
THE

VICTORIAN WALNUT

COMPANY

GENERAL INFORMATION

This introduction to the Victorian Walnut Company provides an overview of who we are, our vision, and the services we offer to growers.

Our new facility is on track to be operational for all your processing needs for the 2021 harvest.

ABOUT THE VICTORIAN WALNUT COMPANY

Established in 2020, the Victorian Walnut Company (VWC), located in Tatura East, Victoria, is Australia's new premium state-of-the-art walnut processing and packaging facility. It has been established to efficiently process Australian walnuts to the highest quality at the lowest cost base to produce the best results for growers.

Combined with an experienced and dedicated team who understand the walnut industry, VWC provides growers with a full-service, end-to-end solution including in-shell processing, cracking, packaging and sales.

VWC will accept walnuts from any grower who meets VWC and market standards and does not require growers to invest their personal funds in the processing plant. The plant is fully operational and fully funded and maintained.

VISION

Stephen James, Daryl Maloney McCall and Shane Weller saw a need within the walnut industry to provide Australian walnut growers with a processing option that satisfied the need for secure, affordable and professional processing of their crops.

“As Founders, we are very proud to be involved in the development of the Victorian Walnut Company to meet grower needs in providing a new state of the art processing facility to ultimately contribute to the improvement in quality and output for the Victorian walnut industry.

We believe the establishment of VWC allows growers to expand their orchards with confidence, knowing they will be able to professionally process and sell their crops in a timely manner, utilising the latest equipment and processing methods.

We are committed to complete transparency for all stakeholders and have invested heavily in best practice tracking, recording, and reporting so growers and customers always have full insight into their product. VWC aims to provide a safe and enjoyable workplace for our people, customers and community”.

SERVICES

VWC's processing services include walnut hulling and cleaning, drying, in-shell walnut grading and packing, walnut kernel production, sorting and packing, and the sale of finished goods under the premium VWC brand.

ABOUT THE VWC PROCESSING FACILITY

The Victorian Walnut Company (VWC) provides industry leading full-service processing, sales and marketing services for walnut growers in Australia.

VWC has sourced the latest state-of-the-art equipment & technology from world-leading walnut suppliers in California, Australia and other key locations to ensure clients are provided with high quality, efficient and flexible processing capabilities.

In building the facility, VWC has worked with Australia's most experienced walnut processing experts to lead the initial design, purchase, installation and operation of the VWC facility located in Tatura East, Victoria.

The Australian annual walnut harvest season generally occurs between mid-March to late May.

SUSTAINABILITY

At VWC we are committed to providing clean and green production of Australian walnuts to help create a sustainable future not only for us but for the communities in which we operate. We believe in safe and sustainable practices and aim to minimise environmental impacts through consuming water and energy more efficiently and focusing on recycling and waste reduction throughout all steps of our production and processes.

ABOUT THE FOUNDERS



Daryl Maloney McCall
Director & Founder

After spending time studying and working in the walnut industry in California, Daryl, along with his family, started farming walnuts in the Goulburn Valley in the late 1990s.

Focussing on the most successful Californian cultivars and current best practices in farm management sciences, Daryl commenced fully mechanized harvesting in 2003 and has been producing some of Australia's premium in-shell and kernel products from Chandler and Tulare varieties ever since.

In 2007, Daryl was a key driver and shareholder of early walnut processing facilities for Victorian growers, importing equipment from California and establishing a "co-operative- style" processing and sales organisation.

Outside of walnuts, Daryl has extensive experience in executive management and consulting, specialising in marketing intelligence and associated tech and is supported by his wife Stacey and five daughters.



Stephen James
Director & Founder

Stephen is the step-grandson of Henry Schlapp, who along with his brother Ebe, pioneered the Australian walnut industry in the 1920s after selecting land in the Ovens Valley as the site of their first walnut orchard.

Stephen, along with his father John and mother Marilla (currently Vice-Chair of AWIA), secured land adjoining the Ovens River in the late 1980s and grow varieties including Chandler, Howard, Franquette and Tulare.

Today Stephen, John and Marilla run Gapsted Walnuts supplying local and interstate buyers with high quality product recognisable by their distinctive blue and gold bags.

When not at the farm Stephen manages share portfolios for private clients in the Australian Securities markets. He is passionate about the Australian walnut industry both through his heritage and his love of healthy eating.



Shane Weller
Director & Founder

Raised on a dairy farm near Rochester, Shane spent his early years in pharmacies where he developed a passion for health and wellbeing.

Here he observed many individuals suffering from conditions resulting from poor diets, Cardiovascular disease, diabetes and arthritis.

After leaving the pharmacy industry Shane embarked on an extensive study into the health benefits of walnuts as an excellent source of Omega 3 and 6 Oils essential for Cardiovascular health and Arthritis due to their anti-inflammatory nature.

His move into walnut processing is triggered by his desire to use technology to create a quality and consistent product.

Shane, his wife Donna their three daughters run their walnut farm in Kotta and have Chandler, Howard and Tulare varieties.

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