

## Keeping in touch.....

All the details of our business and services are contained on our website which can be found at [www.genesis-hort.com.au](http://www.genesis-hort.com.au)

The site contains access to links for direct request for training as well as other resources.

We regularly update our multimedia sites and you can follow us via our Twitter feed located at @Genesishort and also Facebook via a listing under the title of Genesis Horticultural Solutions. Our Director, Tony Bundock also updates the developments of Genesis via his own personal LinkedIn profile, so please feel free to send him a connection request. The website also contains a link for registration for this newsletter to be sent directly to you. Feel free to enter your details to ensure you keep informed!



## Welcome to our latest newsletter.....

Well we are certainly in interesting times! As we live in Victoria, Australia, we have been faced with a raft of ongoing lockdown restrictions which have had a major impact on our operations. So the focus for us has been something close to survival which has meant we have been focussed on ensuring we keep the doors of the business open. With no onsite training or travel being a realistic possibility, this has certainly presented some challenges. The horticultural sector is seen as 'essential services' so work still has to proceed, but for many growers there are now issues in accessing staff for harvesting. Another issue facing people in this pandemic is not only the issue of maintaining physical health but also mental health. Being based in Victoria we were initially placed into a second

lockdown for two weeks to 'flatten the curve'. We are now in week 30 of lockdown and will probably still be under the current rules until November! This has us having to abide by a limit of 5km travel from home locations and severe restrictions on seeing family and loved ones. Many businesses have been forced to close, and sole traders such as ourselves who operate from a home office have been unable to access any government subsidies. So little wonder that many people are feeling depressed. We are indebted to the team at the Nuffield group who have made some great resources available to assist growers and individuals in dealing with Covid based issues. More details are available in this newsletter. So take care out there everyone, we will get through this.

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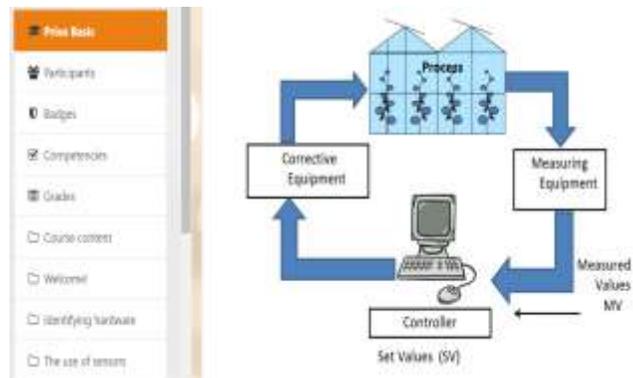
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# Online 'Blended' learning

Our online platform is continues to provide us with an alternate mode of training delivery for our ever customer base. Drawing on resources that were originally developed for existing training programs, the online Genesis platform provides underpinning knowledge as well as direct end user training for new and existing Priva users. The system initially steps the student through a logical pathway explaining the concepts behind the operation of specific strategies, and highlights these with actual screenshots from Priva systems. To bring the system to 'life', use is also made of demonstration videos that highlight how the systems operate and how settings can be made. The overall aim of our online program is link our existing Priva accreditation programs to an interactive learning platform that ultimately upskills the end user. Having said that, we still see there being a need for practical observation and demonstration from the end user before we would award our accredited operator certificates. This is where our 'blended' approach comes in, and each course includes a 'one on one' session with the training staff via platforms such as 'Zoom' or 'Teams'. We are keen to acknowledge true competence in our accreditation programs as opposed to just issuing certificates and the virtual face to face sessions allow for this to happen. The Priva Basic course forms the initial 'stepping stone' into the training courses, and the following courses will be rolled out across the coming months:-

- Priva Irrigation Level 1
- Priva Heating Level 1
- Priva Ventilation Level 1
- Priva Screens Level 1
- Priva Humidification Level 1

Further details on how to access the Genesis online training programs can be found on our website:- [www.genesis-hort.com.au](http://www.genesis-hort.com.au) and via our social media links, but please feel free to contact us directly via email at:- [tony@genesis-hort.com.au](mailto:tony@genesis-hort.com.au)



**Underpinning knowledge**

### Ventilation strategy

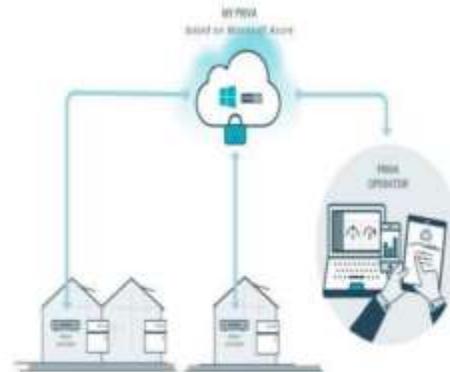
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2	Activated	NO
3	Period	ON
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5	Ventilation temperature	20
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**Use of real time screenshots**



