

Brigalow Bites

Edition 6 Sunday 20th July 2025

Hello from a chilly Moree, where the roads are muddy and crops powering along. Like the Downs, double sown crops are loving the additional winter rain, but haven't the frosts been savage! Since the last Brigalow Bites, I've had a quick trip to WA to visit family (and check out a few crops). From the air, it always amazes me the amount of canola in the WA landscape especially when, in 1993, as a 'fresh out of uni' adviser, I witnessed the first crop of canola being grown in Lake Grace district. It was 40km east of Hyden, and the last farm before the rabbit proof fence, and it yielded 1.44t/ha. Aside from my reminiscing, it makes me very excited that our members are at the forefront of the canola industry in Queensland, hosting trials and exploring for themselves the potential of the crop.

FIELD WALK – FRIDAY 25TH JULY

A reminder to all, we have a field walk scheduled for this **Friday 25th July starting at 2:00pm** to look at **long coleoptile wheat research and barley lodging trials**, followed by an agronomy session to be led by Corey. Matt Naumann from Intergrain will also be present to talk about their barley lines with improved genetic tolerance to lodging.

Meet at Neil's at 2:00pm, after which we'll head to Russell Taylor's. *BYO chair and drinks.*

Please click the following link to RSVP [I'm coming to tip-toe in the Trial Plots](#)

GRDC UPDATE DALBY 5TH AUGUST

Never one to let a promotional opportunity go by, Neil has worked his magic and secured us a 10-minute slot in an already packed agenda at the GRDC Research Update in Dalby on the 5th August. While you might be wondering, "So what, I'm already a member of BFG", what it will allow is for the group to promote our activities to a wide range of input supply businesses, inviting them to join our network. It will also demonstrate to other growers how they too might leverage the power of shared learning by forming their own grower group.

Apart from us (!), ICAN have organised an excellent lineup of speakers covering

- 10 years of Farming Systems trials
- Deep P
- Fall armyworm
- Soil amelioration
- APVMA regulatory review and
- New mungbeans varieties.

FULL DAY MEETING – FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST

The support for this meeting is increasing with Jeremy Jones from Darling Downs Spray Tech keen promote their association with Horsch in our afternoon paddock demonstrations.

More information to come but lock the date into your calendars now.

WINTER CROP TRIALS

Thank you to Jordan for sending through the list of trials the DPI have on-the-go with our members. Within the group there are eight members with trials, covering five different research projects – and that's just DPI led projects. This is a great reflection of the willingness of our members to support research and ongoing learning. A full list is being compiled for the website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Contact</i>
23 July	Grain Automate Field Training RDO Equipment	8:00-12:00 or 1:00-5:00 'Windemere' 391 Broadwater Rd, Dalby Event link	Stephen Hegarty 1300 698 822
25 July	BFG Winter field walk and agronomy discussion session	Meet at Neil's at 2:00pm, then on to Russell Taylor's	Vicki Green 0408 759 395
5 August	GRDC Research Update	9:00am – 3:10pm Dalby Events Centre Event link	Erica McKay 02 9482 4930 erica@icanrural.com.au
12 August	GRDC Spray Safe & Save Spray Day	8:45am – 3:00pm The Base, Chinchilla Event link	Cath Sullivan 0437 455 818 spraysafesave@outlook.com
15 August	BFG All-day Meeting	8:30am – 5:00pm Inverai Hall	Vicki Green 0408 759 395
28 August	GRDC National Grower Network Forum	1:00 – 5:00pm Event link	Alan Umbers 0428 432 557 alan@umbers.com.au
3 September	GRDC Harvester Set Up Workshop	8:30am – 2:30pm 'Wy Wurry' 701 Avenue Rd, Hopeland Event link	Chris Sims 0493 119 157 chris.sims@farmlink.com.au
21 November	BFG Meeting & AGM		Vicki Green 0408 759 395