



MEDIA RELEASE – Monday 27th July, 2015

Controlled traffic farming field day

South east farmers will have the opportunity to learn more about controlled traffic farming (CTF) at a field day at Munglinup next week.

The South East Premium Wheat Growers' Association (SEPWA) in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) and GRDC will host the event on Thursday 6th of August.

Discussions will cover deep ripping and topsoil inclusion to counteract subsoil compaction; sub soil constraints; setting up controlled traffic farming systems and tramline renovation.

It will cater for farmers who are looking to set up CFT on their property right through to those who have been CTF for a number of years and are now looking at renovating their tramlines.

Speakers include Paul Blackwell, David Hall and Jeremy Lemon from DAFWA and Quenten Knight from Precision Agronomics Australia (PAA).

Local farmer, Wayne Pickersgill who manages a Munglinup property will also share his experiences in tramline maintenance and renovation.

The field day will commence at 12.30 pm at the Munglinup Recreation Centre, where attendees will catch a bus that will take them out into the paddock.

The day will finish with drinks and a BBQ on return to the centre around 5pm.

There are a limited number of seats on the bus so if you would like a seat please RSVP to SEPWA.

For more information, contact Nigel Metz on 0447 631 115 or Alice Butler on 0404 277 337.

Salmon Gums Soil constraints day

Mallee farmers are set to gain more of an insight into subsoil constraints in their soils at a field day at Salmon Gums next week.

Set for Wednesday the 5th of August, the day will be hosted by the South East Premium Wheat Growers' Association (SEPWA) and the Department of Agriculture and Food WA (DAFWA) with funding from GRDC.

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The day will include a presentation from DAFWA's David Hall and Shahajahan Miyan on 'subsoil constraints'; Jeremy Lemon will talk about 'soil water probes' and SEPWA will be using farmers yield data to identify and investigate yield constrained areas.

The day will start at the Salmon Gums Community Centre at 12.30 pm and should finish around 5.30 pm with pizza and drinks at the Salmon Gums pub.

Farmers are encouraged to bring either an iPad or laptop to the day.

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