arising with the operation and interpretation of the Deed.
- **Containment Meeting (Wednesday, 14 March 2007)** - will discuss possible arrangements for containment of pests and diseases in the national interests.
- **National Management Group (NMG) Training (Thursday, 15 March 2007)** - NMG delegate training is a requirement for industry signatories to the Emergency Plant Pest Response Deed and an essential part of industry fulfilling designated roles under PLANTPLAN.

CGA will be represented at these important meetings.

CGA Website.

CGA is in the process of establishing a new Association/members website.

The website address will be www.cherrygrowers.org.au

Growers will be notified once the site is launched.

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Location
7 th and 8 th March	CGA Executive and IAC meetings.	Lilydale, Vic
9 th March	AFFCO/CGA Workshop	Lilydale, Vic
13 th to 15 th March	PHA Workshops	Sydney, NSW
Mid May	Strategic Planning Workshop. Dates and Venue to be advised once the planned.	
29 th and 30 th May	HAL Forum and stakeholder Meetings	Sydney, NSW
6 th August	CGA Executive and IAC Meetings	Adelaide, SA
7 th August	CGA Annual General Meeting and Cherry Industry Annual Levy Payers Meeting	Adelaide, SA
8 th and 9 th August	38 th National Cherry Conference	Adelaide, SA
20 th to 22 nd November	HAL Forum, Stakeholder Meetings and HAL Annual General Meeting	Sydney, NSW

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