

Change to contact details:

Horsham reception hours: 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Mon- Fri

Reception phone number: 03 4344 3111

Office hours update

The Horsham reception hours have been updated and now operate between 8:30am and 4:00pm. Anyone dropping samples at reception or calling in to department staff via the Horsham reception number should update their contact times.

Phone number update

The Horsham reception number has changed from 03 5362 2111 to 03 4344 3111 during a transition to VoIP. Please be aware that individual land lines may also have changed and may need to be updated. There will be a redirect in place for 3 months (until October) but we encourage everyone to update their phone book sooner rather than later.

Calls from Horsham department landlines will now register as no caller ID. CropSafe staff based at Horsham will be using mobile phones wherever possible to avoid this issue but please be aware that this affects the whole site including researchers.

Isolate collection

The pulse pathology team is stepping up their disease surveillance this year and are asking agronomists to send in samples of pulse diseases. In particular ascochyta blight and sclerotinia in chickpeas, faba beans and lentils. Bacterial blight in field peas is also being sought.

Pre-paid envelopes and sampling information can be obtained by contacting Dr Joshua Fanning joshua.fanning@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Agronomist training

The Horsham pathology group are running 3 one-day disease identification and management workshop designed for the junior and experienced agronomist in October this year. Hands on practical sessions will cover more than 20 crop diseases. Speakers will provide an introduction to disease identification and management along with the latest research findings.

Topics Covered in the Workshop Program include:

- Cereal disease and management
- Pulse diseases and management
- Canola diseases and management
- Soil-borne diseases
- Viral diseases
- Diagnostics
- Information tools available to the modern agronomist

Presenters include: Drs Grant Hollaway, Steve Marcroft, Mark McLean, Joshua Fanning, Piotr Trebicki and more. Guest speaker Dr Fran Lopez-Ruiz (Curtin University) will discuss fungicide resistance, what the current implications are and how to manage it.

Workshop participants will gain an understanding of why various disease management options work and how they can best be implemented.

All participants will receive a copy of the Crop Disease Manual – Fifty Years of Crop Protection (1968-2018)

Cost

Early bird registration \$150 until 10th September

Normal registrations after the 10th of September are \$190

Register today

<http://bit.ly/CropDiseaseTraining>