



## South East Premium Wheatgrowers Association

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### SEPWA dinner a must event

TICKETS are being purchased and preparations are underway for the annual SEPWA Grain Growers' Dinner set for Friday, March 5, following the SEPWA Harvest Debrief and AGM.

This year, guests will be entertained by James Yewers who will tell about establishing a lupin flour company in the Mid West that sells to Sydney "foodies".

Mr Yewers is a fourth generation farmer in the Mingenew Morawa region and chairman of Irwin Valley, a lupin processing facility based on his farm.

Irwin Valley was originally established in 2002 as a commercial arm to the Mingenew-Irwin Group.

The aim of the company is to enhance the return on lupin production to its grower shareholders by targeting food applications with a range of lupin based ingredients including kernel splits, kernel flour and seed for sprouting.

Mr Yewer's address will include starting a new business from concept to reality, value adding in a competitive market, brand integrity, risk and company structure.

He will also discuss lupins as a human food ingredient, consumer trends and eating habits and grain as a food ingredient versus just another commodity.

The SEPWA Grain Growers' Dinner is an annual event that originally started in 2005.

It has grown to be success-



SEPWA dinner guest speaker James Yewers.

ful and a sell out event with 165 people attending the evening last year alone.

SEPWA president Andrew Fowler encouraged farmers and industry people to get a table of family and friends together and purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

The dinner will be held at the Esperance Civic Centre 6 pm on Friday, March 5.

Ticket prices start at \$80 for members and \$100 for non members which includes a three-course meal for dinner, a free drink on arrival, music and guest speaker.

Beer, wine and soft drink will be available from the bar.

Tickets can be bought through SEPWA finance officer Jan Clawson on 0407 990 497 or at the Esperance branch of Rabobank or at Farm and General, before February 26.

## Debrief to focus on future

THE future of the grain growing industry will be under the spotlight at the South East Premium Wheat Growers Association (SEPWA) Harvest Debrief and AGM in Esperance next month.

The event, hosted by SEPWA is planned for March, Friday 5, in Esperance.

SEPWA executive officer Gemma Walker said SEPWA was constantly trying to find new ways to assist farmers in the region to become more efficient and profitable in the grain growing game.

"We believe the speakers on the day will give farmers an insight into where agricultural technology such as precision agriculture is heading and why farmers are involved in the GM scale trials," Ms Walker said.

The theme of the day will revolve around the way of the future and will include various speakers from farmers, SEPWA sponsors and national and international researchers.

The key note speaker will be Mick Keogh from the Australian Farm Institute who will discuss Australia's response to world food security concerns and what it means to Esperance farmers.

The Australian Farm Institute was established in late 2003 and is an independent policy research institute formed to conduct research into strategic policy issues of importance to Australian farmers.

Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) Western Panel member and Lake King farmer Peter Roberts will present a session on project outcomes.

Other speakers include Roger



Lawes from the CSIRO on precision agriculture and Nuffield Scholar and Cunderdin farmer David Fulwood will share his experiences in growing GM canola.

The morning session will also include the SEPWA AGM, voting for the SEPWA executive and a presentation on the results from the SEPWA wheat, barley and canola variety trials, which will be analysed in terms of yield and quality.

Ms Walker said the trial results would allow farmers in the region to choose the varieties that were best suited to their local area and help farmers to achieve better results.

After lunch there will be the normal harvest debrief issues covered with speakers from the AWB, Grain Pool and CBH who will reflect on the season's harvest and answer any queries.

Another highlight of the day will be to listen to Dr Nas from Interflour who will present information on varieties from this year's SEPWA

wheat trials and their suitability to milling flour for end users in Asia.

The SEPWA Harvest Debrief and AGM have been successful in obtaining \$5000 funding from the GRDC through their conference award scheme.

The event will be held at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club on Friday, March 5.

Registration will be from 8.30am with a 9am start, the day will conclude at 3.30 pm.

The event will cost \$50 for members and \$70 for non-members and they can be purchased through SEPWA finance officer Jan Clawson on 0407 990 497 or at the Esperance branch of Rabobank or at Farm and General, before the 22nd of February.

For further information about the event and to register, contact SEPWA executive officer Gemma Walker on 9083 1134 or check out the SEPWA website at [www.sepwa.org.au](http://www.sepwa.org.au)

## Winning photograph mirrors harvest

SCADDAN farmer Lynne Norwood has taken out the honours in this year's South East Premium Wheat Growers Association (SEPWA) photo competition with her picture Reflecting on Harvest.

There were 20 entries in this year's SEPWA photo competition which encouraged people in rural industry to get behind their cameras and snap behind-the-scenes shots of harvest.

The competition was judged by Donald MacKenzie who migrated from Kenya to Munglinup in 1967 to take up a position on a farm before buying his own.

Mr MacKenzie has always had an interest in photography and still plays with his camera in between running his olive grove near the Pink Lake Golf Club at Esperance.

He said the photographs in

the competition covered a wide range of the facets of harvesting grain.

Mr MacKenzie said he chose the winning photo as it depicted harvest in a novel way and plenty of thought had been put into the composition.

"I like the cobwebs on the mirror as there is no time for cleaning vehicles when there is harvesting to be done, it's all go," Mr MacKenzie said.

Other photos that were highly commended was A Dusty Harvest taken by Olivia Walter which was well composed and a purposeful action shot of a truck hurtling down a dirt road.

A photograph titled Another Flat Tyre by Jenny Perks was also commended as it depicted the vagaries of farming and had good composition, good lighting and good subject.

Congratulations to Lynne Norwood who wins a brown suede RM Williams vest.

SEPWA would like to thank everyone who participated in the photo competition and we look forward to your involvement again this coming harvest.

Check out the great photos on the homepage of the SEPWA website at [www.sepwa.org.au](http://www.sepwa.org.au)



## SEPWA variety trial results on website

GRAINGROWERS can now access yield and quality information on the best performing varieties in the Esperance Port Zone this harvest.

The South East Premium Wheat Growers Association (SEPWA) has harvested their wheat, barley and canola variety trials and the results are now available on the website.

The SEPWA variety trials play a very important role in variety selection as they are specific to the region as trials are conducted on various farmers' properties from Condungup in the east, north to Salmon Gums, west to Varley and Ravensthorpe in between.

This year SEPWA had five canola sites, 14 wheat sites and 11 barley sites throughout the Esperance Port Zone which were representative of the different soil types and rainfall environments.

SEPWA trials coordinator Bill Sharp said that all trials had been harvested with most of the quality and yield data completed and available on the SEPWA website.

He said overall yield results varied with average wheat yields ranging from 1.8t/ha-

4t/ha, barley was 1.6t/ha-4.3t/ha while canola yields ranged from 0.95t/ha-2.5t/ha.

All varieties in the SEPWA barley variety trials are analysed for yield and quality parameters including colour, protein, screenings, hectolitre weight and moisture.

For the wheat trials, detailed receival data such as protein, screenings, hectolitre weight, gluten and starch plus falling numbers have been collected and delivery grades determined.

Interflour, a Platinum sponsor of SEPWA, will also test selected varieties to identify those which will be suitable for milling to flour and will present some results at the SEPWA Harvest Debrief and AGM.

The canola variety trials are assessed for yield and quality information including moisture, protein and oil content.

The full results from the SEPWA variety trials will be presented by Sarah Ellis (DAFWA) and Andrea Hills (DAFWA) at the SEPWA Harvest Debrief and AGM on Friday, March 5, in Esperance and on Thursday, March 4, at Ravensthorpe.

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