

# WIG Soil Restoration Field Day



*L to R: Nick Kelly, Albert Sanders and Guest Speaker Colin Seis at the Field Walk on Hollands Track Farm.*

The Wheatbelt Integrity Group held their annual Soil Restoration Field Day at the Newdegate Bowling Club on Wednesday, 17th Oct., 2018. The event was well supported with 40 people in attendance. This years speaker was farmer Colin Seis from Gulgong, NSW.

The topics discussed included perennial pasture cropping, mixed species cover crops, the importance of stock in agriculture and the extensive research that has been conducted on 'Winona' (the Seis farm). There is always a living root system in the soil on 'Winona'. 'No one factors in the loss of production when the paddock is fallow' said Mr Seis.

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*NSW Farmer Colin Seis talking about perennial pasture cropping at the WIG Field Day.*

The discussion was followed by an afternoon field walk on Hollands Track Farm. Firstly, it was to look at a lupin crop that had been established into a living perennial pasture (gatton panic, rhodes grass, chicory and lucerne); secondly, finding native perennial grasses (such as wallaby grass) growing on Hollands Track Farm. Lastly, was a visit to see a relay crop/intercrop of winter canola (brazzil) and millet.

Many thanks to the Newdegate Bowling Club, the CWA ladies and all the attendees that came from far and wide to support the day.

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