

GRDC GROWER FORUM

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024, 11.00am - 3.15pm
WANGARY



Photo: Nicole Baxter.

You are invited to attend a GRDC Grower Network Forum, which will be held at the Marble Range Community & Sports Centre on Friday 22nd March, 2024. 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 Dr Kym Perry, PIRSA - Grains Entomology, who will present on snail control, covering key management strategies such as integrated control, weed management, and baiting approach. The forum will also include Dr Gupta Vadakattu, Senior Senior Principal Research Scientist CSIRO, who will present on calcareous soil management.

It will also feature an update from Dr Nigel Wilhelm, SARDI, who will present on managing highly calcareous soils considering managing P, utilising

bio-char, deep ripping strategies and improving fertility of the subsoil. The forum is free of charge and will be led by GRDC Grower Relations Managers Rebekah Starick and Ruth Peek.

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:
Marble Range Community
& Sports Centre
4 Morgan Lane
WANGARY SA 5607

WHEN: Friday 22nd March 2024

TIME: 11.00am to 3.15pm

Lunch included.

This is a free of charge forum.

AGENDA		
TIME	TITLE	PRESENTER
11.00am	Welcome and introduction	Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek Grower Relations Managers, GRDC
11.15am	Update on GRDC investments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snapshot of regional and national research, development and extension 	Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek
11.45am	Review and identify factors impacting farm productivity and profitability	Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek
12.45am	LUNCH	
1.15pm	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 	Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek
1.30pm	Calcareous soil management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microbiology in calcareous soils • N cycling and availability in calcareous soils • Rhizoctonia and disease suppression in calcareous soils 	Dr Gupta Vadakattu Senior Senior Principal Research Scientist CSIRO
2.00pm	Snail control: Key strategies and where to next? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing and persistence with integrated control to manage snails • Seasonal weather considerations • Management control options including controlling summer weeds and baiting 	Dr Kym Perry Research Scientist PIRSA - Grains Entomology
2.30pm	Update on calcareous soils management considering: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P deficiency as a throttle to early vigour and yield of broadacre crops. • Biochar at seeding to improve early vigour and yield • Deep ripping to manage subsoil compaction • Tip for improving the fertility of subsoils • Understanding and managing iron deficiency in pulses. 	Dr Nigel Wilhelm Senior Research Scientist SARDI
3.00pm	Pathway forwards	Rebekah Starick / Ruth Peek
3.15pm	CLOSE	

REGISTRATION



TO REGISTER CLICK HERE:

NationalGrowerNetwork_Wangary.eventbrite.com.au

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.