

A GRDC funded grower driven project that focuses on facilitating professional development activities for farming businesses.

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Another successful year for NSW PinG

We are pleased to report that during the past 12 months NSW PinG have delivered 3022 hours of training to 417 participants as well as again supporting Movies by Moonlight at Lockhart, attended by over 200 people.

Our focus has been on farm business people in general rather than any particular gender or age group in those businesses and again we feel we have genuinely met gaps in farm business training in our state. We have tried to actively encourage multiple members of the farm business to attend events together. PinG's grass roots representation means we are in touch with the needs of our farming community and have again been able to provide events which are well supported and valued.

We could not have achieved what we have without in kind assistance from our reference group and the generous in kind and financial support from industry. Our thanks also go to GRDC who continue to be our major source of funds.

Our industry supporters for the year have included RSM Bird Cameron, ABB Grain, Australian Grain Accumulation, AWB Ltd, Agfarm Marketing, Delta Grain, Hunter Grain, Pentag Commodities, GrainPro, Austgrain, Foss Pacific Pty Ltd, Grintec, GTA Solutions, NAB, CBA, Murrumbidgee Irrigation, Agrimaster and Pat Allen.

Coordinator changeover

Pam Krieg will be leaving her role as NSW PinG Coordinator at the end of July to pursue other interests. We welcome Ingrid Taylor, who is part of a family farming business at Corowa, as our new Coordinator. Ingrid's details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

National PinG meeting

Ingrid and NSW Chair, Mandy Strong, will travel to Adelaide for the national Partners in Grain meeting to be held August 3-5.

Stored Grain Treatment, Sampling and Testing workshops

An opportunity not to be missed! Don't have problems with stored grain ever again!

These workshops aim to provide the skills and knowledge essential to those businesses selling grain ex farm.

We have been fortunate to be able to get Dr Jo Holloway and Gerard McMullen to present these workshops for growers in the first and second weeks of August. Registration details are in the flyer sent with this email.

Gilgandra	Wed Aug 5
Trangie	Thurs Aug 6
Parkes	Fri Aug 7
Temora	Mon Aug 10
Lockhart	Tues Aug 11

Topics to be covered include:

Maintaining a pest free grain storage environment

Including storage hygiene guidelines and long term storage options

The what, why and how of obtaining samples for grain stored on farm.

How to obtain a representative sample from your truck, bin, silo or bag.

Grain testing techniques.

All you need to know to carry out your own on farm grain testing. Includes a hands on practice session with the latest on farm testing equipment. There will also be equipment displays.

Grain classification and receival standards.

What do you need to know? What has changed?

Jo is well known for her work with NSW DPI and presentations on grain insect resistance and the prevention and control of pests in stored grain.

Gerard is Principal of GP McMullen Consulting which began operations in 2005. After completing a Bachelor of Agricultural Science at Melbourne University, Gerard joined AWB where several years in field operations provided practical experience in the receipt, storage and outturn of grain. Upon returning to the Head Office operations in Melbourne, Gerard managed the Quality Assurance and Food Safety Division for 12 years, involving development of Receipt Standards, creation and implementation of QA, food safety and research programs and management of grain quality along the supply chain. Gerard participated on a number of industry and Government committees (such as AQIS Grains Industry Consultative, NACMA Standards, NSW Agriculture Gene Technology, Gene Technology Grains Committee) and chaired several. He was also the company spokesperson on various technical issues such as food safety incidents and GM technology.

His current business offers consultancy services to a range of agricultural industries, principally grain, in the areas of advice and development and implementation of systems relating to grain quality, food safety and identity preservation. He also provides training on behalf of Grain Trade Australia in the relevance of receipt standards and the correct sampling and testing of all grain commodities.

Older and Wiser – Marketing the 2009 Crop

Malcolm Bartholomaeus will be returning to again present marketing forums for growers in September. The forums will begin with a review of 2008 marketing strategies and the outcomes of deregulation as well as looking at strategies for the marketing year ahead. The afternoon session will be a grain marketer panel session chaired by Malcolm. NAB will also be presenting a short global financial update.

Locations and dates are as follows:

Narrabri	Mon Sept 7	Corowa	Mon Sept 14
Coonamble	Wed Sept 9	Griffith	Wed Sept 16
Trangie	Thurs Sept 10	Temora	Thurs Sept 17
Forbes	Fri Sept 11	Lockhart	Fri Sept 18

Registration forms will be sent out shortly and will also be available on our website.

Credit Card Payments

A reminder that we are now set up to take credit card payments for all of our events (Visa & Mastercard). Credit card details will need to be entered onto your registration form. Website payments will not be available.

Other events

'A DRY ARGUMENT'

AN IMPORTANT EVENT comprising seminars and a panel discussion for all agricultural professionals, presented by the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, the Graham Centre for Agricultural Innovation (an alliance between NSW DPI and CSU), Wagga Wagga City Council and other potential sponsors

Venue: Convention Centre (afternoon session -CSU Convention CentreWagga) and Wagga Wagga Civic Centre (evening session only)

Time: Wednesday **July 29** at 2.00 – 4.30 pm (seminars from farmers, researchers, advisers and agribusiness – all welcome) and 6.00 – 7.15 pm (interactive public discussion)

The current set of problems in the agricultural sector will be the topic of a forthcoming

Contact us if you would like any of these events held in your area.

GRDC Update Narramine Aero Club Mon August 17

Business Management Questions in Grain Production

For more information email updaten@tpg.com.au

GRDC Southern Region Update West Wyalong Sports Club Aug 26

For more information contact Jon Lamb 08 8362 5417

Principles of Profitable Farm Leasing presented by Holmes Sackett– coming to Grenfell soon.

We'll let you know when we have a firm date.

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