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Register now for Soil 2 Grain workshop

Do you want to optimise your profitability from your wheat and barley crops?

Grain growers in the Esperance Port Zone can learn how to keep crops greener for longer by attending the “Soil 2 Grain workshop” in Esperance this month.

The workshop is part of a series of workshops being run across Australia to keep farmers up to date with the latest research findings from a GRDC project entitled “Optimising cereal profitability in the high rainfall zone through the integration of disease and canopy management principles”.

Nick Poole, Researcher from the Foundation for Arable Research (FAR) and Dr James Hunt of the CSIRO Plant industries will present the workshop.

Grain growers who attended last year’s Soil 2 Grain workshop at Munglinup gained a regional and national insight into extracting more crop per drop from their crop canopies.

This year’s workshop further builds on the topic of water use by looking at the key drivers for improved water use efficiency.

Central to the workshop will be the discussion around creating the right crop structure and the most economic ways to protect it from disease.

The topics that will be covered include water use efficiency and its link to canopy management; the latest results linking the use of crop sensors to crop canopy development, as well as the latest findings on disease management in both wheat and barley.

The workshop will be held at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club on Tuesday, 20th July commencing at 10 am through until 3 pm and the day will cost SEPWA members \$15 and non-members \$25 and includes lunch.

Places are limited, to register download the registration form from the SEPWA Calendar of Events page (www.sepwa.org.au) or contact Jan Clawson, SEPWA Finance Officer on 0407 990 497 or janclawson@bigpond.com.

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