



# Central West Farming Systems

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## YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED – March 2005

### Sharon is our Showgirl!



Some good news. Sharon, representing her home town of Trundle, last week competed at the Sydney Royal Easter Show Showgirl Competition. Only 16 girls were chosen to compete at Sydney and SHARON CAME 2<sup>nd</sup>!!!! We're pretty excited for her. At present she is still at the Show fulfilling official duties with the winner, Ashley Wright-Hands from Berry. Here is a photograph taken of Sharon at the Presentation Ceremony. We think she scrubs up pretty well!

### NVT Application

CWFS were notified that we were unsuccessful in obtaining funding for the National Variety Testing. NSW DPI have some involvement in the program so there will be relevant trial data for new varieties, particularly wheat and barley.

### New Project Application

The GRDC funding for the current CWFS project (it funds all staff positions, trial sites, newsletters, Compendium, etc.) ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005. We submitted a new project proposal

(in late February) and we have heard that we should receive somewhere around about 2/3 of the funding we requested. We will have final details about this funding in early April. We will then know what staff positions will be refunded and which activities will continue.

It's a pretty difficult situation at the moment being "up in the air". Please be patient with us when we don't know the answers to your questions about funding and trials for 2005.

### Sowing H45

Gordon Murray, NSW DPI Plant Pathologist at Wagga Wagga, is requesting that people try not to sow wheat varieties with a low Stripe Rust resistance (Score of 1 e.g. H45). In the Stripe Rust outbreak in the 1980s, control was obtained by excluding sensitive varieties. He is hoping that the same can be achieved today. Let's hope we have an early break and we can make the choice not to sow H45.

### GRDC E-Concept

GRDC have developed a system where you can suggest to them your brilliant ideas for innovative research. On their web page ([www.grdc.com.au](http://www.grdc.com.au)) there is a form you can lodge at any time to let them know of your idea.

### CWFS AGM

Attendance at the AGM held on the 9<sup>th</sup> March was down on last year's – luckily we had no controversy to get everyone there! Our Executive Committee for 2005 are; Graham McDonald, Julie Greig, Chris Jones, Graeme Mason, John Rhodes, Stuart McDonald, Peter Gordon, Peter Stuckey, Roger Todd and Lawrence Higgins. Thanks to all for standing and welcome to the Committee.

Cath and Sharon

# THANK YOU

## Thank you to those who were on our Executive Committee for 2004.

We would like to pay a special thank you to Ian Menzies who has been a member of the Executive Committee since CWFS started in 1998. Ian sweated blood in the early years being the Treasurer, bill payer and money handler extraordinaire. I don't know how he found the time to do so much work. His wife, Jane, and his family also earn our thanks, because without their support we could not have used and abused Ian so much! Fortunately GRDC found extra money and Rob took on the work Ian had been doing. Ian has remained as Treasurer and has been an instrumental member of our Executive Committee. We will certainly miss him. Thanks Ian for all your hard work over the last 7 years.



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