

Grains Research Update, Kwinana East Zone

Hosted by the Merredin and District Farm Improvement Group (MADFIG)

Thursday, 9 March 2017

Merredin Regional Community Leisure, Bates Street, Merredin

Registration Fee \$40.00

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Time	Activity and Speaker	
9.00 am	Registration and morning tea	
9.30 am	Welcome and introduction Camray Gethin, MADFIG & Roger States, GRDC	
9.50 am	Big Data: Hype or a necessity for WA growers? Professor Simon Cook, Premier's Fellow in Agriculture and Food, Curtin and Murdoch Universities	
10.30 am	Frost - can we minimise the impact? Findings from the latest research on how manipulation of nutrition, variety and stubble may influence the outcomes of frost events Garren Knell (ConsultAg) & Ian Foster (DAFWA)	
11:45 pm	Lunch	
12.40 pm	Concurrent Sessions	
	Main Function Room	Indoor Play Area
12:45pm	Growing oats in the Eastern Wheatbelt, Durack, tips for variety selection and agronomic management Georgie Troup- Department of Agriculture & Food WA (DAFWA)	Herbicide mixes, rates & persistence in wet & dry soils Dr David Minkey - WA No-Tillage Farming Association (WANTFA)
1.15 pm	Canola - agronomy lessons for early sowing and management Martin Harries (DAFWA)	What is next for low rainfall pastures? - New pasture options and effective pasture management Dr Angelo Loi-(DAFWA)
1:45 pm	Managing early sowing opportunities with cereals Brenda Shackley (DAFWA)	Integrated weed management tools that are proving effective with a focus on brome grass Dr Mohammad Amjad- (DAFWA)
2.15 pm	What you should know about the risk of soil borne diseases to your business. A focus on crown rot and root lesion nematodes Dr Daniel Huberli and Dr Sarah Collins (DAFWA)	Revisiting trace elements and potash. Dr Ross Brennan & Craig Scanlan- (DAFWA)
3.00 pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30 pm	Making soil amelioration pay in low rainfall environments - findings from latest soil acidity and sodic soil research and farmer experience. Joel Andrew (Map IQ), Dr Shahab Pathan, Dana Mulvany & Chris Gazey DAFWA	
4.15 pm	Consumer trends that may affect what grains are grown in the Kwinana East Zone David Hughes-Emeritus Professor of Food Marketing at Imperial College London	
5.00 pm	Closing comments and thanks Camray Gethin, MADFIG	
5.10 pm	Sundowner	