

W E L C O M E

Australian Pecan Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday August 24th 2019

Port Macquarie NSW

11.45am – 12.45pm



President's Report

Scott Clark





Thank you....

- thank you for your support over the year
- lots of positive changes during the year
- the future looks promising...great time to be in the pecan industry



Firstly some highlights...

- A busy and productive year
- Lots going on in the background
- We followed up on last year's AGM with a special resolution during the year – unanimous support to change name & broaden the industry and membership base
- Qld New Growers Info Day - in Mundubbera
- Field Day at Geoff Bugden's farm on composting
- Thank you to Stahmann Farms - we launched the new Australian Pecan brand at the ANIC conference.
- ANIC & other tree nut industries – collaboration is key



Official Stuff

- Apologies
- Approval of minutes from last year's AGM
- Election of Office Bearers

Executive Officer's Report

Anne Briggs





Behind the scenes...

APA Executive Committee & Management Committee put in the hours ...

- monthly meetings
- Industry liaison & advice
- Ambassadors for industry
- Work on our financial position
- Organise events
- Media
- Liaise with government & other stakeholders
- Collaborate with other tree nut industries & represent industry via ANIC

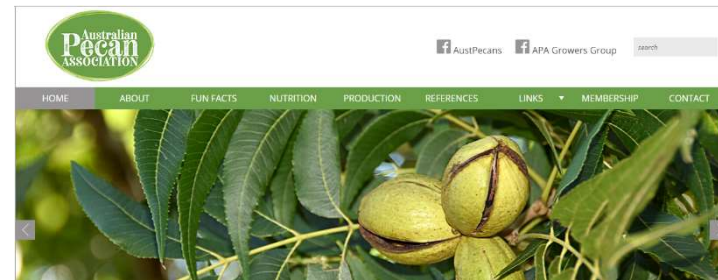


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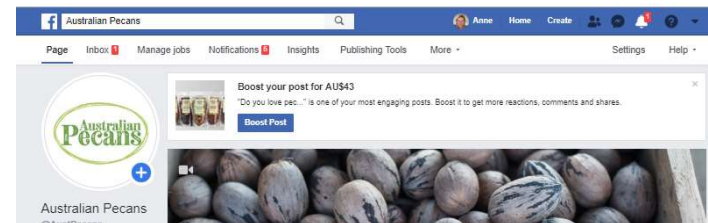
- * New Name
- * New suite of logos
- * Membership categories

Four easy ways to stay connected....

1. APA website – for info: grower, fun facts, links, membership etc



2. Facebook: Consumer – Australian Pecans. Audience: general public (recipes, health info). Like and share posts to increase reach.



3. Facebook – grower page “Australian Pecan Growers Association”. Audience growers. No advertising. Feel free to comment, post and contribute.



4. APA e-newsletters: monthly news plus e-blasts for updates. Industry & member news. Read & contribute.





Get involved: join one of our groups

- marketing
- conference
- member events





Looking ahead....

Annual Conference - our flagship event for industry.

Other industry events & get togethers throughout year.

Industry partnerships & collaborations - enable us to do more.

Longer term: plan to establish an Australian Pecans domestic marketing program – in the first instance develop a way to fund e.g. Industry Investment Program

Treasurer's Report

Will Cutler





Financials in a nutshell...

- We started off this financial year with a positive balance of \$14,337.62, and generated an income of \$25,838.21.
- Most income has been derived from annual membership, with 46 current members at June 30.
- The increase in membership fees has seen a rise in income from \$5,250 in 2018, to \$14,040 without a change in member numbers.
- The other main source of income has been derived from sponsorship, which has increased from \$2,150 in 2018, to \$10,600.
- There has also been a number of new sponsors of the APA and most will be represented at this year's AGM in Port Macquarie.



Financials in a nutshell...

- Cost associated in running the APA have increased from \$9,592 in 2017-18 to \$26,312.70.
- The rise in costs is largely associated with employing Anne as EO, and the addition of a wage.
- We have also had increases in accounting costs due to ATO responsibilities - requiring quarterly reporting, and payslip generation.
- There has also been some additional costs associated with branding, name changes, and promotional material that are not ongoing.
- That leaves us with a loss of \$479.49, compared to a loss of \$2,192 in the previous year and a closing bank balance of \$13,683.13

Grower's Handbook Update

Geoff Bugden



Catherine Clark

Managing Editor, Pecan
South Magazine



Chapter 1:Pecan History

- Pecan history in Australia
- Ross Burling re Deane Stahmann
- Bob Rowe re Doug Flaraghty (Northern Rivers)
- David Yore re Keith Yore

