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Project Code	
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GROWER GROUP FINAL REPORT 2017

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PROJECT CODE	: UNF 217G
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EVENT TITLE	(10 words maximum)
Getting more from crop rotations; cereals, the new break crop?	

EVENT DURATION

*These dates **must** be the same as those stated in the Funding Agreement*

Event Start date	10/8/17	
Event End date	10/8/17	
SAGIT Funding Request	20017/18	

EVENT SUPERVISOR DETAILS

The project supervisor is the person responsible for the overall project

Title:	First Name:	Surname:
Miss	Hannah	Mikajlo

ADMINISTRATION CONTACT DETAILS

The Administration Contact is the person responsible for all administrative matters relating to the project

Title:	First Name:	Surname:	
Mrs	Mary	Timms	
Organisation:			
Upper North Farming Systems			
Mailing address:			
Telephone:	Facsimile:	Mobile:	Email:

EVENT REPORT

Provide clear description of the following:

Executive Summary (200 words maximum)

A few paragraphs covering what was achieved, written in a manner that is easily understood and relevant to SA growers. Report on the attendance at the event, relevant photos could also be attached. A number of key dot points should be included which can be used in SAGIT communication programs

On Thursday the 10th of August the UNFS gathered in the Institute Hall in Booleroo Centre for a full-day expo. The theme of the day was “Getting more from crop rotations: cereals, the new UN break crop?”. Attendees were given a series of presentations on pulse growing and marketing, pesticide regulations, recent trends in the wool industry and paddock temperature sensors. There was also a visit to a SARDI break crop trial site in the afternoon. Approximately 80 people attended the day.

- The 2017 UNFS Members Expo received very positive feedback.
- The morning session included presentations on growing pulses in the low rainfall zone, pulse grain marketing, pesticide regulations and practical tips for farmers, advances and trends in the wool industry, and temperature sensors and weather stations.
- In the afternoon, attendees travelled to a SARDI break crop trial site near Wilmington.
- Approximately 80 people attended the day, including many returning UNFS members as well as some new ones.
- The event was made possible through funding from SAGIT, GRDC and our valued sponsors.

Overall Performance

A concise statement indicating the extent to which the objectives were achieved, a list of personnel who participated in the Event including co-operators, and any difficulties encountered and the reasons for these difficulties.

The 2017 Members Expo was attended by approximately 80 people in total. The day was a huge success, with all the presentations as well as the field trip receiving highly positive feedback.

All members of the UNFS board and operations committee were involved in putting the day together. Outgoing UNFS chairman Barry Mudge and project officer Hannah Mikajlo gave a brief welcoming presentation. Speakers on the day included farmer and consultant Chris Crouch, Jamie Koch from Pinnacle Agri Business Services, consultant Peter Cousins, Adrian Dewell from Landmark Jamestown and Leighton Wilksch from Agbyte. SARDI representatives including Larn McMurray and Jenny Davidson led attendees through the SARDI break crop research site and explained the different trials.

Application / Communication of Results

A concise statement describing activities undertaken to communicate the results of the event to the grains industry. This should include:

- *Main findings of the event in a dot point form suitable for use in communications to farmers;*
- *Publications and extension articles delivered as part of the project*

Note that SAGIT may directly extend information from Final reports to growers. If applicable, attach a list of published material.

The 2017 UNFS Members Expo has generated extensive conversation and engagement of farmers and consultants within the Upper North region. Feedback for the event was highly positive.

Attendees were given a series of presentations on...

- Growing high-value pulses in the low rainfall zone
- Grain marketing
- Updated pesticide regulations and practical tips for farmers
- Recent advances and trends in the wool industry
- Paddock temperature sensors and weather stations

At the break crop site in the afternoon, SARDI representatives explained and discussed the trials, including...

- Many different varieties of field peas, beans, lentils, lupins, vetch, chickpeas and canola
- Different nutrition and fungicide management treatments

After the event, UNFS released a media statement (attached), which was published in the Jamestown Journal and the Flinders News.

POSSIBLE FUTURE EVENTS

Provide possible future plans of your Group arising from the project including potential for further work and partnerships.

The UNFS greatly appreciates SAGIT's sponsorship. One result of this project has been an increase in discussion and interest about growing high-value pulses in the region. We aim to continue helping farmers within the region to improve their productivity and profitability, and would be thankful for any further assistance from SAGIT to achieve this.

AUTHORISATION

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Position: Project Officer

Signature:

Date: 2/2/18

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