

**MANANGATANG DISTRICT HALL, MANANGATANG
TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2008**

OPTIMAL INPUTS FOR PROFITABLE FARMING

9.00	WELCOME		5
9.05	P revisited	<i>Nigel Wilhelm, SARDI</i>	40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using new P test for cost effective rates • How much P is enough? • Free P from mineralisation. How much and how to release it? • Alternative products (humic acid/coal dust, etc) • What about granular P at sowing followed by fluid P in season, will it work? 		
9.45	Soil Organic Matter and moisture conservation?	<i>Peter Fisher, Vic DPI</i>	40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much moisture can you store in different soils • Increasing soil OM – how and is it cost effective? • Is stubble management important • Is green manuring cost effective? 		
10.25	GRDC Research	– David Shannon/ Merna Curnow	15
10.40	Morning Tea		30
11.10	Variable rate – is it cost effective?	<i>Rick Llewellyn, CSIRO</i>	35
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is soil mapping really necessary? • What can yield maps tell us? • Best nutrition strategies for different soil types • Setting up • Does it work to apply liquid P to go on variable rate - post sowing? 		

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11.45	Global Economic Trends and the Grain Markets	<i>CBA, Senior Economist</i>	30
12.15	Taking the business seriously	<i>Phil O'Callaghan, ORM</i>	40
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for planning is as important as ever • How do we plan for the future • Understanding and quantifying the risks • Business decision making 		
12.55	Closing Comments		

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