

# New directions for FREE Eyre

Around 140 farmers and others heard from a wide variety of speakers at a FREE Eyre update meeting last Friday.

Topics discussed included iron ore mining, oil mallee growing, soil health systems and producing prime livestock.

EP Grain's Tim Burrow and Emerald Australia group's Malcolm McMahon also discussed grain trading in the current climate as well as an update on FREE Eyre's joint venture grain trading company EP Grain.

Centrex Metals managing director Gerard Anderson talked about progress and opportunities on Eyre Peninsula, including the deep-sea port proposal and the Wilgerup mine.

Western Australia oil mallee grower and former WA Oil Mallee Association director Ian Stanley spoke of the opportunities for Eyre Peninsula.

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank's Peter O'Malley and Cummins District Community Bank manager Chris Miller gave an update on the global financial market and how it could affect Australia as an agriculture producer or exporter.

Meat and Livestock Australia director and Hillside Meats owner Peter Trefort talked about adding value to livestock. Soil health was also an issue and Norm Olson and Mike Tyrell of Beactivate Biodynamic Soil Health Systems gave a company outline and product update.

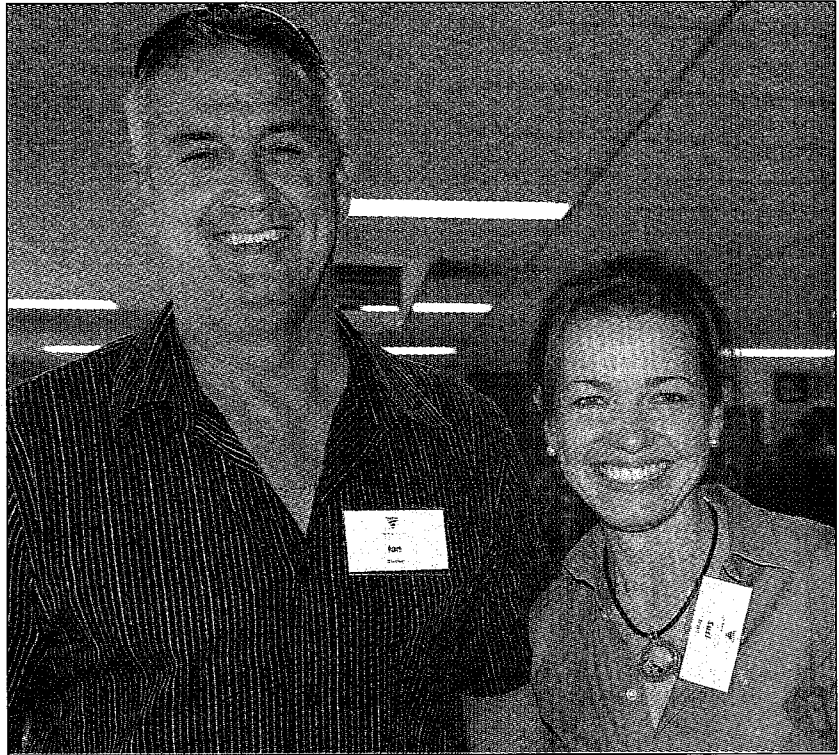
Free Eyre managing director Susi Tegen said there was a lot of interest in what Mr Olson said about soil health.

"Farmers are very concerned about the sustainability of their soils."

The mallee oil growing business was also of great interest, as Mr Stanley has 15 years of experience to share, Ms Tegen said.

"The meeting was very successful and it was great to have people interested in what the speakers were saying," she said.

"There's nothing like the fruits of our labour doing well."



FREE EYRE...The Free Eyre update meeting in Cummins was attended by around 140 farmers who listened with interest to Western Australia oil mallee farmer Ian Stanley, pictured with Free Eyre managing director Susi Tegen. *Eyre Peninsula Tribune, 26/2/09, pg 11*