



# 'GETTING THE CROP IN'

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2010

## SEMINAR SPEAKERS AND TOPICS

### **Sky Ward, RABOBANK:**

An outlook on world commodity prices

### **Peter Semmler, Director Market Development, AGRISEMM:**

An outlook for pulses this coming season

### **Lyndon Asser, VITERRA:**

Is malt and feed barley worth growing?

### **Andrew Broad, VFF, Nuffield Scholar, Mixed farmer:**

What lessons has a young Victorian farmer learned over the last 5 years?

- A young farmer's perspective on farming
- Profitable share farming
- Round-up ready canola – how good is it?
- Why is he still optimistic about the future?

### **Grain marketing forum:**

'Take Responsibility for Your Own Grain Marketing'

- Including discussion from local farmers Richard Rackham, Redhill, Rob Heaslip, Huddleston and Nick Ottens, Lochiel.

### **Skye Ward, Business Programs Manager, RABOBANK:**

Business Management Skills

- Why are they so important?

### **John Green, Grain Grower, Bute:**

- An Executive Development Program experience

### **Peter Hooper, Trials Manager, HART:**

Hart agronomy update

### **Mick Lines and Matt Dare, Research Officers, SARDI:**

Pulse agronomy and variety update

### **Rob Wheeler, Senior Scientist, New Variety Evaluation, SARDI:**

Cereal variety updates



## Speaker Profile

### ANDREW BROAD

Andrew runs a mixed farm enterprise with his wife Rachael, an Occupational Therapist, at Bridgewater, Central Victoria, (near Bendigo). He currently manages 1,800ha of farming land (owned, share-farmed) having purchased his first property at 22 years of age. Andrew is passionate about farming and the future of the industry and has an excellent understanding of the key drivers of good profitable businesses.

Andrew won the prestigious Nuffield Scholarship in 2005 and used this to learn about biotechnology and Canola, visiting places such as the Canadian Wheat Board to talk about segregation as well anti GM proponents to get the opposite side of the story.

Andrew was elected President of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) in June 2009 prior to being the Vice President of the VFF in 2008 – 09.

Andrew is also a past Victorian Director of the Future Farmers Network and is a former Board Member of the VFF Young Agribusiness Professionals group having previously held the position of Chairman. Andrew was a member of the Rural Industries Youth Advisory Group, and has advised the former Howard Government on biotechnology and agriculture.

Andrew is the recipient of an Australia Day Award in recognition of community service as well as the winner of the VFF Young Farmer Challenge award. In 2006 he was one of twelve Australian delegates at the International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP) World Young Farmer Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina.