


INVITATION TO ATTEND

<p><i>This will be a conference that will deliver the usual high standard of presentations/ topics that we have all come to expect.</i></p> <p><i>We will have an outstanding presentation from Geert Lemmers - Sylvan Holland on Compost Management. You will find of great interest the presentation by Julian Alston.</i></p> <p><i>Tom Potter from Eagle Boys Pizza is going to talk to us about Change- Its Here Forever, Deal With It.</i></p> <p><i>I encourage you not miss the opportunity to network with the other delegates, our speakers, sponsors and exhibitors.</i></p> <p><i>We will again this year devote a full day to farm walk, visit to the CSIRO and Werribee Mansion, this day will really be something special.</i></p>	<p><i>Our conference will be held at Rydges, Exhibition Street, Melbourne.</i></p> <p><i>This venue is located in the heart of the city and in the middle of Chinatown & the live theatre area of Melbourne.</i></p> <p><i>This area has numerous restaurants and theatres in the area. if you love live theatre then it would be worth while checking what is playing at the time of the conference</i></p> <p><i>You are located very close to the famous Paris end of Collins street home to some of the major designer label shops. Nearby is Bridge Street Richmond and Chapel Street Prahran, both these areas are famous for designer outlet shops. Maybe you could talk a walk over to the very famous Victoria Markets or ride a Melbourne tram.</i></p> <p><i>I look forward to welcoming you to</i></p>	<p><i>city renowned for its food, shopping, theatre and AFL football.</i></p> <p><i>Yours sincerely</i></p> <p>Douglas Schirripa Chairman—AMGA</p> 
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THURSDAY FARM WALK - COMPOST YARD, SHELF, CSIRO & DISTRIBUTION CENTRE

<p>Each year it just gets better. This year will see a full day of activities. We are currently planning a visit to the CSIRO facility at Werribee where Dr Louise Bennett & Dr Peter Roupas will up date us the work they are doing on the health properties of mushrooms</p> <p>This will be followed by a visit to</p>	<p>Werribee Park, home of the Chirnside family mansion, the formal gardens and the Victorian State Rose Garden</p> <p>A BBQ lunch will be provide here by the Werribee Lyons club.</p> <p>We then move on to Mushroom Exchange at Mernda.</p> <p>Mushroom Exchange Mernda is</p>	<p>renowned as the largest mushroom farm in the Southern Hemisphere and one of the top 10 mushroom producers in the world.</p> <p>Following our farm visit we will return to Rydges and the usual networking drinks and nibbles before we have a free night.</p>
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Geert Lemmers—Sylvan Holland

From 1988-94 he was the Production manager at Ferm-O-Feed, an indoor facility with air scrubbers and bio beds originally built to convert chicken manure to cattle feed. Many trials were conducted in conjunction with Wageningen and Nijmegen Universities in Holland. Composted green waste in tunnels for VAM (Wijster, NL) for 2 years. Large trials were carried out for Heveco, Peffer, and De Kleijn indoor phase 1 composting, including the first 100% indoor bunker in the Netherlands. with many trials composting several types of chicken, cattle and pig manure with a particular emphasis on smell emission, bio-filtration and air scrubbing.

1994-1996 was spent as Production manager at Peffer, which included a phase 2 /3 facility in Belgium

As a technical consultant with Sylvan for the past 12 years he has provided consultancy globally to mushroom companies regarding composting and related environmental issues. Carried out trials to develop a fast composting process with minimum of smell and ammonia emissions. spending a lot of time studying microbial life in compost during this project. Geert Co-developed a compost facility in Hungary, Co-developed Sybus, a Microbial innoculum for compost and provided consultancy to companies worldwide building and commissioning phase 1, 2 and 3 facilities.

TOM POTTER - CHANGE-ITS WITH US FOREVER, DEAL WITH IT

Tom Potter is Managing Director and founder of Australian owned Eagle Boys Dial-A-Pizza and in his late 30's heads an expanding \$100 million plus pizza empire across Australia and Asia.

Tom left school at 15 to become an apprentice baker but found himself jobless at 23. In 1987 he borrowed the money to open his first pizza shop in Albury, New South Wales.

Today he has built his business to over 145 stores throughout regional and metropolitan Australia, basing stores across Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, Western Australia and ACT.

The Eagle Boys enterprise employs over 2,300 full-time and part-time employees.



