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## Exciting new format for Hart in 2020

The challenges being presented by COVID-19 in 2020, have opened the gate for some exciting new formats for the Hart Field-Site Group, who will this year present an extended program providing greater farmer access to its trial site and information in place of the traditional Hart Field Day.

Instead of a one-day field day program, the Hart board has been working hard to find new ways to deliver its event that will mean everyone can still access the full range of trial, variety and application information.

While some limited mini-sessions are expected to be offered, the group also hope to open the trial site by appointment with trial maps and other resources available to support small group tours or individuals.

In addition, plans are well-afoot to provide researcher and industry specialist presentations through an online catalogue, enabling access for farmers from any location at any time.

Hart chair Ryan Wood, pictured below, said it was an exciting time for the group.

“From all the challenges that COVID-19 has presented, this is certainly a silver lining for us in providing the opportunity to really ‘up our game’ in continuing our role as one of Australia’s leading trial sites,” he said.

“With the plans we have to extend our program to meet the social needs of this extraordinary year, it will mean that growers and industry will have unprecedented access to our site and the information being gathered from our ongoing trials.

“There is little doubt that 2020 is a year like no other, and this year’s program will follow suit but in what we think will be a really positive way. For the first time in 39 years we’ve had to significantly alter the way we deliver the Hart Field Day, but what it has done is open up endless possibilities in our delivery that we think will actually provide even greater access to the vital information being generated on our field-site.

“Our traditional field day guide with trial reports and information will still be available and is expected to be online by the end of the month.

“With a bit of rain around, and hopefully some more going in the gauge this week, the Hart Field-Site is looking fantastic and we’re on track for a successful season. While we are disappointed our normal field day event will not follow tradition this year, we are focussed on returning to that format next year with the potential to keep some of the exciting new delivery options that we plan to implement over the coming weeks.”

Membership emails will be sent out in the near future and at just \$35 to renew, it continues to offer fantastic value for money with all Hart trials information and news direct from grains industry researchers as well as access to the planned 2021 events.

More information, with details on how to access the new format for the 2020 Hart Field Day events, will be available in the near future on the website [www.hartfieldsite.org.au](http://www.hartfieldsite.org.au)

Mr Wood said, “this year will certainly be different, but with exciting possibilities and ground breaking opportunity to access our event from virtually anywhere in the world”.

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