

DEALING WITH THE DRY

FARM BUSINESS REGIONAL FORUMS
& MSF MALLEE RESEARCH UPDATE

BROWN'S WELL



Mallee Sustainable Farming



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THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY
9:00am - 3:00pm

Brown's Well Football Club
Railway Terrace, Paruna

COST

FREE (morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and resources provided)

REGISTRATION

bit.ly/GRDC_Dealingwiththedry_Feb2020

OR CALL

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Growers are invited to attend the dry-time regional forum which offers practical advice on production decisions, such as nutrition budgeting and application, soil, fallow and herbicide residue management and broader farming system decisions. A session will also cover sheep management, such as which sheep to keep, when to join and feeding strategies including confinement feeding and feed budgeting. The workshop will also explore business and financial strategies to assist cash-flow planning, debt management, and accessing and utilising government services.

The MSF Research Update will cover seeding systems in low or no ground cover paddocks. Presenters will provide locally relevant content and will include panel sessions to get your questions answered. Each attendee will receive a resource kit with supporting information.

AGENDA

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TIME	ITEM	SPEAKER
9:00	Welcome and housekeeping	Belinda Cay <i>Director</i> AgCommunicators Tanja Morgan <i>Program Manager</i> Mallee Sustainable Farming
9:10	GRDC – Drought Support and Investment	Randall Wilksch <i>Grower Relations Manager - South</i> GRDC
9:15	Assistance available <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rural Financial Counselling service• Overview of government assistance programs	Rural Financial Counsellor Rural Business Support
9:30	Dry Time Production Management and Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nutrition status of eroded paddocks / best crops to sow following erosion and / or rebuilding good stubble cover• Soil nutrition budgeting and applications	Dr Sean Mason <i>Research Agronomist/Director</i> Agronomy Solutions
10:15	What to Expect from Weeds and Managing Herbicide Residues	Dr Chris Preston <i>Associate Professor</i> University of Adelaide
11:00	MORNING TEA	
11:15	Sheep Management Decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is it worth keeping sheep?• Supplementary feed strategies and feed budgeting• Confinement feeding	Daniel Schuppan <i>Animal Production Specialist</i> Landmark
12:00	Farm Business Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing a flexible Farm Business Management Plan, considering risks• Managing cash flow and reserves• Budget planning• Labour & staff management - providing a positive working environment and retaining good staff in dry times. Effective Debt Management <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optimising your position• Margin management• Integrating risk and developing a responsive, flexible marketing strategy• Managing input costs effectively i.e. cooperative buying power.	Mike Krause <i>CEO</i> P2P Agri Pty Ltd
12:45	Drought Support Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rebate support• Eroded Soil Resources	Mary-Anne Young <i>Drought Recovery Facilitator</i> Rural Solutions SA
1:00	LUNCH	
1:30	Dry Time Seeding Systems	Dr Jack Desbiolles <i>Research Fellow</i> UniSA
2:30	MSF trial results	Michael Moodie Mallee Sustainable Farming
3:00	CLOSE	