

MEDIA RELEASE

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Time to prepare for seeding 2024

The dust may have only just settled from harvest, but planning is already well under way for the 2024 sowing season.

Helping things along, the Hart Field-Site Group is hosting its annual, free, Getting The Crop In seminar in Clare on Wednesday, March 13.

All farmers and industry are invited along to the half-day information sharing event.

Hart vice chair, Snowtown farmer, Glen Wilkinson (pictured right with chairman, Andre Sabeeney) says it provides the perfect opportunity locally to join other like-minded growers for some networking, and hear from – and directly ask questions of – industry experts.



"It is intended to be an interactive event," he said.

"We really encourage the audience to use the opportunity to ask questions directly to the industry experts heading our speaking line-up.

"It's a rare opportunity to ask a question specifically related to your own farm and get an answer right there on the spot."

Keynote guest speaker will be Corowa, New South Wales, farmer, Beau Longmire.

Beau will throw open his farm gate to give an insight into his farming operations, including his experiences with share farming and contracting.

He will also share his approach to staffing, and how the 'alternative reward strategy' works on the farm, enabling staff to 'buy-in', and the positive affect it is having on retention of staff.



Experienced, independent farm consultant and author Kate Burke, Think Agri, will share some of her top financial hacks for running a profitable farm business.

With almost 30 years' experience, Kate has a PhD in agronomy and has worked in the corporate sector where she recognised that farming families could use similar strategies in planning and reporting to improve performance.

Kate has copies of her book, Crops People Money and You, to giveaway to the first 10 farmers to register for Getting The Crop In, as well as some giveaways on the day.

Hear from Hart research and extension manager Rebekah Allen and regional intern Kaidy Morgan, with their quick-fire series of Hart research updates.

Included will be glufosinate efficacy for annual ryegrass control; evaluation of early and dry sowing - canola and wheat; lentil agronomy; nitrogen decisions and N banking results.

Clear Grain Exchange general manager Trent Smoker will provide a grain market and farm inputs update, with information on the current situation around demand, supply and pricing.

The popular 'on-the-couch' interactive question and answer session returns to Getting The Crop In for 2024.

Panel members, Beau Longmire, Kate Burke, Trent Smoker and Darren Pech (Elders Jamestown) will share their thoughts on managing on-farm challenges and what they see as some of 2024's best opportunities.

The free Getting The Crop In event will be held on Wednesday, March 13, from 8am to 1pm at Futures Church (formerly Influencers Church), Stradbroke Road, Clare (just north of the Clare racecourse).

A light breakfast and morning tea will be provided.

Tickets available via Eventbrite, or head to the Hart website for more information www.hartfieldsite.org.au

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