

AGIA New Grower session

Friday 4th August 2017

1200 Registration, lunch, networking

1245 start

Throughout the year the AGIA receives many enquiries from people wanting to know how to grow garlic.

This year as part of the annual AGIA Seminar, a team of 4 garlic growers have put together a *New Growers* program introducing and discussing the fundamentals of garlic growing. Each of the growers come from a different background and will showcase their farms and share their knowledge.

Attending the *New Growers* session can be a one off experience to know more about garlic or part of the whole AGIA Seminar weekend to gain a deeper understanding of the Australian garlic industry

The New Growers session presentations include

Garlic fundamentals

Looking at the types, classifications, cultivars and choices we need to consider when we select the garlic to plant

Stages of garlic growing

An in-depth look at

- Planting
- Growing
- Harvesting
- Curing & Storage
- Selling

Throughout the afternoon program we will discuss conventional growing, organic, chemical free and bi-dynamic garlic growing, looking at issues, challenges and constraints of each method.

The program includes 2 Q&A sessions and plenty of opportunity to develop your garlic growing knowledge.

Time	Topic
1245	Garlic fundamentals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types (soft neck, hard neck strong & weakly bolting) • Groups and Cultivars • Differences within the groups • Factors influencing the choice of the type grown
1300	Introduction to the stages of garlic growing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting • Growing • Harvesting • Curing
1320	Planting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of growing (conventional, organic, Bio-dynamic, chemical free) • Soil, preparation • Timing, cracking • Spacing, bed forming • Methods, mechanical, hand
1350	Growing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watering, • Fertilising • Weeding • Pest and diseases
1410	Q&A
1430	Break

1445	Harvesting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing • Methods
1505	Curing & Storage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose • Methods
1525	Selling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of markets
1535	An organic Farm presentation
1550	A conventional Farm presentation
1605	A chemical free Farm presentation
1620	Panel Q&A
1700	Finish