

GRDC GROWER FORUM

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024, 9.00am - 1.15pm
WIRRULLA



Photo: Nicole Baxter

You are invited to attend a GRDC Grower Network Forum, which will be held at the Wirrulla Football Clubrooms on Thursday 21st 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 Dr Gupta Vadakattu from CSIRO presenting an update on microbiology in calcareous soils, N cycling and availability in calcareous soils, and Rhizoctonia and disease suppression in calcareous soils.

It will also feature an update from Dr Nigel Wilhelm, SARDI, who will present on managing highly calcareous soils considering managing P, utilising bio-char, deep ripping strategies and improving fertility of the subsoil. The forum is free of charge

and will be led by GRDC Grower Relations Managers Rebekah Starick and Ruth Peek.

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:
Wirrulla Football Clubrooms
Hay Terrace
WIRRULLA SA 5661

WHEN: Thursday 21st March 2024

TIME: 9.00am to 1.15pm

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

| AGENDA | | |
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| TIME | TITLE | PRESENTER |
| 9.00am | Welcome and introduction | Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek Grower Relations Managers, GRDC |
| 9.15am | Update on GRDC investments • Snapshot of regional and national research, development and extension | Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek |
| 9.45am | Review and identify factors impacting farm productivity and profitability | Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek |
| 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 | Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek |
| 11.45am | Calcareous soil management: • Microbiology in calcareous soils • N cycling and availability in calcareous soils • Rhizoctonia and disease suppression in calcareous soils. | Dr Gupta Vadakattu Senior Senior Principal Research Scientist CSIRO |
| 12.15pm | Update on calcareous soils management considering: • P deficiency as a throttle to early vigour and yield of broadacre crops. • Biochar at seeding to improve early vigour and yield • Deep ripping to manage subsoil compaction • Tip for improving the fertility of subsoils • Understanding and managing iron deficiency in pulses. | Dr Nigel Wilhelm Senior Research Scientist SARDI |
| 1.00pm | Pathway forwards | Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek |
| 1.15pm | CLOSE | |

REGISTRATION



TO REGISTER CLICK HERE:
NationalGrowerNetwork_Wirrulla.eventbrite.com.au

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.