

# SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER WELCOME!



## SPRING INTO CHEMICAL SAFETY!

Spring is here, and so is another AusChem Trainer Update! This month we're looking ahead to an exciting season of learning and development with our upcoming WA Professional Development Day and sharing resources to support your work in the field. Thank you for the important role you play in promoting safe chemical use across the industry.



### WESTERN AUSTRALIA P.D!

We're pleased to announce our upcoming **Professional Development Day in Western Australia!** This full-day program will feature a diverse line-up of expert speakers. The day is designed to keep trainers up to date with current issues, strengthen industry connections, and provide valuable insights to take back into the training space. Contact the office ASAP if you would like to register to attend!



31st October



Metro Hotel, Perth



9am–4pm

## Social

## MEDIA



### STAY CONNECTED WITH AUSCHEM

Did you know AusChem is on Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter) and LinkedIn?

We're sharing updates on Professional Development days, course reminders, industry news, and useful tips for trainers. Following us is the easiest way to stay in the loop and help spread the word about the importance of chemical safety training.

Click on the links on the left to access each platform.



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# LATEST NEWS

## Scientist discovers banned chemical in berries sold at NSW supermarkets

A scientist investigating why pesticides were appearing in marine life discovers a banned chemical on NSW berries. The underwhelming response from the government has exposed regulatory blind spots in the system meant to protect consumers.

Click on the link or the icon to read the full story

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## Trainer SPOTLIGHT

### NICK WACHSMANN



Nick was raised on a farm in Tasmania and has been involved in agriculture his whole life. Initially working on farm, his career has progressed through research and agronomy, to his current role as a trainer and coordinator at Longerenong College in Victoria. His teaching areas include plant biology, pest management, agronomy and precision agriculture. Nick has been an AusChem accredited trainer since 2010. He served 10 years on the executive of what became the Victorian Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation Trainers Network, including three years as Chair.

Click the link to submit your future course dates!

[SUBMIT](#)

## INDUSTRY UPDATE - WHAT TO DO NOW?

We've rounded up the latest APVMA and industry changes that may affect trainers and course participants. Here's what to keep in mind for your sessions:

### NEW PRODUCT STANDARDS - Malathion

⚠️ APVMA has introduced a new chemical product standard limiting impurities in malathion.

👉 Trainer Tip: Remind participants about checking product labels and updates to safety data sheets, especially if they handle older stock.

### Fenitrothion Use in Grapevines Ceasing

⚠️ Fenitrothion will no longer be supported for use on grapevines, with a 12-month phase-out now in place.

👉 Trainer Tip: If you train horticulture groups, note this change and encourage learners to explore alternative pest management options.

### MRL (Maximum Residue Limits) Variations

⚠️ Changes to residue limits have been published for some products under Schedule 20 of the Food Standards Code.

👉 Trainer Tip: Stress the importance of following label directions carefully, especially with harvest withholding periods.



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