

## 27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE IPPS Southern Africa Region

## Tuesday 25 March - Thursday 27 March 2025 Cumberland Hotel, Worcester

Tuesday 25 March	Cape Town International Airport - Nursery vi	sits - Cumberland Hotel, Worcester	
09h30	Depart Cape Town International Airport - BUS		There will be 1 bus - 68 seater
10h00	Pick up local delegates at Shadowlands		Local delegates can park cars securely at Shadowlands
10h15	Depart for PlusnetGeotex - Blackheath		5,2km / 10 min
10h30 - 11h30	Visit PlusnetGeotex factory	MJ de Kock - confirmed	Manufactures shadenet
11h30	Depart for Haygrove Tunnels		53km / 1h15
12h45 - 13h15	Lunch at Haygrove	Mark Pritchett	View growing structures
13h15 -13h30	Visit Haygrove Tunnels	Video presentation followed by walk	
13h30 - 14h15		View structures and factory	
14h15 14h45 - 16h00	Depart for Oak Valley Flwers Oak Valley Flowers	Ruhan von Wielligh/Liezel Nel	11km / 13 min Grower of cutflowers
16h00	Depart for Cumberland Hotel	Kullan von wienign/ Lezer Nei	85km / 1h10
17h15	Arrive at Cumberland Hotel, Worcester	Board Members check in first, followed by delegates	
17h30 - 19H00	BM'S CHECK IN FIRST - BOARD MEETING	IPPS Southern Africa Region BM	Cumberland Hotel, Worcester
18h30 for 19h00	Welcome dinner	Drinks at 18:30, dinner at 19h00	Cumberland Hotel, Worcester
Wednesday 26 March	Half day conference, half day nursery visits		
07h15	Registration & Breakfast		Cumberland Hotel, Worcester
08h00	Welcome & opening address		President - IPPS Southern Africa
08h15 - 08h45	Ernst van Jaarsveld	Topic TBC	Babylonstoren
08h45 - 09h15	Nomama Mei	Progress at Kwelera	Kwelera Botanical Gardens
09h15 - 09h45	Joel van der Schyff	Automation in greenhouses	AgriLogic
09h45-10h15	Exchangee reports	Chloe and Nosipho	
10h15 - 10h45	Tea		
10h45 - 11h30	4 Nominees	10 minutes each	
11h30 - 12h00	Andrew Hankey	Book intro: SA Indigenous Garden Plants	SANBI
12h15	Bus departs for Roodehoogte Seedlings	Hotel will provide packed lunch to have on bus	50km / 42 min
13h15 - 14h15	Visit Roodehoogte Seedling Nursery	Braam, veggie seedlings, some cut flowers	Vegetable seedling producer - Robertson
14h15	Depart for Sheilam Cactus Nursery		11km / 11 min
14h15 - 15h15	Sheilam Cactus Nursery	Margot	Grow wide range of indigenous and exotic succulents
15h15	Depart for Owl's Rest		2km / 5min
15h20 - 16h30	Owl's Rest	Patricia & Hedley Manicom	Olives, lavender and oil, will show distilling process. Refreshments available
16h30 - 17h30	Return to Cumberland Hotel		59 km / 45 min
18h30 for 19h00	Gala Dinner		
Thursday 27 March	Half day conference, nursery visits on return	journey to Cape Town International Airport	
07h00	Breakfast - check out, luggage on bus		
08h00 - 8h45	Dr Gerhard Verdoorn	Country's leading specialist on sustainable crop protection & plant biotechnology	Croplife SA - https://www.croplife.co.za
8h45 - 9h15	Wanga Ncise	Conservation and education	Stellenbosch University Botanical Garden
9h15 - 9h45	Mpumelelo Dlamini	Modern Technologies in Horticulture	SAPPI
9h45 - 10h15	Теа		
10h15 - 11h00	AGM Meeting & INTL. Feedback		
11h00 - 11h30	Reportback from 2 SA exchangees to NZ	Liezel Nel & Michelle Stanton	
11h30	Depart for Karoo Desert Botanical Garden		4,3km 11 min
11h45 - 12h45	Karoo Desert Botanical Garden		
	Lunch on bus	Hotel provides packed lunches	
12h45	Depart for The Olive Branch Nursery - Wellington	Small producer of Olive Trees - Wellington	66km 1h15
14h00 - 14h45	The Olive Branch Nursery	Jean Hanna	
14h45	Depart for Cape Town International Airport		70km / 1h00
16h00	Arrive Cape Town international		
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17h00	Drop local delegates off at Shadowlands		
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