

MEDIA RELEASE

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Time to think about getting the crop in

With harvest just completed, and still finishing up for some, it is hard to believe the sowing season is right around the corner.

However, the Hart Field-Site Group has your back, and is ready to share a wide range of information at its free, annual Getting The Crop In seminar in Clare on Wednesday, March 8.



Hart chairman Andre Sabeeney (pictured) said after last year's Covid-cancellation, the group was thrilled to have the seminar back in its traditional face-to-face format and had developed a program that had broad appeal.

"Last year was cancelled due to COVID, and while we released a series of podcasts with some of our guests, there was never any doubt we had to bring this event back live and in person as soon as we were able to," he said.

"Growers value the networking with each other and topical sessions to assist in the planning of not just the new season cropping activities, but also in their considerations for future years.

"This year we have tried to build a range of topics for both short and longer-term decision making.

"It will also be the first time growers will be able to get an insight into some of the 2022 trial results from the Hart Field-Site."

The always highly-anticipated keynote farmer speaker will be Redhill and Kangaroo Island farmer Ben Mumford, who will 'throw open his farm gates' to give an insight into his family farming operation.

As well as hearing from Ben about how his Mid North farming enterprise works, hear about the family's diversification onto KI and the logistics of farming 'overseas', as well as their experience and recovery from the island's devastating bushfires.

Other highlights of this year's program include a session on carbon in farm business and low emission farming with Amanda Schapel from PIRSA, and farmer Jared Tilley giving a



first-hand insight into measuring his farming business carbon footprint and soil carbon stocks.

Hart research and extension officer Rebekah Allen will provide an informative update on ryegrass management in genetically modified canola and variety performance, an evaluation of pulse mixes and wheat variety performances.

And Hart intern Declan Anderson will follow up with Hart's findings on Septoria tritici blotch in wheat, wheat coleoptile length and barley varieties.

Following on from what could be described as a 'testing' year full of highs and lows in 2022, there is no better time to hear from ACT For Ag's Steph Schmidt with some information to help us understand 'our brain in stress – why we do what we do', and some tools to build resilience.

Steph will also share some of her own experiences and how she uses psychological flexibility skills to manage farm/family/life pressures.

Grain marketing expert Ed Scamps from CloudBreak will also speak, giving a marketing insight into cereals and canola, pulse markets and what is happening with some of the key price influences including China, war in Ukraine, the United States crops and bio-fuels.

The free Getting The Crop In event will be held on Wednesday, March 8, from 8am to 12.30pm at Influencers Church, Stradbroke Road, Clare (just north of the Clare racecourse).

A light breakfast and morning tea will be provided.

To register and for more information, head to www.hartfieldsite.org.au

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