2007 PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

<p>Wednesday 1st October 2007</p> <p>12.30 pm Visy Board Golf Day (Restricted numbers)</p> <p>5.00 - 6.30 pm Registration Desk Open</p> <p>7.00 - 10.30 pm Welcome BBQ Dinner. Official opening of the Trade Exhibition</p>  <p>Thursday 2nd October</p> <p>7:45 - 5.00pm Farm Walks</p> <p>5.45 - 7.00 pm Exhibition Area Networking Session</p> <p>7.00 pm Free Night</p> 	<p>Friday 3rd October</p> <p>8.00 - 8.20 am Horticulture Australia</p> <p>8.20 - 9.30 am Levy Funded Generic Promotion— The Californian Experience</p> <p>9.30 - 10.30 am Economic Outlook</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00 am Morning Tea</p> <p>11.00 - 11.30 am Climate Change</p> <p>11.30 - 12.30 pm Compost Management— Irrigated V's Dry Land</p> <p>12.30 - 1.30 pm Lunch</p> <p>1.30 - 2.30 pm Industrial Relations Update</p> <p>2.30 - 3.30pm Change - Its With Us Forever. Deal With It.</p> <p>3.30 - 5.00 pm Afternoon Tea</p> <p>Exhibition Area Networking</p> <p>7.00 pm Free Night</p> 	<p>Saturday 4th October</p> <p>8.30—10.10pm Levy Payers Meeting</p> <p>8.30 - 9.00 am Marketing & Promotions Review*</p> <p>9.00 - 9.30 am R & D Review*</p> <p>9.30 - 10.00 am Strategic Review*</p> <p>10.00 - 10.10 am MIAC Chairman's Roundup</p> <p>10.10 - 10.20 am ISMS Congress & Diagnostic project Report*</p> <p>10.20 - 10.30 am SA Study Tour Report</p> <p>10.30 - 11.00 am Morning Tea</p> <p>11.00 - 11.30am Trichoderma harzianum Type 2 - Our Experiences</p> <p>11.30 - 12.30pm P & D Management Update*</p> <p>12.30 - 1.30 pm Lunch</p> <p>1.00—1.25 pm AMGA AGM</p> <p>1.30 - 2.00pm Training your Staff & How to Get the Most Out of the System</p> <p>2.00 - 3.30pm Engaging & Retaining Staff</p> <p>3.30pm Close</p> <p>7.00 pm Gala Dinner— The Boby McGee's</p> <p><small>* The Australian Government provides matched funding for all research and development activities facilitated through HAL</small></p>
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GENERAL INFORMATION

<p>Venue: Rydges Melbourne 186 Exhibition Street, Melbourne Telephone: +61-3- 9662 0511</p> <p>Transport: Jetstar, Qantas, Virgin Blue & Tiger all fly to Melbourne domestically along with most international airline flights</p> <p>The taxi fare is around \$45.00 and a 30 minute ride.</p> <p>Skybus operates a service to the city every 10 minutes from the airport. You are able to be delivered to the hotel from Skybus city terminal. It is suggested that you book a pickup if you plan to return to the airport on the shuttle.</p> <p>Goods & Services Tax: Goods and services in Australia are subject to a 10% tax (GST). GST is</p>	<p>included in all the prices we have quoted.</p> <p>Insurance: Delegates are advised to book comprehensive travel insurance and ensure that all possessions are adequately insured for the period of the conference.</p> <p>Registration information</p> <p>How to Register: Please complete the enclosed registration form. Your registration fee must accompany your completed registration form. Payment can be made by cheque (payable to Australian Mushroom Growers' Association), bank draft, or credit card (MasterCard, Visa, Bank Card).</p> <p>Please note: The <u>costs page</u> of the registration form will serve as your <u>tax invoice</u>. Please retain a copy for</p>	<p>your tax records. No separate tax invoices will issued</p> <p>Additional registration forms & brochures are available from Aim Higher Events, or the AMGA internet home page: www.mushrooms.net.au</p> <p>All prices quoted are in Australian Dollars. Cheques & Bank drafts must also be in Australian Dollars. Faxed registration forms will only be accepted if payment is being made by credit card.</p> <p><i>Please forward your registration forms with payment to:</i></p> <p>Attn Murray Tonkin Aim Higher Events Pty Ltd PO Box 8133, Werrington County, NSW 2747 Australia Tel: 612 9673 1490 Fax: 61 2 8569 1354 murrayt@aimhigherevents.com.au</p>
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