

GRDC GROWER FORUM

TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, 9.00am - 1.15pm
BALAKLAVA



Photo: Nicole Baxter.

You are invited to attend a GRDC Grower Network Forum, which will be held at the Balaklava Football and Netball Club on Tuesday 12th September, 2023. 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 a project update from Sarah Day from SARDI on pulse agronomy and production in the Mid North.

Dr Chris McDonough from Insight Extension for Agriculture will present an update on recognizing and managing saline land in your farming system along with short videos on successful seep sites.

The forum is free of charge and will be led by GRDC Grower Relations Managers Rebekah Starick and Tim Bateman

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:

Balaklava Football and Netball Club
7 Werocata Road
BALAKLAVA SA 5461

WHEN: Tuesday 12th September 2023

TIME: 9.00am to 1.15pm

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

AGENDA		
TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER
9.00am	Welcome and introduction	Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick Grower Relations Managers, GRDC
9.15am	Update on GRDC investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snapshot of regional and national research, development and extension 	Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick
9.45pm	Review and identify factors impacting farm productivity and profitability	Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick
10.45am	MORNING TEA	
11.15am	Review priority opportunities for local research, development and extension <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of potential GRDC investment support • Define local RD&E needs 	Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick
11.30am	Pulse Research Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current pulse investment scope and findings (SA Grain Legume Validation) • Pulse agronomy and production in the Mid North 	Sarah Day Senior Research Officer SARDI - Department of Primary Industries and Regions
12.15pm	Recognizing and restoring saline land in your farming system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying the different types and causes of saline soils • Using Satellite NDVI imaging to show extent of land under threat • Practical strategies (with farmer examples) for bringing Mallee Seeps back to production using the Mallee Seeps Decision tree • Tips for managing/overcoming Dry Saline Land (magnesia country) 	Dr Chris McDonough Farming Systems Consultant Insight Extension for Agriculture
1.00pm	Pathway forwards	Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick
1.15pm	CLOSE	

REGISTRATION

TO REGISTER CLICK HERE:

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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.