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## OILSEEDS NEWS - MEDIA RELEASES

### CANOLA CONFERENCE NOT TO BE MISSED



**DON'T MISS OUT:** 15 July is the deadline for registration of a biennial canola research conference in Wagga this August. PHOTO: Felicity Pritchard.

With a major resurgence in canola plantings in Australia this year, now is the ideal time for farmers, advisers and researchers to catch up on the latest Australian research on canola.

The seventeenth Australian Research Assembly on Brassicas (ARAB) will be held from 15 to 17 August at Wagga Wagga, NSW, providing a field tour and a stellar line-up of expert speakers sharing their knowledge and latest research findings in all things canola.

Day one involves a tour of research facilities and trial sites around the Wagga Wagga Agricultural Institute, giving insight into background research to develop high yielding, disease resistant canola varieties and agronomic management for profitable crop rotations.

Participants will see first-hand research into drought tolerance, blackleg tolerance, canola root growth in an underground chamber, weed competition, herbicide tolerance and the work undertaken in laboratories.

Growers and advisers will benefit greatly from the third and final day of the conference, which covers a range of agronomic issues, including crop rotations, sowing time, row spacing, weed control, herbicide tolerant types, crop nutrition and windrowing. Canola quality and the fit of juncea canola and mustard will also be addressed that day.

The second day will cover canola and mustard breeding and pest and disease research.

Two keynote speakers on the program are Dr Rod Snowdon from the Justus Liebig University in Germany and Professor Graham King, now with Southern Cross University, formerly from Rothamsted, UK.

Organising Committee Chairman Don McCaffery said the conference will provide participants with a wealth of new knowledge by drawing on the extensive experience of presenters.

The conference is not to be missed by those wanting to learn more about canola production; the next opportunity won't come along for another two years and will be held in South Australia.

Participants can attend the entire conference or individual days but have only until 15 July to register.

Gold sponsors of the seventeenth ARAB are the Grains Research and Development Corporation, Australian Oilseeds Federation and MacSmith Milling from Manildra NSW.

For more information or to register, visit [www.australianoilseeds.com](http://www.australianoilseeds.com) and click on 'ARAB 2011'.

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