

# Grains Research Update, Darkan



Darkan Sport and Community Centre, Memorial Drive

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

Registration Cost: \$30 (incl. GST)

Time	Activity and Speaker	
9.15 am	<b>Registration</b> Coffee and morning tea available on arrival	
10.00 am	<b>Welcome and GRDC update</b> Peter Bird, GRDC Senior Regional Manager – West	
10.20 am	<b>Barley varieties and agronomic tips</b> Blakely Paynter, DPIRD	
10.50 am	<b>Canola update</b> Andrew Heinrich, Pacific Seeds	
11.20 am	<b>High yielding crops project: update on lessons for WA high rainfall zone</b> Darcy Warren, Field Applied Research (FAR) Australia	
11.55 am	<b>Weed and herbicide resistance management strategies</b> Roberto Busi, AHRI	
12.25 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
1.00 pm	<b>The benefits of legumes to following crops and effects on returns from nitrogen fertiliser</b> James Easton, CSBP	<b>Unearthing the financial and production impact of soil amelioration for farm businesses in WA</b> Ben Curtis, Farmanco
1.30 pm	<i>5 minutes moving</i>	
1.35 pm	<b>Crop disease update</b> Geoff Thomas, DPIRD	<b>Benchmarking the effect of deep soil mixing on crop yield and soil properties on farms in the high rainfall area</b> Alice Butler, DPIRD
2.05 pm	<i>5 minutes moving</i>	
2.10 pm	<b>The changing sheep system</b> Mark Allington, Icon Agriculture	<b>Precision ag: challenges in hilly and rocky country</b> Aidan Sinnott, VRT Solutions
2.40 pm	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3.05 pm	<b>Future innovations for farm machinery to improve productivity and sustainability of grain growing</b> Ben White, Kondinin Group Guy Coleman, University of Sydney	
3.50 pm	<b>Opportunities for 2024</b> <i>Reflections on season 2023 and what will I be doing differently or trying out in 2024</i> Andrew Ritchie, Icon Agriculture with a panel of growers – Nick Panizza, Ben Robinson and James Eyres	
4.35 pm	<b>Closing comments</b> – Peter Bird, GRDC and Paul South, Compass Ag Alliance	

Please join us for a short Network Sundowner immediately following the Program.



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