

**Running a field day with the**



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**HIGH RAINFALL ZONE**

# Key considerations for our group

- Small in size (attendance and site)
- Limited budget
- Run it between Hart and Mackillop/SFS field days
- Hay season
- School Holidays
- Weather

# Planning

- Pre-Field day committee meeting 6 weeks prior
- List of trials and any burning issues
- Speakers and who will contact/introduce them
- Catering (power supply)
- Acoustics
- Advertising
- Working bee within 2-3 days of field day for general tidy up

# Running the day

- Originally started with a morning session followed by lunch then a small afternoon session
- Also hired a marquee
- We switched to an afternoon session last year post lunch with no marquee hired
- Shelter if necessary
- Multiple people on the gate

# Speaking Timetables

8:30		Introduction and welcome - Steve Ball						
9:00	<b>A</b>	Canopy Management Mick Faulkner David Pratt	<b>F</b>	Oats Hay Sue Hoppo & Corbin Schuster Pat Connell	<b>H</b>	Canola Management Trent Potter Craig Davis	<b>K</b>	Spray Drift John Both Tony Clarke
9:30	<b>B</b>	Wheat Varieties Haydn Kuchel Dan Vater	<b>J</b>	Barley Agronomy Kenton Porker Andrew Parkinson	<b>E</b>	Bayer Canola & Herbicides Rob Griffith Phil Holmes	<b>L</b>	Sheep Session Colin Trengove Andrew Mitchell
10:00	<b>C</b>	Durum Agronomy Jason Able John Rohde	<b>D</b>	Plant Growth Regulators Jason Sabeeney Steve Ball	<b>G</b>	Wheat Diseases Hugh Wallwork Pat Connell	<b>I</b>	Efficient Nitrogen Management Jeff Braun, Peter Baker
10:30	Morning tea - Soil Acidity (Brian Hughes, Andrew Harding)							
11:00	<b>B</b>	Wheat Varieties Haydn Kuchel Dan Vater	<b>J</b>	Barley Agronomy Kenton Porker Andrew Parkinson	<b>E</b>	Bayer Canola & Herbicides Rob Griffith Phil Holmes	<b>L</b>	Sheep Session Colin Trengove Andrew Mitchell
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12:00	<b>A</b>	Canopy Management Mick Faulkner David Pratt	<b>F</b>	Oats Hay Sue Hoppo Pat Connell	<b>H</b>	Canola Management Trent Potter Craig Davis	<b>K</b>	Spray Drift John Both Brooke Kerin
12:30	LUNCH then proceed to the PBA Section of the MNHRZ site							
1:15 - 3:30	Pulse Agronomy Session Larn McMurray, Mick Lines, Dili Mao, Jenny Davidson, Rohan Kimber Pat Connell							

# Speaking Timetables (cont.)

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Trial	Speaker/s	Start	Finish
Early Sowing	James Hunt, Mick Faulkner, Jeff Braun	1:00	1:30
Canola Time of sowing / Varieties / BWYV	Trent Potter, Andrew Ware, Andrew Etherton, Jenny Davidson	1:30	2:00
SARDI Durum & Barley Agronomy	Rob Wheeler	2:00	2:30
<i>Afternoon Tea - Knowledge Sponsors / Launch of PBA Samira Faba Bean</i>		2:30	3:00
Bayer Herbicides & Fungicides on Barley	Rob Griffith	3:00	3:20
Chemtura Seed Dressings	Clay Sutton	3:20	3:30
Wheat Varieties	Haydn Kuchel, Colin Edmonson, Ash Brooks	3:30	4:00
Wheat Canopy Management	James Hunt, Mick Faulkner, Jeff Braun	4:00	4:30
Growing Feed & Grazing	Tim Prance, Daryl Turner	4:30	5:00

Each attendee also gets a full trial plan for each trial



# Resulting Improvement...

- Limited plot signs required
- 1x PA system required
- Attendees didn't have to choose between sessions
- Better discussion
- Less load on speakers
- Quicker field day
- Can finish with a BBQ and froffys!



# Thankyou