**Demonstration videos**

# Priva Connected.....



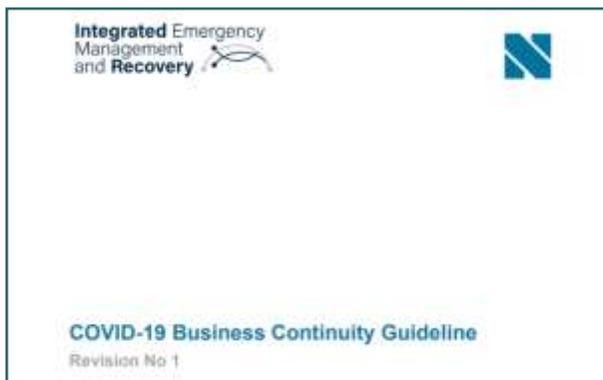
Priva NL have recently announced that the Priva Cloud Services has been introduced as part of the “Priva Connected” subscription service. Priva Connected will be available for clients with Priva Compass, Compact CC or Connex systems. A really useful addition is the easy operation with dashboards included in Priva Connected is “Priva Operator”. With Priva Operator you will be able to get insight into the current status of your process computer, because the data is available via the cloud anytime, anywhere. The most essential adjustments to your Priva systems can be made at any time and anywhere, using a smartphone, laptop or tablet.

So how does it work? Firstly you register with Priva for the “Priva Connected” service. Once subscribed, you will have your own secure online account called “My Priva”. Via My Priva you have access to your subscribed online Priva applications, including Priva Operator, Access Control and Priva Alarms. Access Control gives you control over who can access which information. With Priva Alarms you will be notified of any active alarms via the Priva Alarm App (available on Android and iOS). To connect your Priva Compass, Compact CC or Connex with the online applications in My Priva, a Priva Gateway is required (note, a Priva Gateway is standard with all Priva Compass systems but optional with Priva Compact CC and Connex systems). This is because the Gateway securely shares the data from Compass/Compact CC/Connex with My Priva. Priva have developed the Gateway so that it can only connect to Compass/ Compact CC/Connex and not to other systems within the your network. This guarantees a secure, reliable connection. Priva provides the Gateway in a complete 300mm x 400mm cabinet with two additional switches to make the connectivity very easy. Your Priva Dealer can supply and install the gateway for you. After installing the Priva Gateway, you can share data from your Compact CC/Connex with online apps and services in My Priva at the touch of a button. In short Priva Connected will give you guaranteed continuity of your business: You always have the latest software version, your Priva system is reliable, secure and you always have the latest functionalities. You can always check the status of your greenhouse, whenever and wherever you want, using your personal smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop. Access to Priva support is available 24/7 and no additional charge, with all services for one fixed amount per month. For further details about Priva Connected please contact your local Priva Dealer.



# Useful Covid resources

One of the biggest challenges facing industry in general during the Covid-19 pandemic has been sourcing some form of guidelines that assists enterprises in dealing with the ever changing face of this issue. Apart from the threat of bushfires and general bio security issues, it is probably fair to say that the Horticultural Industry has not had to consider emergency planning 'on the run' until now. Melbourne based Nuffield Group are heavily involved in planning for Emergency Management, and in conjunction with Craig Lapsley (ex Victorian Emergency Services Commissioner) have developed a document called "Integrated Emergency Management and Recovery" which they have kindly made available free of charge. Also available from Nuffield are some excellent guidelines for developing a COVID safe plan for Micro, Small and Medium business. These resources can be obtained online from the website located at <https://www.nuffieldgroup.com/iemr/> These documents are being constantly updated to reflect the various changes that are being implemented in the fight against Covid-19. Our thanks to Jayston Small and Laura Sullivan of Nuffield, and Craig Lapsley for making these documents available to our industry.



## Looking to get into Protected Cropping?



Times are certainly tough out there and our industry is seeking people with relevant skills and knowledge who can operate in a commercial greenhouse environment.

For many, having the opportunity to present a CV with relevant skills can be a challenge – after all, how can you show experience if you can't get work in that area?

At Genesis Horticultural Solutions we are certainly finding it difficult to operate with travel restrictions, but sometimes it's not about what you can get out of a situation , but what you can put back in.

With that in mind we are offering **Ten FREE Genesis Priva Basic Training courses** to potential new entrants to the protected cropping industry.

Hopefully this will enthuse people to take a step towards joining our great industry by gaining some industry based knowledge.

If you are interested in taking up this offer, please email Tony at [tony@genesis-hort.com.au](mailto:tony@genesis-hort.com.au).