

GRDC GROWER FORUM

THURSDAY 28 MARCH 2024, 9.00am - 1.00pm
STAWELL



Photo: Nicole Baxter

You are invited to attend a GRDC Grower Network Forum, which will be held at the North Park Reserve on Thursday 28th March, 2024. Come along and contribute your suggestions for future GRDC investments in research, development and extension.

The forum will gather your feedback and input into your local research and extension needs, and consider how GRDC investments could add further value to the region. The forum will provide an update on local GRDC investments and feature Daniel Bosweld, Field Research Officer from Field Applied Research (FAR) Australia, who will provide an update on NFNB management in barley, Stripe Rust control, using PTQ to determine yield potential in the HRZ, and pulse management.

Greta Duff, Southern Farming Systems Senior Research & Extension manager, and Michelle McClure, SFS Communication & Engagement Coordinator, will provide an update on a range of Southern Farming Systems / GRDC projects. Insights will be provided on farming systems, enterprise choice and sequence strategies that drive sustainable and profitable farming systems, pulse

management eg. interactions of variety and sowing date on faba bean phenology and yield; and disease management strategies. The results from the Stawell soil acidity trials will also be presented.

The forum is free of charge and will be led by GRDC Grower Relations Managers, Tim Bateman and Courtney Ramsey.

A facilitated workshop session will allow you to contribute the factors which are impacting your farm productivity and profitability. We will also review opportunities for local GRDC research, development and extension support.

All growers, advisers and industry representatives are welcome. Note that registration is essential for catering purposes.

Please bring your laptop or tablet for use during the workshop session. Devices will also be provided.

WHERE AND WHEN

VENUE:

North Park Reserve
Lamont Street
STAWELL VIC 3380

WHEN: Thursday 28th March 2024

TIME: 9.00am to 1.00pm

Morning tea and lunch included.
This is a free of charge forum.

AGENDA		
TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER
9.00am	Welcome and introduction	Tim Bateman / Courtney Ramsey Grower Relations Managers, GRDC
9.15am	Update on GRDC investments • Snapshot of regional and national research, development and extension	Tim Bateman / Courtney Ramsey
9.45am	Review and identify factors impacting farm productivity and profitability	Tim Bateman / Courtney Ramsey
10.45am	MORNING TEA	
11.15am	Review priority opportunities for local research, development and extension • Identification of potential GRDC investment support • Define local RD&E needs	Tim Bateman / Courtney Ramsey
11.45am	Project Update • NFNB management in barley and suitable varieties to improve on RGT Planet. • Stripe Rust control and the use of new emerging wheat germplasm to take the pressure off using fungicides. • Using PTQ to determine yield potential in the HRZ - implications of management strategies. • Pulse management – disease, rotation and nutrition.	Daniel Bosweld Field Research Officer, Field Applied Research (FAR) Australia
12.15pm	Southern Farming Systems GRDC Research Project Overview • Farming systems : Enterprise choice and sequence strategies that drive sustainable and profitable farming systems • Pulse management : interactions of variety and sowing date on faba bean phenology and yield; and disease management strategies • Stubble management : large stubble loads and the impact of different harvest and seeding systems in the HRZ • Soils- Results : from the Stawell soil acidity trials.	Greta Duff SFS Senior Research & Extension Michelle McClure SFS Communication & Engagement Coordinator
12.45pm	Pathway forwards	Tim Bateman / Courtney Ramsey
1.00pm	CLOSE	

REGISTRATION



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Registration is essential.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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***A note on participant safety**

A friendly reminder to please not attend if you have any respiratory symptoms / COVID 19. We will ensure any required safety measures are in place.