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## Hart delivers first mini-event for 2020

Managing weeds was the focus of Hart Field-Site Group's first mini event for 2020, replacing its annual field day in a new approach to adapt to this year's COVID-19 restrictions.

About 70 farmers, advisors and industry representatives were in attendance to view the trial site and hear from research and industry experts on five topics including; new herbicides for managing ryegrass in cereals; controlling broadleaf weeds and ryegrass in lentils; chaff lining – are we getting weed seed decay?; using crop competition for effective ryegrass control; and legume and oilseed herbicide tolerance.

Hart chair Ryan Wood said the group was continuing to look for innovative ways to share the high-quality research Hart had built its reputation on over the past 39 years.

"It has certainly been a challenging year," he said.

"The Hart board has worked hard to find alternative ways to deliver our program; ways that meet the needs of our members while also meeting public gathering restrictions related to COVID-19.

"We were really pleased with attendance at the Managing Weeds mini event, but also had the sessions filmed in the field so those who were not able to physically get there can still access the content when videos are released via our website.

"Our traditional field day guide with trial reports and information is also still available free, online."

Still to come on the Hart calendar is the next mini event, the half-day Managing Varieties on October 20.

The Hart trial site is also available to visit by appointment outside of the planned events for those wanting to see how the trials are performing.

Self-guided tours are particularly encouraged and to simplify the process for visitors, each trial has been signposted with a QR code which can be simply scanned on a smartphone or tablet and data specific to that particular trial will pop up instantly.

More information, with details on how to access the new format for the 2020 events, is available on the website [www.hartfieldsite.org.au](http://www.hartfieldsite.org.au)

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