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## Hart gearing up for big 2015 field day



The Hart Field Day, South Australia's premier cropping field day event, is all set to kick off on Tuesday, September 15, with a big program of 20 rolling half-hour sessions on offer.

Attendees will have access to the latest agronomy and variety research, information and advice as well as the opportunity to seek information directly from the presenters including some of the cropping industry's top researchers, personnel and farmers.

Hart Field-Site Group chairman Justin Wundke says with the canola in full bloom,

crops flourishing, extensive trials on show and a full program, the group is excited to be offering another quality field day.

"We're cautiously optimistic about this season, and hopefully will get some good finishing rains," Mr Wundke says.

"The Hart Field Site is looking good, all the trials are in and ready to go on show.

"We've got an extensive range of speakers and topics to give visitors to our field day plenty of options to plan out a full day program to suit their own cropping interests."

Key lunch time speaker will be science communicator and senior research associate Dr Heather Bray from the University of Adelaide Department of History, Food Values Research Group, speaking about public perceptions of agriculture and what influences consumer choice.

Among the highlights on this year's rolling session program are:

- Stubble handling of different seeding systems, pre-emergent herbicides and crop safety (*Gurjeet Gill, University of Adelaide and Russell Zwar, farmer Wirrabara*)
- What have we learnt about early sowing long season wheats in SA? (*James Hunt, CSIRO and Jeff Braun, Agrilink Agricultural Consulting*)
- Control options for establishment insects and pests (*Michael Nash, SARDI*)
- How to manage clethodim resistant ryegrass without oaten hay in the rotation (*Chris Preston, University of Adelaide*)
- Selecting pasture varieties for production and livestock nutrition (*Hamish Dickson, Agripartner Consulting*)
- How to manage and market your lentils (*Sam Holmes, Holmes Farm Consulting and Peter Semmler, Agrisemm*)

- Nitrogen fertiliser - crop productivity and atmospheric losses (*Michael Straight, Foundation for Arable Research and Sarah Noack, Hart Field-Site Group*)
- Deep ripping sub-soil amendments and paddock pH mapping on-the-go (*David Woodard, Rural Solutions, Michael Zwar, AgTech Services and Kym l'Anson, farmer Marrabel*)
- Partners in Grain (PinG)
- Plus many more.

Sponsored by Rocky River Ag Services, the Hart Field Day gets underway on Tuesday, September 15, with gates open at 9am and an official opening at 10am. The first session starts at 10.30am sharp.

Admission is \$30 (students \$5), including a copy of the comprehensive Hart Field Day guide with articles and information from each of the sessions.

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-registration and payment is now live online, so to register or for more information take a look at the Hart Field-Site Group website [www.hartfieldsite.org.au](http://www.hartfieldsite.org.au) or contact Sandy Kimber on 0427 423 154 or email [admin@hartfieldsite.org.au](mailto:admin@hartfieldsite.org.au).

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