



## Australian Controlled Traffic Farming Conference, CTF14

26 – 28 August 2014


Quality Hotel Mildura Grand, Seventh Street, Mildura, Victoria


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### PROGRAM

<p align="center"><b>Tuesday 26 August</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Registration open from 14:00</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Trade set up:</b> Exhibitors can set up after 14:00</p> <p align="center"><b>Welcome Reception and viewing trade displays: Grand Hotel, 17.30 to 19.00</b></p>		
<p align="center"><b>Wednesday 27 August</b></p>		
<p align="center"><b>Theme 1</b></p> <p align="center"><b>CTF: Why would we?</b></p>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic or Title</b>	<b>Speakers</b>
08:30 – 9.00	Registration	
09.00 – 09.15 15 mins	Welcome to CTF2014	<b>Chris Bluett (HRZ Consulting, Victoria)</b>
09:15 – 9.55 40 mins	What's it all about? The effects of machinery wheel compaction on soils and crop productivity in south-eastern Australia.	<b>Richard MacEwan (Senior Soil Scientist, DEPI, Victoria)</b>
09:55 – 10:30 35 mins	CTF delivers efficiency, effectiveness, opportunities and performance for the farmer and the farm – the journey so far and a look into the future	<b>Don Yule, CTF Solutions</b>
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b> 30 mins	<b><i>Morning Tea - Networking and viewing trade displays and posters</i></b>	
11:00 – 11:20 20 mins	Why go down the CTF Journey? A grain grower's perspective.	<b>Geoff Rethus, (Farmer, Horsham, Victoria)</b>
11:20 – 11:40 20 mins	CTF, a grains industry consultant's perspective. Why and how should consultants advise our clients about planning for and adopting CTF?	<b>Andrew Newall (NEWag Consulting, Horsham, Victoria)</b>
11:40 – 12:10 30 mins	CTF in WA - experience of researchers and grain growers in the lighter soils of the West.	<b>Paul Blackwell (Senior Research Officer, Dept of Agriculture and Food, WA)</b>

12:10 – 12:35 25mins	What can CTF offer the horticultural industries?	John McPhee (Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture)
12:35 – 12:00 25min	CTF in drip irrigated tomatoes and pivot irrigated carrots - two very different soils, CTF an answer in both.	Christian Bannan (Director, South East Soil & Water, Inglewood, Vic)
12:00 – 13:00 60 mins	<b><i>Lunch - Networking and viewing trade displays and posters</i></b>	
	<b>Theme 2</b> <b>CTF: How could we? And what are the challenges?</b>	
13.00 – 13.40 40 mins	CTF on LRZ grain farms. The Great Debate: “Why I did”; “Why I haven’t”; “Why I might”.	Ross Watson, Mallee Farmer Alistair Murdoch, once an Agronomist, now a Farmer Mark Nulty, Mallee Farmer Matt Elliott, Consultant and Farmer Andrew Wylie, Wimmera/Mallee farmer
13:40 – 14.30 50 mins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The issue of scale: Making CTF work no matter what size.</li> <li>Farmers answer your questions from their experience with CTF machinery: type, size, scale, possible pitfalls.</li> </ul>	Wayne Chapman, CTF Solutions and farmer, plus panel of CTF farmers
14.30 – 15.00 30 mins	The new GRDC Project, “Application of controlled traffic in the low rainfall zone”. Overview and how to get involved as a farmer.	Chris Bluett, HRZ Consulting Melissa Cann, DEPI, Swan Hill Peter Fisher, DEPI, Tatura Darryl Pearl, DEPI, Mildura
15:00 – 15:30 30 mins	<b><i>Afternoon tea - Networking and viewing trade displays and posters</i></b> <b>OR</b> <b>20 minute workshop on getting involved in the GRDC LRZ project</b>	

15:30 – 16:30 60 mins	"Bells, whistles and toys" - The vital technologies: GPS & RTK; sensors; software; integration, UAVs, imagery	<b>Luke Young (Topcon)</b> <b>Grant Hausler (Geosciences Australia)</b> <b>Ray Gillinder (HELImetrex)</b> <b>Hayden Asmussen (DEPI, GPSnet)</b> <b>Wayne Chapman (Manager, ACTFA UAV Project)</b> <b>plus panel members</b>
16.30 – 17.00 20 mins	Observations on farmer attitudes to CTF in Canada and North and South Dakota, as gleaned from the 6 <sup>th</sup> World Congress on Conservation Agriculture and post-conference tour, June 2014	<b>Annieka Paridaen (Southern Farming Systems, Victoria)</b>
17:30 – 17:15 15 mins	Summary Day 1	<b>GRDC delegate TBA</b>
<b>18:30 – 20:00</b>	<b><i>Stefano's Brewery – Conference Dinner</i></b> <b><i>with Guest Speaker Stefano de Pieri</i></b>	

Thursday 28 August		
08:30 – 09:00 30 mins	<b>Annual General Meeting: Australian Controlled Traffic Farming Association Incorporated</b>	<b>Kim Russell, ACTFA EO</b>
09:00 – 9:30 30 mins	Background and future opportunities for CTF RD&E in the LRZ	<b>Vic No-Till Farming Assoc ACTFA</b>
9:30 – 10:00 30 mins	Welcome from the Hon Peter Walsh, MLA - Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, Minister for Water, Deputy Leader of the National Party and Member for Swan Hill	<b>The Hon Peter Walsh, MLA</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b> 30 mins	<b><i>Morning Tea - Networking and viewing trade displays and posters</i></b>	 <b>JOHN DEERE</b>
10:30 – 11:30 60 mins	Economics & financial aspects of CTF adoption	<b>Mark Branson (Farmer, Stockport, SA)</b>
11:30 – 12:15 45 mins	GRDC Speaker on negotiated topic	<b>GRDC speaker TBA</b>
12:15 – 12:40 25 mins	ACTFA, Where to from here?	<b>Kim Russell, ACTFA EO</b>
12:40 – 13:00 15 mins	What did we learn? Summary of CTF 2014.	
<b>13:00 – 13.30</b>	<b><i>Lunch</i></b> <b><i>Final opportunity for networking and viewing trade displays and posters.</i></b> <b><i>Delegates depart</i></b>	
	<b><i>Exhibitors dismantle displays</i></b>	
13:30 – 17:00	Optional. Tour of a CTF Farm in the Mallee plus possible visit to a sub-soil manuring site	<b>People wishing to attend MUST indicate their intention when registering</b>
13:50 – whenever	Optional. ACTFA Strategic Planning Session	

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