

## Field day Focus

Workshops and field days are an important opportunity for growers to learn about the latest research and techniques. In this month's page the Ag Excellence Alliance (AEA) has brought together details of many of the activities being run by affiliated groups across the State in the next few months. Many of these activities are supported by AEA with support from .

As well as supporting your local group it is a great opportunity to look further a field and visit events in other regions to see and learn how other growers are tackling the challenges of farming in the current environment.

Links to all the affiliated groups and their websites can be found at [www.agex.org.au](http://www.agex.org.au).

## July

### Yorke Peninsula & Mid North

- 28 Hart Field Site Winter Crop Walk, 9am – 12pm at the Hart site.
- 29 SPAA – PA meeting in conjunction with YPASG and CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk, meet at the Kadina Recreation Centre 1pm.
- 30 YPASG and CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk meeting at YPASG Minlaton office 8am, breakfast.  
Topics at both events include variable rate, soil mulches and salinity, seeding equipment, weed control, time of sowing.  
Details: Michael Richards YPASG 88 532 241, 0427 547 052

## August

### Eyre Peninsula

- 3 EP Farming Systems Project, Mudamuckla Focus Site Field Day at Peter Kuhlmann's 39km east of Ceduna on the northern side of the Eyre Highway. 1pm to 5pm with a BBQ afterwards. A great opportunity to visit the new Focus Site for the EP Farming Systems Project. Facilitated by Andy Bates, speakers include Anthony Whitbread (CSIRO) talking about yield potential of various soils types and predicting potential yield in-season, Sean Mason discussing his new more accurate P test in calcareous soils and researchers from Minnipa Ag Centre with Peter Kuhlmann explaining the trial work being done at the Focus Site.  
Details: Naomi Scholz at Minnipa Agricultural Centre on 8680 6233 for more information.
- 4 EP Grain & Graze Project Crop Insect Identification and Control Workshop, Wudinna  
This workshop is aimed at farmers interested in correctly identifying useful bugs versus damaging bugs, in order to save time and money on control methods. Presented by Ken Henry and Judy Bellati, SARDI entomologists. From 8.30am to 12.30pm at Wudinna Community Club.  
Details: Naomi Scholz at Minnipa Agricultural Centre on 8680 6233 for more information.
- 7 SPAA – PA meeting Lower EP: Breakfast meeting 7:30am starting at Randall Wilksch's, 3km from Yeelanna on the Yeelanna to Ungarra Rd.  
SPAA – PA meeting Upper EP meet at Wes Matthews sheds at 2:00pm - approx 25km east of Kyancutta on the Eyre Highway, or 1.5km east of Mays rd. Look for SPAA signs on highway.
- 12 Eyre Peninsula Agricultural Research Foundation (EPARF) Members Day/GRDC Update at Minnipa Agricultural Centre, 9am to 5pm. EPARF members free entry and evening

meal starting at 6pm. SAFF members cost \$40, non-members cost \$50. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included. A great range of speakers on topics including business resilience and profitability, grain storage and handling, weed control, variable rate technology.

Details: To register or find out more Jon Lamb on 8362 5417 or Naomi Scholz on 8680 6233.

- 26 CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk, Pt Kenny/Mt Cooper followed by SANTFA AGM at Pt Kenny Hotel at 6.30pm for tea 8.00pm, small cover charge for meal. Booking essential. SANTFA AGM will be held in Pt Kenny this year as part of our rotational plan and will form part of the end of day network session following the WEP Cropwalk. Interested members and community members are welcome to join the board for both the meal and the meeting. Many committee members including current president Simon Patterson from Streaky Bay will be carrying on with his duties for one year. However, new committee members are sought to nominate to be part of SANTFA's progressive organising team call your regional representative or contact SANTFA.  
Details: Executive Officer Deb Baum 08 88424278
- 27 CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk, Darke Peake and districts

### **Upper North**

- 5 SPAA PA meeting in conjunction with CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk,. Breakfast meeting 8:30am, meet at Dan Wandel's place near Kybunga, look for signs from Kybunga Top Rd. Speakers include Adam Inchbold from the Riverine Plains group attending the meetings to talk about his experiences with PA.  
Details: Sam Trengove - 0428 262 057, [samtregove@spaa.com.au](mailto:samtregove@spaa.com.au)
- 28 CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk, Wirrabara, Gladstone, Jamestown.

