



Press Release

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G & G Success for the Mallee

The Mallee was in the spotlight in Canberra this week as the five year national Grain & Graze project came to a close.

Jim Maynard, Chair of Mallee Sustainable Farming Inc. (MSF) was proud of the achievements of MSF during the project which included a 6% increase in Mallee farm profitability for mixed farmers participating in Grain & Graze.

“In these tough drought times, its important to give farmers options—and Grain & Graze did just that”, he said.

MSF delivered information on a range of topics all targeted to increase the productivity and sustainability of Mallee farms.

The topics included sheep nutrition, feedlotting, whole of farm economic modeling, soil biology and grazing cereals.

Grain & Graze was a national project incorporating nine regions around Australia including the Mallee.

Mr. Maynard said, “It was great to be in Canberra to celebrate the success of Grain & Graze and to see how other regions were faring. I have to say that the Mallee stacked up really well.”

The project was jointly funded by the Grains Research & Development Council (GRDC), Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA), Australian Wool Innovation (AWI), Land and Water Australia (LWA) as well as regional investment.

“One of the best things to come out the project was the co-operation and collaboration between the funding bodies,” said Mr. Maynard.

“It was a groundbreaking relationship and meant that we did not have to look at our farms in isolation—for instance just concentrate on grain or just on sheep—but could look at the whole farm operation as one. The project was all about the Triple Bottom Line.”

“We don’t have any details yet but there will be a Grain & Graze 2. I look forward to more MSF achievements!”

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