



The staff and committee of FBG would like to
thank you for attending our
2018 Spring Field Day
Your support is greatly appreciated!



2018 FBG SPRING FIELD DAY

18TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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2018 field day speakers

Sam Chambers—Rabobank

Associate Director, Markets, Agribusiness Risk & Treasury Management

“Sam has over 10 years’ experience in the financial services and commodity trading spheres joining Rabobank in 2017 from Ecom Commodities where, amongst other things, he was responsible for developing cotton hedging & trading strategies as well as trading basis and physical commodities.

Sam’s personal, professional and academic background leaves him well placed to discuss different marketing strategies available to growers. He holds a Masters of Applied Finance majoring in Risk Management (Kaplan) and a Bachelor of Agricultural Economics majoring in Agricultural Economics, Finance and Economics (University of Sydney)”



Mark Seymour – Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Senior Research Officer

Mark currently leads the DPIRD/Grains Research and Development Corporation co-funded Tactical Break Crop Agronomy project. He has research and extension experience in canola, field pea, lupin and other minor legume crops.

He has more than 25 years experience in field based agricultural research and industry development. Over the years he has worked on most winter crops grown in the south-west WA.

Mark holds a Master of Science in Agriculture, University of Western Australia 1992 and a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Hons), University of Western Australia 1987.



Special Edition AgMemo - Southern Region Dry Season September 2018

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has put together a special edition AgMemo for our region in response to the dry seasonal conditions. It can be accessed through the following link

www.agric.wa.gov.au/newsletters/agmemo/special-edition-agmemo-southern-region-dry-season-september-2018

The AgMemo covers

- Weaning to get the best out of your lambs
- Weaning to get the best out of your ewes
- South coast summer crop options following a dry winter
- Residual effect of herbicides on next year’s crops
- Crop rotation considerations for 2019
- Plan, Prepare and Prosper suite of workshops
- Soil nutrition considerations following a dry season
- Staying connected in challenging times

If you are interested in any of the Plan, Prepare and Prosper workshops please contact the FBG office to let us know specifically which topics are most relevant to you. To have a workshop in our area we need commitment from ten to 12 farming businesses.



SAVE THE DATE

FITZGERALD BIOSPHERE GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 10th of October

4:00pm AGM

5:00pm FBG Advisory Committee Meeting

6:00pm Drinks & Dinner

Jerramungup Community Resource Centre

All welcome to attend

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

The new Associations Incorporation Act 2015 came into effect for all incorporated associations on 1 July 2016. It requires all incorporated associations in WA to update their constitutions to comply with the new Act. The FBG Board has recently completed the update of the group's constitution, and members will have received, by email, the draft and final versions.

At our AGM the following special resolution will be put to the meeting:

To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the existing Constitution of the Association be repealed and replaced with the Constitution tabled at the meeting and signed by the Chairperson."

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Glenn McDonald – Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

Research Officer

Glenn works in crop and soil science and is based in the southern WA wheatbelt. The projects he works on (non-wetting soils, sub-soil constraints, deeper deep ripping) are aimed at reducing the effect of soil constraints and improving the efficiency and profitability of grain growers.

He has more than 20 years experience in the WA grains industry in a variety of roles. These range from private research contracts, oat agronomy, cereal physiology (waterlogging/drought), soil health, developing practical tools for growers and group facilitation. Glenn has a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (Hons), University of Western Australia.



