

# GRDC GROWER FORUM

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER, 4.00pm - 8.00pm  
WARNERTOWN



Photo: Nicole Baxter.

**You are invited to attend a GRDC Grower Network Forum, which will be held at the Flinders Rest Hotel on Monday 11th 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. The forum will provide an update on local GRDC investments and feature a project update from Dr Chris McDonough from Insight Extension for Agriculture on recognizing and managing saline seeps.

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

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:

Flinders Rest Hotel  
1 Railway Terrace  
WARNERTOWN SA 5540

**WHEN:** Monday 11th September 2023

**TIME:** 4.00pm to 8.00pm

Afternoon tea on arrival and dinner included.  
This is a free of charge forum.

AGENDA		
TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER
4.00pm	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	<b>Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick</b> Grower Relations Managers, GRDC
4.15pm	<b>Update on GRDC investments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snapshot of regional and national research, development and extension</li> </ul>	<b>Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick</b>
4.45pm	<b>Review and identify factors impacting farm productivity and profitability</b>	<b>Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick</b>
5.45pm	<b>Review priority opportunities for local research, development and extension</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identification of potential GRDC investment support</li> <li>• Define local RD&amp;E needs</li> </ul>	<b>Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick</b>
6.00pm	<b>DINNER</b>	
7.00pm	<b>Recognizing and Restoring saline land in your farming system</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identifying the different types and causes of saline soils</li> <li>• Using Satellite NDVI imaging to show extent of land under threat</li> <li>• Practical strategies (with farmer examples) for bringing Mallee Seeps back to production using the Mallee Seeps Decision tree</li> <li>• Tips for managing/overcoming Dry Saline Land (magnesia country)</li> </ul>	<b>Dr Chris McDonough</b> Farming Systems Consultant Insight Extension for Agriculture
7.45pm	<b>Pathway forwards</b>	<b>Tim Bateman / Rebekah Starick</b>
8.00pm	<b>CLOSE</b>	

## 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.