### **Yorke Peninsula & Mid North**

- 6 SPAA – PA meeting in conjunction with SANTFA's Eastern Mid North crop walk. Breakfast meeting 8.30am. Meet at Hansborough's, Hansborough Rd. Look for signs on road from Kapunda to Eudunda. Speakers include Adam Inchbold from the Riverine Plains group attending the meetings to talk about his experiences with PA.
- 12 Partners in Grain at Freeling is hosting a workshop on efficient farm office . This fun day will be full of useful tips. The workshop is FarmReady approved for eligible primary producers.  
Details: Robyn Muster 8525 2031 or SA Coordinator Kim Blenkiron 8536 8258, [partnersingrain@live.com.au](mailto:partnersingrain@live.com.au)
- 12 YPASG 10 Year Celebration, informal evening dinner at the Barley Stacks Winery Urania.  
Details YPASG 88 532 241

### **Kangaroo Island**

- 21 Ag KI is hosting their first ever conference at Kingscote start at 1 pm and go till evening. All welcome. Some guest speakers are still to be finalised, but areas that will be addressed are Emissions Trading Scheme, Market Analysis, and Cooperative Farming.  
Details: To book Kate Buck, AgKI Conference Co-coordinator, 8553 4372 Monday-Thursday.

### **Mallee**

- 4 SPAA – PA meeting at Robin Schaefer's, 2pm, 2.3km south of Loxton roundabout on Paruna Rd, look for SPAA signs. Speakers include Adam Inchbold from the Riverine

- Plains group attending the meetings to talk about his experiences with PA.  
Details: Sam Trengove - 0428 262 057, [samtregove@spaa.com.au](mailto:samtregove@spaa.com.au)
- 17 Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc and CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk, Northern Mallee.  
Partners in Grain is hosting a fun day at Karronda full of useful tips and information on every aspect of running an efficient farm office. The workshop is FarmReady approved for eligible primary producers.  
Details: Hannah Loller on 8578 3432, or register your interest with Partners in Grain SA Coordinator Kim Blenkins on 8536 8258 or email [partnersingrain@live.com.au](mailto:partnersingrain@live.com.au)
- 18 Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc and CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk, Southern Mallee - Pinnaroo/Coonalpyn.

### **South East**

- 3 SPAA – PA meeting meet at the Coomandook shop, 8.30am.  
SPAA – PA meeting with MacKillop PA group. Meet 2:30pm, at the Frances Hotel.
- 4 SPAA – PA meeting with MacKillop PA group. Meet 8:30am at the SA Ambulance centre, Padthaway.  
Speakers at these SPAA meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will include Adam Incbold from the Riverine Plains group attending the meetings to talk about his experiences with PA.  
Details: Sam Trengove 0428 262 057, [samtregove@spaa.com.au](mailto:samtregove@spaa.com.au)

## **September**

### **Adelaide**

- 4 SPAA conference and AGM at the Mawson Lakes Hotel (Note not Technology Park).  
Presenters include Glenn Fitzgerald (Vic DPI), Mike Wong (CSIRO, WA), Brett Whelan (University of Sydney), Craig Roberts (UNSW), Richard Hamilton (Fosters Group), Matt McCallum, Ed Cay (gps-Ag), Michael Wells (PCT) and Greg Butler (SANTFA).  
Details: Sam Trengove 0428 262 057, [samtregove@spaa.com.au](mailto:samtregove@spaa.com.au)

### **Eyre Peninsula**

- 16 Minnipa Agricultural Centre Annual Field Day – Preliminary Notice, 9am to 5pm. Free entry for EPARF members, \$5 for non-members, morning and afternoon tea included, lunch available. A chance to see first hand the trials at MAC, listen to a range of interesting speakers and catch up with old mates.  
Details: Naomi Scholz 8680 6233
- 17 Lower Eyre Agricultural Development Association (LEADA) Spring Crop Walk, in association with CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk, at Cummins/Edillilie/Wangary. 10am to finish by 5.30. Free for LEADA or SANTFA members, \$10 for non member. Includes proceedings, bbq lunch and refreshments. Topics include cereal crop topping, barley disease control, oilseed comparisons, IPM, blackleg management, canopy management, Yield Prophet and much more. Agrilink consultant Jeff Braun and SARDI experts will attend with local consultants.  
Details: Kieran Wauchope 8688 3409.

### **Yorke Peninsula & Mid North**

- 15 Hart Field Day, proceedings start 10.30am. Entry: members free, \$30, students \$5.

29 Paskeville Field Days many of the Ag Ex Alliance affiliated groups will be in attendance, several of which will be available all in the one spot at the shared AEA hosted site.

## **Mallee**

1 Mallee Sustainable farming Inc, Waikerie Field Day – 10 year celebration a 'Decade of Difference.

## **South East**

18 MacKillop Farm Management Group in association with CASEIH/SANTFA combined cropwalk – Bordertown Details: [www.mackillopgroup.com](http://www.mackillopgroup.com), [www.santfa.com.au](http://www.santfa.com.au)

## **October**

15 Hart Field Site Spring Walk, 4pm at site, followed by BBQ and drinks.

28 MacKillop Farm Management Group, 2009 Field days at Frances site, Martin Flower's property; and

29 at Conmurra site at the Hocking Family's property.  
Details: Krysteen McElroy 0408 655108, [mfmq@bigpond.com](mailto:mfmq@bigpond.com)