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MEDIA RELEASE

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HART FIELD DAY HERE AGAIN

The program for this year's Hart Field Day on Tuesday, September 17, has been released and is packed with quality speakers ready to present on a range of agronomy, variety, disease, weed and seeding information.

A rolling program of half hour segments will see more than 30 speakers presenting 22 sessions, with visitors able to tailor their own program of eight sessions for the day.

Lunch time guest speaker will be Primary Producers SA (PPSA) chairman and former State Premier Rob Kerin with an address titled 'Farming locally, competing globally'.

Mr Kerin will speak about global marketing opportunities, an overview of the aims and structure of the PPSA, work being done in rebuilding the relationship with PIRSA and an agreement with Natural Resources Management in restoring the balance between the environment and agricultural productivity.

He will also speak about an exciting new 'digital platform' being developed, and due to be launched in the next month, in collaboration with PPSA and PIRSA, bringing together a range of resources and forms in one, comprehensive website for primary producers.

The agronomics and economics of including a 'brown manure' crop in a cropping system will be the feature of New South Wales speaker, farm business consultant Robert Patterson's presentation titled 'vetch varieties and brown manure'.

Dr Gurjeet Gill from the University of Adelaide will present sessions focussing on crop competition and strategies to reduce the impact of annual ryegrass.

The University's Dr Chris Preston is no stranger to the Hart Field Day and will be back again this year, also looking at ryegrass and in particular a trial at the Hart field site on clethodim resistant annual ryegrass.

An expert in weed management issues, Dr Preston will address the trial results which are showing a number of the herbicide treatments applied at the Hart site this year are proving to have good control of annual ryegrass.

These sessions will be particularly relevant for growers experiencing significant difficulties with group A resistant ryegrass.

Machinery replacement decisions will be the hot topic in the Case-Rocky River Ag marquee, with Rural Directions consultant Patrick Redden providing a simple analysis to help make purchasing decisions a little easier.

Hear about stubble and nutrient management options for increased soil organic matter from Harm van Rees from Cropfacts, Victoria.

Nuffield Scholar Stephan Ball will share his experience of disc seeders, along with the University of Adelaide's Sam Kleemann whose work has been focussed on disc seeders and pre-emergent herbicides.

There will also be a wide range of other speakers focussing on agronomy, variety, sowing and much more, as well as numerous static displays.

For the full program, see the Hart Field Day ad here in today's paper.

The Hart Field Day gets underway on Tuesday, September 17, with gates opening at 9am and the official opening at 10am. The first session starts at 10.30am sharp.

Admission is \$30 (students \$5), entry includes membership to the Hart Field-Site Group and a copy of the comprehensive Hart Field Day guide (credit card facilities available).

Full catering is available throughout the day (cash sales only) and a refreshment tent will operate after the event.

The Hart Field Day will be held 10 kilometres north of Blyth, just off the Blyth to Brinkworth road and is well signposted.

Bus and group tours are welcome (pre-booking is preferred).

For more information, and to see the full program for 2013, take a look at the Hart Field Site Group website www.hartfieldsite.org.au or contact Sandy Kimber on 0427 423 154 or email admin@hartfieldsite.org.au.

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