

MEDIA RELEASE

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Crowd buoyant at Hart Field Day

A strong start to the season set the scene for a buoyant Hart Field Day, with about 600 visitors attending the Mid North agronomy trial site on Tuesday.

The Hart field site provided an impressive backdrop for the annual event that has been running since 1982, and brought together students, farmers and industry representatives for a day of learning, discussion and networking.



Photo: Andre Sabeeney



Hart chairman and Snowtown farmer Glen Wilkinson said the field day attracted a broad demographic, creating opportunities for people across the industry to share knowledge and ideas.

"This broad reach is what we're about, and seeing that real mix of male and female, younger and older, reinvigorates our passion for what we're striving for at Hart," he said.



Photo: Gabriell Hall

"Creating that space to see and learn, and to hear from some of the best of the best researchers and industry, it's just incredibly heartening to see the crowd roll in and take something home from that learning experience."

There were 23 rolling sessions and 30 guest speakers throughout the field day, along with static displays from sponsors, including machinery from platinum sponsor Rocky River Ag.

A highlight of the lunchtime break was a tribute to Hart farmer Matt Dare, who is stepping back from the Hart Field-Site Group board after 25 years of volunteer service.

Hart chairman Glen Wilkinson (pictured below left) said Matt (below right) had epitomised the values of the Hart group throughout his time on the board.



"Matt has been such an important part of Hart for 25 years, and he really embodies what our group is about," Glen said.

"He's always been prepared to roll up his sleeves and get the work done, while making sure we provide value for money for our supporters and maintain that high level of information sharing.

"We'll miss him greatly around the board table. He leaves some big shoes to fill, but he's helped create the template we work from today.

"I know Matt will still be around Hart and happy to share his knowledge, so it's really not goodbye."

The Hart AGM will be held on October 13, and board member nominations are now open for vacancies in the categories of farmer and finance.

All nominations are welcome and are invited to be shared with Glen Wilkinson on 0427 662 207 or Sandy Haskell 0427 423 154 by October 12.

The Spring Twilight Walk at the Hart Field Site will be held on Tuesday, October 20, at 5pm, and everyone is welcome.

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