



# PRUNING FOR FRUIT: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

Pruning is fundamental to getting the best from your fruit trees. Pruning allows you to control a fruit's size, shape and vigour. You will learn the skills to maintain good fruit size, quality and quantity and to keep them bearing throughout their productive life.

In this introductory pruning Master Class, you will learn the fundamentals of winter pruning principles, see pruning techniques being demonstrated and then practice the pruning techniques on apple, apricot and plum fruit trees which can be transferred to a range of other fruit tree varieties. It will be a morning of hands-on horticulture, delivered in the orchard at Perry's famous Fruit and Nut Farm at McLaren Flat, with experienced pruning instructors.

This Master Class will cover:

- Tool, equipment and safety: Types, tips and correct use
- When to prune: The difference between summer and winter pruning and pruning through the growing season
- Shaping fruit trees: The 3 R's of pruning Pruning for shape and size
- Correct pruning technique: Cutting for collars and controlling root stock Cutting to bud, cutting to replacement shoot, cutting to main stem
- Pruning for fruit: Understanding the fruit habits, Identifying fruit spurs, fruit thinning

## COURSE DETAILS

### COURSE NAME

Pruning for Fruit  
Principles and Practices

### 2015 DATE

Sunday 5 July

### LOCATION

The Orchard,  
Perry's Fruit and Nut Farm,  
McLaren Flat Rd,  
McLaren Flat SA 5171  
(see map on reverse)

### TIME

9am - 1.15pm

### COURSE PRESENTER

Harry Harrison  
John Sandham

### PRICE

\$180 per person (GST inc) + booking fee  
if purchased online

The Australian Centre of Horticultural Excellence  
2015 Master class Series

More information and registrations at:  
[botanicgardens.sa.gov.au](http://botanicgardens.sa.gov.au)



# PLANT PROPAGATION: PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

Plant material cannot be brought to the Master Class as any unaccredited plant material can harbour soil and plant pathogens which may contaminate the Orchard soil and plant collections. Participants are encouraged to discuss any particular pruning questions and difficulties they may be experiencing on the day.

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Participants must bring their own sharp secateurs, pruning saw and gardening gloves. Participants must wear water-proof shoes and bring water-proof jackets and hats.

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## PROGRAM

8:30am	Registration & coffee
9am	Welcome, introductions, Master Class structure
9.15am	Field demonstration: identification of fruit buds, clean cuts and collars, controlling root stocks, when to prune, the 3 R's
10am	Apricots: Pruning fundamentals, demonstration and practice
11am	Apples: Pruning fundamentals, demonstration, practice
12pm	Plums: Pruning fundamentals and practice
1–1.15pm	Wrap - up

## PAYMENT

The cost of this course is \$180 (GST inc). Payment can be made by:

- Cash, credit card or EFTPOS by calling (08) 8222 9311.
- Follow the links online at [botanicgardens.sa.gov.au](http://botanicgardens.sa.gov.au) (please note, an online booking fee applies)

## PRESENTERS

### HARRY HARRISON

Harry has a broad interest in food production. He is now President of the Rare Fruit Society of South Australia. Harry has helped establish and maintain numerous fruit producing enterprises over the last few decades. He currently mixes teaching a variety of practical horticultural courses with fruit tree maintenance.

### JOHN SANDHAM

John started his career at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew in 1972 as an assistant gardener. In 1989, he was appointed curator of Conservatory Displays and Plant Propagation at the Botanic Gardens of South Australia. He is now the Gardens' Collections Development Officer.

