



# MVCB Weekly News

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### Growers Technical Field Day

Last week saw the reintroduction the SCG/MVCB Technical Field Day. It has been over ten years since the last one was held.

Murray Valley Citrus growers had access to an unprecedented panel of international experts over two days - 26 and 27 June.

Speakers included:

Dr Pat Barkley who has been involved with the Australian citrus industry for 47 years as a citrus pathologist with NSW DPI. Pat delivered a number of messages for growers to consider carefully. Pat was also presented with a special memento to recognise her contribution to the citrus industry over such a long period.



Dr Maria Forner-Giner is a citrus rootstock specialist who has been developing rootstocks for Spain. Maria is a second generation rootstock specialist, continuing in her fathers footsteps.

Joshua Kanonich has extensive experience in both mandarin and orange production and has completed post graduate studies in the use of plant growth regulators in mandarins.

Dr Eran Raveh is a plant physiologist, and has conducted work on interpretative standards for assessing leaf nutrient levels in citrus and girdling for crop regulation. Eran also celebrated his birthday on day two of the field day.

Dr Nir Carmi is a plant breeder, and has been involved in the development of popular mandarin varieties including Odem and seedless Daisy. Nir delivered his findings in a very humorous manner which was well received by growers.

Ben Barnett has extensive on ground experience in the establishment of 'shovel' ready solar projects and has worked in the Mallee for over 10 years. Bens presentation gained a lot of interest from growers with many questions flowing from the floor.

Our thanks also to Bill Robinson of MFC, Alan Whyte, Perry Hill MFC, David Daniels CAL, Tony Filippi MFC and Steve Falivene, Tahir Khurshid, Graeme Sanderson, Jeremy Giddings and Michael Treeby from NSW DPI.

Grower feedback on the quality of speakers was very pleasing. With over 190 grower

**Diary Dates:**

**26 June 2013**

Growers' Technical Field Day.

8:30am to 5:00pm

NSW DPI Research Station

registrations on day one of the field day the venue was at capacity. In addition to guest speakers, growers were also provided with four field walks during the afternoon at the NSW DPI Dareton research station to see the latest results of research being undertaken there.



Day two of the field day saw over 100 growers have more time for learning about some of the latest techniques for growing citrus from some of the worlds leading citrus researchers. Growers were provided with the opportunity to delve deeper into these techniques with a question and answer format that saw some terrific interaction with speakers.

Feedback from growers who attended both days has been very pleasing.

“The best two days I have invested off farm for many a year.”

“I learnt more today than I have in the last ten years.”

“When is the next one?”



There are many people to thank for all the work that went into making such an event the success it was. Firstly, the organizing committee who invested many months beforehand. NSW DPI Dareton for proving the venue and many staff to make everything work smoothly. The CWA ladies for some great catering which received many favourable comments. The MVCB and SCG for being major co funders along with HAL. All our sponsors but particularly Chisletts Nurseries our gold sponsor, plus silver sponsors Mildura Fruit Company and Victorian Citrus Farms. The staff of MVCB and in particular Mary Cannard our IDO.