Chapter 2: Choosing your farm

- 1) Mundubbera (Michelle Chicken and Boyd Paton)
- 2) Moree (Stuart King S/F)
- 3) Mid North Coast (Will Cutler)
- 4) Northern Rivers NSW
- 5) South Australia (David Degranacy)

ESTABLISHING AN ORCHARD

- 1) Orchard design
- 2) Layout
- 3) Planting
- 4) Irrigation
- 5) The orchard floor



GROWING PECANS IN THE MUNDUBBERA & BURNETT REGION

From a Growers Perspective, Boyd Paton & Michelle Chicken, Boyne River Pecans, Mundubbera QLD.

LOCATION

Our immediate experience with Pecan production is in the Inland Burnett region which spans from Biggenden in the east, Mundubbera to the south & Monto to the north.

Pecans are being grown successfully in these areas, however we firmly believe that the crop would be also highly suitable further north to Biloela and further south into the south Burnett (Kingaroy, Murgon, Tansey and surrounds which is slightly cooler on average).

These areas are renowned for their fertile soils and cropping capacity and are climatically suited to pecans also.

One farm close to the coast at Maryborough is also doing well, however frost in these areas are less frequent than inland Burnett region, but rainfall is vastly higher.



The Burnett region is well situated and in relatively close proximity to several markets and processing facilities.

As an example, distances from our pecan farm situated at Mundubbera to known nut processing facilities and/or buyers are:

- 185km to Bundaberg
- 290km to Toowoomba
- 360km to Brisbane
- 560km to Lismore

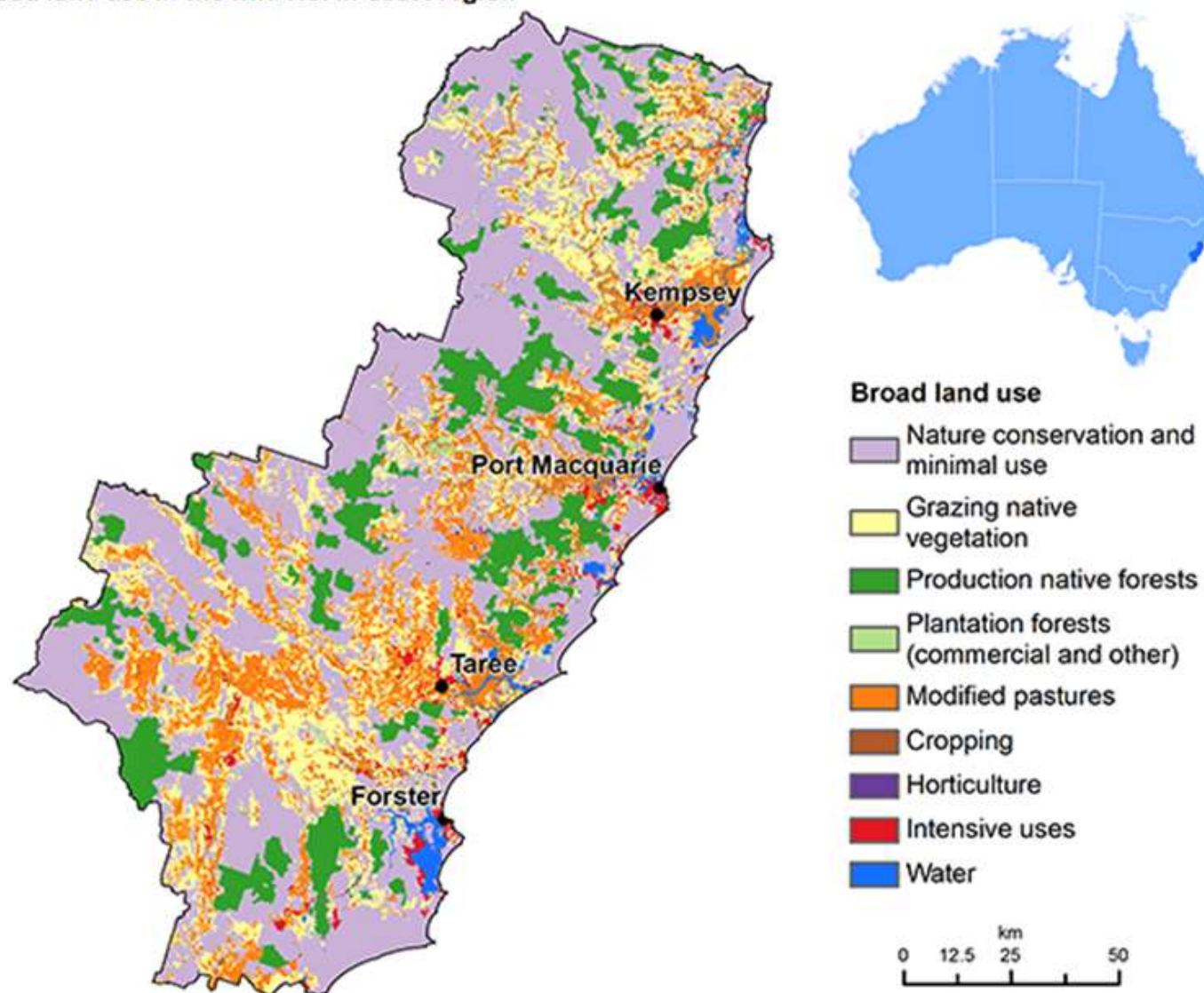
Queensland Map, Blue Inlay is the Burnett Region, Red Arrow is Mundubbera.

