

GROWER FORUMS

MELROSE: THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER



SOUTHERN REGION



You are invited to attend the free GRDC Grower Forum at Melrose. Come along and contribute your suggestions for future GRDC investments in research, development, and extension.

The GRDC Grower Forums will gather grass roots input into GRDC's investment plans by capturing opportunities and constraints facing local growers. You will also have the opportunity to talk to GRDC representatives and researchers working on GRDC projects.

The forum will be led by GRDC Grower Relations Managers Randall Wilksch and Tom Blake, who will provide insights into current research and extension projects.

A facilitated workshop session will identify factors impacting farm productivity and profitability and review opportunities for local GRDC research, development, and extension support.

The forum guest speaker will be Principal Research Scientist Dr Therese McBeath of the CSIRO Agriculture and Food Systems Program at Waite Campus.

Dr McBeath will give an overview of two GRDC research projects on increasing production on sandy soils in low and medium rainfall areas of the southern region and understanding constraints to crop profits on highly calcareous soils.

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

LOCATION

MELROSE

THURSDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

Venue: Melrose Institute Hall

in partnership with Upper North Farming Systems' Eastern Spring Crop Walk

AGENDA		
TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER
12.00pm – 12.30pm	LIGHT LUNCH ON ARRIVAL	
12.30pm – 12.50pm	Welcome and introduction	Randall Wilksch, Tom Blake GRDC Grower Relations Managers - South
12.50pm – 1.10pm	Update on GRDC investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snapshot of regional and national research, extension and communication projects 	Randall Wilksch, Tom Blake GRDC Grower Relations Managers - South
1.10pm – 1.45pm	GRDC Project Update: Sandy Soils and Calcareous Soils <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing production on sandy soils in low and medium rainfall areas of the southern region • Understanding constraints to crop profits on highly calcareous soil 	Dr Therese McBeath CSIRO research scientist
1.45pm - 2.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
2.00pm – 2.45pm	Review and identify factors impacting farm productivity and profitability.	Randall Wilksch, Tom Blake GRDC Grower Relations Managers - South
2.45pm – 3.15pm	Review opportunities for local research, development, and extension. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of potential GRDC investment support. • Define local RD&E needs 	Randall Wilksch, Tom Blake GRDC Grower Relations Managers - South
3.15pm – 3.30pm	Pathway forwards	Randall Wilksch, Tom Blake GRDC Grower Relations Managers - South
3.30pm	GRDC GROWER FORUM ENDS, UNFS EASTERN SPRING CROP WALK COMMENCES	

REGISTRATION

To register click here:
<https://bit.ly/3jkCfml>

Registration is essential to ensure a COVID-19 safe event.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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*A note on participant safety

We wish to reassure participants that your health and safety is our number one priority. Registration is essential and subject to the density limits specified in the venue COVID-19 safety plan. Each participant is requested to follow density, social distancing, hand hygiene and food safety practices as implemented by the organiser and venue. A reminder on these safety measures will be distributed to participants prior to each workshop. In the event the delivery of these workshops is postponed or cancelled due to an increase in COVID-19 restrictions, the content will be delivered in an alternative format.