

# Field Day



Department of Primary Industries



Field Day, ARAS, Condobolin NSW - Dean Patton, Wendy Gill, Paul Sinderberry, Rajdeep Sandhu



Diana Fear presenting at DPI Field Day, ARAS Condobolin

Important research has always been successfully communicated through 'boots on the ground' or field days/walks. Likewise, the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) extension event was hosted on 7 September 2022 at Condobolin Agricultural Research & Advisory Station (ARAS).

The Field Day was planned to showcase the NSW DPI and CWFS research and demonstration trials. Unfortunately, heavy rainfall while showcasing the first trial meant a change of plan with field walks aborted and presentations occurring under cover instead. Attended by researchers, agronomists and growers, the Field Day was considered an opportunity to experience first-hand research in soil science, cropping and livestock enterprises in the region.

CWFS CEO, Diana Fear, gave a brief talk about CWFS' partnerships with the Southern NSW Innovation Hub and Southern Queensland/Northern NSW Innovation Hub and how they are providing great opportunities for the region. She talked about how these Hubs can help establish an epicentre of user-driven innovation, research and adoption and facilitate transformational change.

CWFS Research & Trials Agronomist, Rajdeep Sandhu presented the results of the FutureSOILS Project (Future Proofing the soils of Central and Southern NSW from acidification and soil organic carbon decline). Rajdeep highlighted the problem of sub-surface stratification of low pH across the region and focussed on why it needs to be checked in your paddock. The emphasis was made on the right strategy to ensure you have good data to help better understand this problem and, consequently, better address it.

The Future SOILS project is due to finish in June 2024 and is funded by National Landcare Program.

Another CWFS project funded by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) was presented by Wendy Gill (Achieve Ag Consultancy). This project looks at encouraging producers to incorporate alternative hard-seeded legumes in their pasture mix. Wendy presented the project results and activities for 2022. Please see the full project update on page 6.

CWFS would like to thank project funders and NSW DPI for their support.

