



Your guide to local events & information

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Events

***MIG Field Walk – GM Canola Demo & Machinery Demo**

Wednesday, 23 June starting at 9.00 am

MIG will be holding its first field walk of the season next Wednesday, starting at 9.00 am on the corner of Yandanooka-Melara Road and Jones Road (south of the Mingenev-Morawa Rd). Look for the MIG field day signs.

First up is the GM Canola Demo at Bagley's. This Demo has 2 varieties of GM canola (GT Scorpion – an Open Pollinated variety & Hyloa 502RR – a Hybrid RR variety). Hopefully we will be able to see the differences between the varieties in terms of plant growth (which was quite evident at germination), and present some plant count data.

After that discussion we will make our way to the Machinery Demo site and see how that is coming along. There may be some differences in germination with the different bars (due to different seed placement etc.)

The Machinery Demo is on the Mingenev-Morawa Rd at Bacton.

Further information: Kathryn Fleay on 9928 1506 or 0427 281 006

Future Prospects for Lupins in WA

Monday 28 June at Curtin University

Hear about the current state of play in the lupin industry, plus interesting developments. MIG's Paul Kelly will be presenting at the seminar.

Further information: Kedar Adhikari on 93683528 or [Click here ...](#)

First Aid Training

Tuesday, 29 June at Mingenev Rec Centre

Senior first aid training for first timers and those wishing to update their current certificate.

Further information: Sarah Knight at sarah@mig.org.au or [Click here ...](#)

Pastures for Profit

Thursday, 1 July 2010, Dandaragan

This year's program focuses on "Profitable Meat Production" and has many informative and inspirational speakers.

Further information: Charlene Hutchinson at charlene@agvivo.com.au or [Click here ...](#)

Succession Planning with Rabobank (with RSM Bird Cameron & Allion Legal)

July/August 2010

MIG and Rabobank are organising a succession planning workshop in July/August 2010. Stay tuned for details!

Further information: Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

FarmSafe – Managing Farm Safety Course

August 30, Mingenev

FarmSafe is accepting expressions of interest to attend a FarmSafe workshop in Mingenev on 30 August 2010. For farmers participating in MIG's Healthy Farms Program, this is an opportunity to gain FarmSafe accreditation, which is part of the Healthy Farms suite of certifications.

Further information: Michelle Gardiner at Admin@farmsafewa.org or Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

Biochar and Biology

September 7, afternoon field walk and evening seminar at the Hampton Arms, Greenough

MIG and DAFWA are planning a biochar energy and agriculture field walk and evening seminar, which will also look at the soil biology associated with biochar.

Further information: Paul Blackwell on 0429 102 105 or Jane Bradley on 9928 1645

Women's Field Walk

What would you like to hear about?

MIG is planning to run a Women's Field Walk. We would like your input into what you would like to do. Complete the online survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/migwomensfd>

Further information: Kathryn Fleay on 0427 281 006

Information

Sandplain Farmers – Inversion Tillage

Mouldboard Plough Contractor

For the burial of resistant weeds, alleviating non wetting soils, helping retain soil moisture, lifting crop yields.

Further information: 0427 761 302 or 0400 588 665

DAFWA AgTactics Newsletter

Available on-line

The AgTactics team meet each week to discuss the topical issues around the region, with agribusiness input. The AgTactics newsletter is available weekly or fortnightly on the DAFWA website. Go to http://www.agric.wa.gov.au/PC_90642.html for the most up-to-date edition.

Further information: Naomi Simpson, Development Officer, 9956 8542

FarmReady Eligibility

Financial year 2009/2010

FarmReady Reimbursement Grants are capped at \$1500 per financial year. Eligible primary producers and indigenous land managers will need to have participated in pre-approved training **by 30 June 2010** and have submitted all necessary paperwork by no later than 30 July 2010 to access available support in the 2009/10 financial year.

Further information: FarmReady 1800 087 670 or visit www.farmready.gov.au

Climate Kelpie rounds up the weather prediction tools

The Climate Kelpie website is designed to give Australian farmers and rural advisers easy access to tools and information about the weather and climate.

Using the most up-to-date climate data and predictive models from Australia's leading research and meteorological organisations, including CSIRO and The Bureau of Met, the tools can help farmers and their advisers make the best decisions to improve yields, quality and farming practices.

Further information: <http://www.climatekelpie.com.au/>

CBH looking for casual harvest workers

Harvest 2010

The CBH Group has begun its annual search for up to 1,800 casual employees to work during the 2010 WA grain harvest. The positions available include Receiving Point Operators, Grain Samplers and Weighbridge Officers – all of which assist with grain receivals during harvest at around 197 sites across the State.

Further information: visit www.cbh.com.au and click on "Harvest Opportunities 2010"

Farm management deposits

An option for dealing with seasonal cash flow fluctuations

Read more about farm management deposits and how they may assist you in dealing with seasonal cash flow fluctuations.

Further information: [Click here...](#)

Fall prevention in the agricultural sector

Public comment invited before 23 July 2010

The Commission for Occupational Safety and Health is seeking your comments on its draft guidance note: Fall prevention in the agricultural sector. This draft **guidance note** outlines ways to prevent falls from height in the agricultural sector.

Further information: Comments can be submitted at worksafersvp@commerce.wa.gov.au

Changing attitudes to health and safety

Two recent publications from the Collaborative Partnership for Farming and Fishing Health and Safety Program – *Grain Handling Safety and Guarding Grain Augers*. – produced by University of Sydney and the Australian Centre for Agricultural Health and Safety.

Further information: www.grdc.com.au/grainsafety

*Australian Oil Seeds Federation

Crop update, June 2010

Further information: [Click here...](#)

*Grain Industry WA

Crop report, June 2010

Further information: [Click here...](#)

*COGGO

The Grower, June 2010

Further information: [Click here...](#)

NACC Incentives

Wind Erosion

Do you want to plant perennial pastures (perennial grasses with or without tagasaste), oil mallees, fodder shrubs (saltbush), or strategic revegetation (primarily as wind breaks)? If so, please fill out the [FOI form](#) and return it to MIG.

As always NACC has limited funding so it is on a first in first served basis. Please note that there are criteria that need to be met.

Further information: Sarah Knight (08) 9928 1646 or Tegan Winterbottom (08) 9928 1658

MIG Contact Database Update

We are in the process of updating MIG's contact database. If you have changed phone numbers, fax numbers, postal addresses or email recently, please let us know so we can keep your details current. If employees have moved on and new people have started in your organisation, the same applies.

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MIG Photo Comp

LAST CHANCE - June's theme is "Bugger – The Biggest Blunder". Don't forget your May photos "Open – in black and white"

This is the last month of the MIG photo competition – so don't miss out! Entries still being received for Jan-June 2010.

Syngenta and 335 Productions are comp sponsors and have donated prizes for our cleverest photographers.

Further information: Jane Bradley (08) 9928 1645 or [Click here...](#)

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