Brad Jones—Bungulla Farming, Tammin

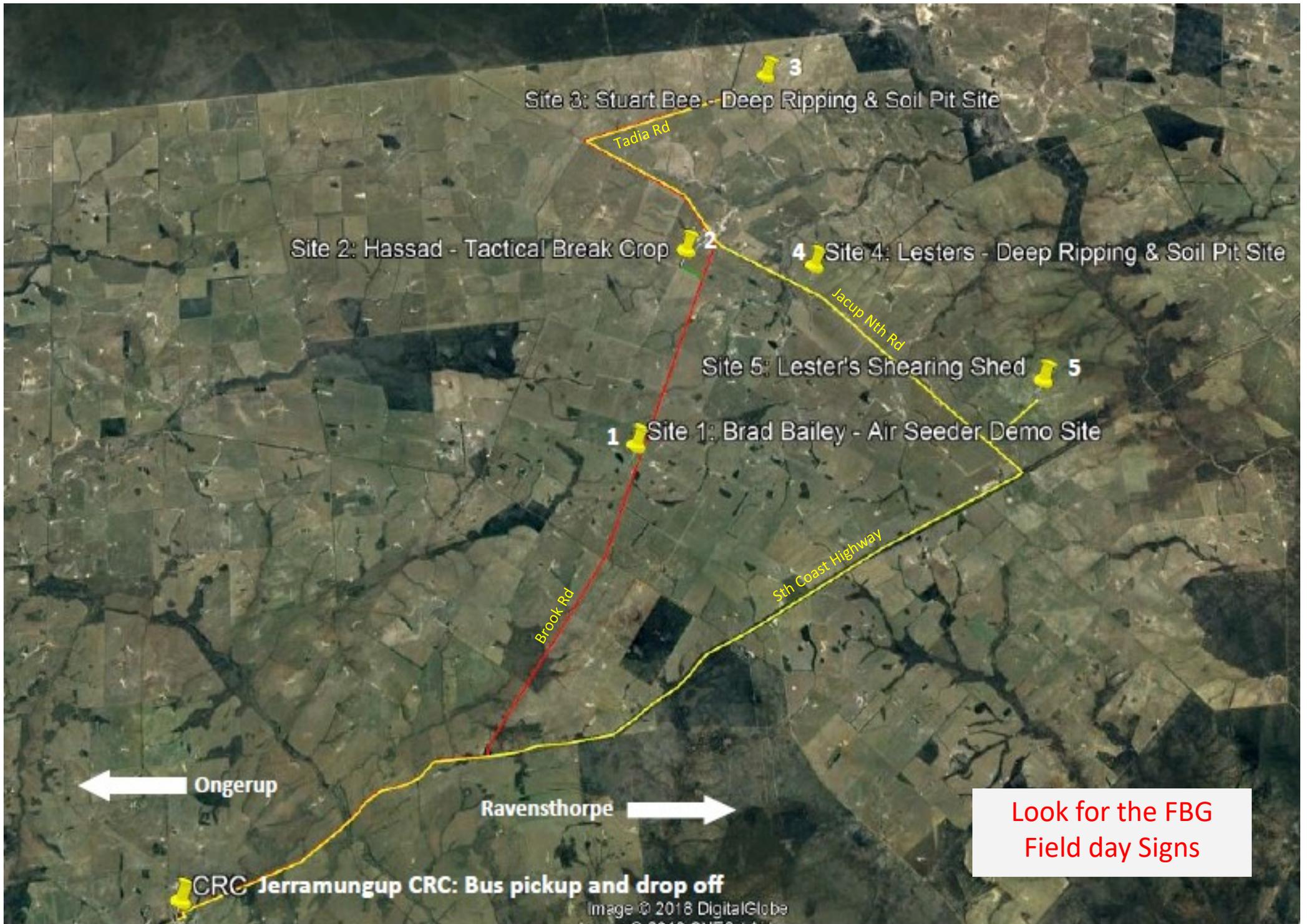
Brad Jones has a Masters of Business Administration and is the Director at Bungulla Farming Pty Ltd. Bungulla Farming is an early adopter of technology and uses a wide range of data sources from EM and Radiometric soil surveys to variable rate technology. The farm's points of departure from common agronomic practice are:

- the scope of its soil amelioration practices;
- its use of liquid fertilisers; and
- its low rates of fertiliser inputs.

The purpose of these practises is to minimise the risk to input expenditure in the advent of a poor season and to increase the uptake of soil moisture and mineralised nutrients. Soil moisture, not fertiliser application, is seen as the limiting factor to production.

Brad's business philosophy is concentrated on sustainable margin expansion through efficiency of inputs and a focus on profits relative to risk. The business uses economies of scale and new technology adoption to lower average unit costs and increase profit margins. It has augmented its harvest risk strategies by installing considerable on farm storage. This has created additional margins by blending widely variable protein levels across the farm, opportunities to capture supply chain efficiencies and self-finance working capital requirements.





Site 3: Stuart Bee - Deep Ripping & Soil Pit Site

Site 2: Hassad - Tactical Break Crop

Site 4: Lesters - Deep Ripping & Soil Pit Site

Site 5: Lester's Shearing Shed

Site 1: Brad Bailey - Air Seeder Demo Site

CRC Jerramungup CRC: Bus pickup and drop off

Look for the FBG Field day Signs