



GGA Regional Meeting – Geraldton
30th March 2016

Liebe Group

Clare Johnston

2015 Review

- Held Spring field day with Dalwallinu District High School, giving an overview to students about Liebe Group and agriculture in the region. Successful start to the relationship and continuing this year, with students going out to farms and into the field.
- New staff – has been a great transition with improved skills and qualifications

2016 Outlook

- Study tour to Kununurra in August – funded through GRDC
- Project funding has been challenging – current projects continue.
- The new office building is an exciting project underway, with land gifted from past member. Funding for the building has been applied for through National Stronger Regions Fund, which includes new office spaces for other organisations in the community.

Northern Agri Group

Raylene Burns

2015 Review

- Two main events each year – Updates were held in March and Field Day will be in August
- Also held Thursdays field days within season to talk about in-season challenges and share ideas

2016 Outlook

- NAG surveyed members last year about their research priorities, then the committee came up with a list of the four most important to the group.
- The top issues included access to finance, weed research, sustainability, rotations, heat and rainfall.
- The group may not have the capacity to run all the projects, so it will be important to identify partners or others working in this space.



North East Farming Futures (NEFF)

Sam Messina

2015 Review

- GRDC crop updates at Yuna were very successful (130 people with 95 being growers) with lots of media coverage. Seemed to hit the mark in terms of what growers wanted with targeted take home messages and program.
- Main success factors included location (local location and great facility at the community centre, very professional), and riding on the coattails of the Perth updates with key note speakers etc. Program was well thought out and organized early due to a good steering committee. Great feedback from attendees.

2016 Outlook

- Money through COGGO to undertake "Seeding Olympics" project – canola establishment trials with four different bars and three seeding dates.

Yuna Farm Improvement Group

Belinda Eastough

2015 Review

- Two successful events in 2015 with the field walk (60 people, 30 growers) and field day (80 people).
- Great trials last year funded through RCSN resulting in information about new seed varieties. Lots of interest from members and growers.
- New building was completed with total funding of \$700,000 –YFIG contributed \$120,000 and remaining from the community.
- Crop updates very successful –with 130 people and a sold out event

2016 Outlook

- COGGO grant \$48,000 through NEFF/YFIG collaboration. Also \$75,000 eConnected project – need to make sure there is a good plan for this project and it is relevant for growers (weather station, temp data, soil moisture etc.). This will require collaboration with researchers to really bring value to those who attend, not just about technology. Three events are required altogether.
- Biosecurity grant received.
- Busy year ahead!
- Ideas for spring field day around Yield Profit – time of flowering and how accurate the yield profit data is and how our region may differ from the models.