CLIMATE

The Burnett area's typical summers are long, hot days and its winters produce cold nights, light to heavy frosts, with clear sunny winter days.

The Inland Burnett is overall a drier climate and the growing of any tree crops without irrigation is futile.

Broad land use in the Mid North Coast region



Source: [Catchment scale land use of Australia ABARES 2017](#)

Chapter 3: Pecan Growth and Development

- 1) Shoot Growth
- 2) Bud, leaf and nut development
- 3) Flowering
- 4) Alternate Bearing
- 5) Pollination
- 6) Pistil bloom
- 7) Water Stage
- 8) Gel Stage
- 9) Kernel Stage



Chapter 4: Irrigation

- 1) How much
- 2) How often
- 3) How applied (flood, drip, sprinkler, combination)



Chapter 5: Pecan nutrition

Terry Rose SCU

- 1) Tree requirements. (What do they need)
(Terry Rose SCU)
- 2) Deficiencies. How to tell. What happens.
- 3) Soil and Leaf Sampling (Graham Lancaster SCU)
- 4) Fertility Calander (When to apply)
- 5) NPK and micro nutrients

BIOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVES TO CHEMICAL FERTILISER (David Forrest)

Chapter 6: Diseases

Geoff Bugden

- 1) Anthracnose
- 2) Pestalotiopsis
- 3) Botryosphaeria
- 4) Phytophthora
- 5) Carospora Fusca (only effects mature leaf)
- 6) Agrobacterium tumefaciens (causes crown gall disease)
- 7) Powdery mildew



Chapter 7: Pests

Dr Ian Newton

- 1) Longicorn Beetle
- 2) Stink Bug
- 3) Weevils
- 4) Twig Girdler

BENEFICIAL INSECTS:



Chapter 8: Other Crop Hazards

- 1) Flooding
- 2) Frost
- 3) Hail
- 4) Wind Damage
- 5) Freeze Damage
(Possibly SA only)



Chapter 9: Harvesting

- 1) First Shake
- 2) Second Shake
- 3) Methods of Harvesting
- 4) Farm to Shed
- 5) Cleaning
- 6) Sorting
- 7) Drying



Chapter 10: Processing

- 1) Sizing
- 2) Shelling
- 3) Sorting the kernel
- 4) Grading
- 5) Drying to requirement
- 6) Packaging
- 7) Shelf Life



Chapter 11: Marketing and Sales.


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- 1) Farmers Markets
 - 2) Internet
 - 3) Bakeries
 - 4) Wholesalers
 - 5) Retailers



Chapter 12: Management

- 1) Pest Management
- 2) Weed Management
- 3) Cattle and pecan orchard



A yellow mechanical pruning machine is shown in an orchard. The machine has a blue handle and a black hose. It is positioned in a row of trees, with a green field and more trees in the background. A large, semi-transparent white circle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the chapter title and a list of topics.

