



MEDIA RELEASE – Thursday 18th February 2010

Last call for registrations for SEPWA events

South coast farmers can find out the best performing grain varieties in the Esperance Port Zone by attending the South East Premium Wheat Growers Association Harvest Debrief and AGM next week.

The event set for Friday 5th of March in Esperance will focus on the future of the grain growing industry and the day will culminate with the Annual SEPWA Grain Growers' Dinner in the evening.

SEPWA Executive Officer, Gemma Walker encourages farmers to register now before it is too late.

She said we have had a good response to people wanting to attend the various events and a lot of interest for the annual SEPWA dinner which is always a great opportunity to catch up with everyone.

The SEPWA AGM and Harvest Debrief will include speakers from farmers, SEPWA sponsors right through to international researchers who will cover topics from the recent Young Growers' Tour, GRDC project outcomes, Precision Agriculture and genetically modified (GM) canola and farmer trials.

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 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.

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 Professor 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.

Results from the SEPWA wheat, barley and canola trials will also be presented at the Ravensthorpe Crop Updates on Thursday the 4th of March, along with voting for the Executive positions.

The SEPWA AGM and Harvest Debrief will commence at 8.30 am at the Esperance Bay Yacht Club on Friday the 5th of March, and costs \$50 for members and \$70 for non-members.

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This event has been successful in obtaining \$5000 funding from the Grains Research and Development Corporation through their conference award scheme.

The SEPWA Grain Growers' Dinner will wrap up the day where guests will be entertained by James Yewers with tales of establishing a lupin flour company in the midwest, that sells to Sydney foodies.

Mr Yewers farms in the Mingenew Morawa region and Chairman of Irwin Valley, a lupin processing facility.

His address will include starting a new business from concept to reality, value adding in a competitive market, brand integrity, risk and company structure and lupins as a human food ingredient.

The SEPWA Grain Growers' Dinner will be held at the Esperance Civic Centre on Friday 5th of March, starting at 6 pm.

Ticket prices start at \$80 for members and \$100 for non members which includes a 3 course meal for dinner, a free drink on arrival, music and guest speaker. Drinks will be available from the bar.

Tickets for these events 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.

Registrations close on the 26th February.

For further information about the event contact SEPWA Executive Officer, Gemma Walker on 9083 1134 or check out the SEPWA website at www.sepwa.org.au.

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