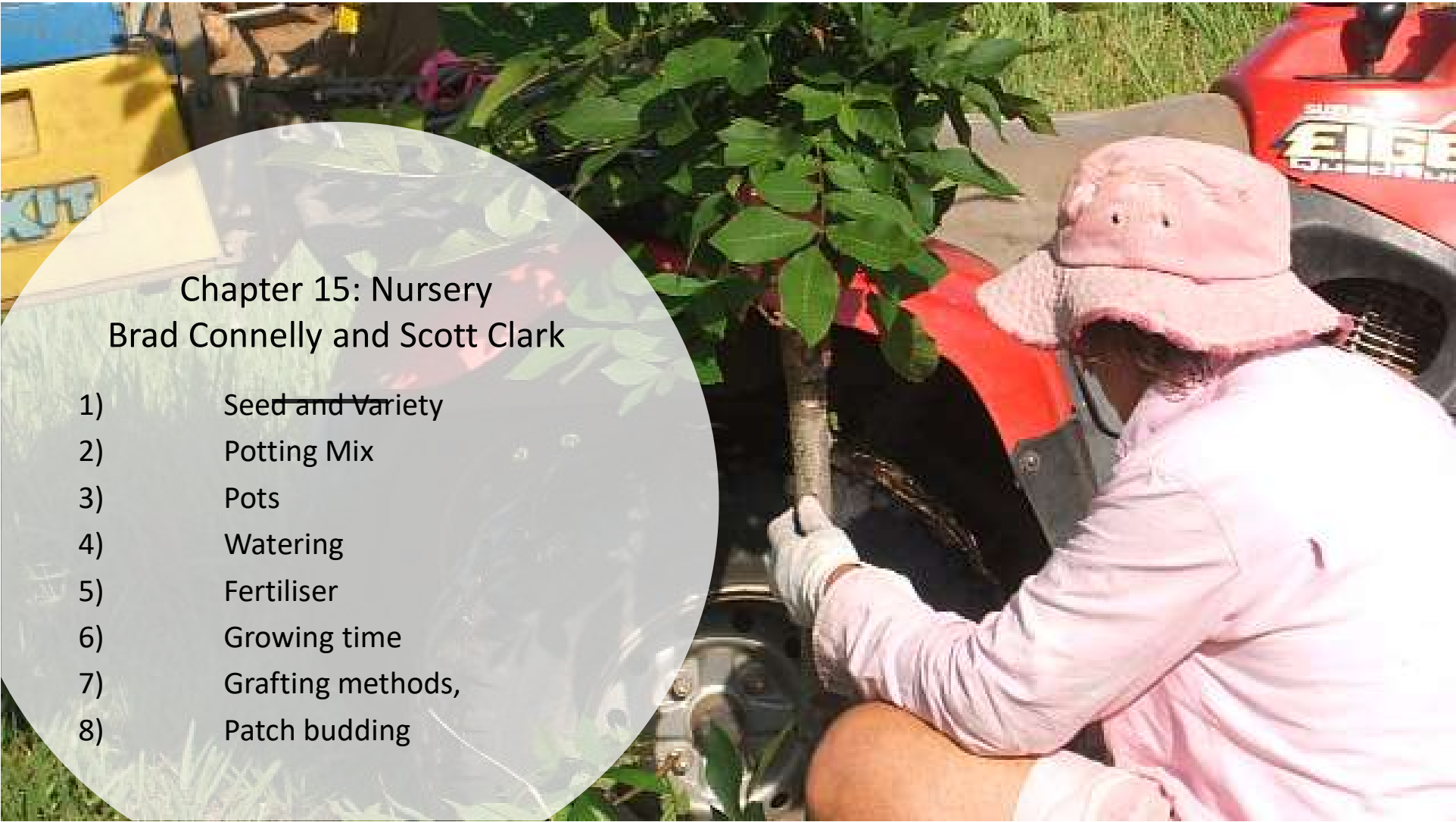
Chapter 13: Pruning and Hedging

- 1) Methods, (Selective limb pruning
or Mechanical)
- 2) Timing

Chapter 14: Setting up your orchard

- 1) Climate
- 2) Soil Type (David McNaught)
- 3) Water and Irrigation
- 4) Rainfall
- 5) Tree Spacing
- 6) Varieties
- 7) Pollinators
- 8) Summary



A person wearing a pink protective suit and hat is working with a tree in a nursery setting. The person is kneeling and holding the trunk of a tree. In the background, there is a red tractor with the word 'EDGE' on it and a yellow container. The scene is outdoors with green grass and other plants.

Chapter 15: Nursery Brad Connelly and Scott Clark

- 1) Seed and Variety
- 2) Potting Mix
- 3) Pots
- 4) Watering
- 5) Fertiliser
- 6) Growing time
- 7) Grafting methods,
- 8) Patch budding

Chapter 16: Planting

- 1) Spacings
- 2) Setting out
- 3) Preparing the site
- 4) Buying your seedlings
- 5) Planting from seed
- 6) Training young trees



Chapter 17: Equipment and machinery

- 1) Harvesting Equipment
- 2) Cleaning
- 3) Processing
- 4) General Farming





Chapter 18: Varieties for Australia

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Lunch time!!

