



the **ARCHIBULL** PRIZE

CAREER SNAPSHOT



DAN FOX

DAN FOX USES
CONSERVATION FARMING TO
RUN A CROPPING ENTERPRISE
IN THE RIVERINA WITH THREE
GENERATIONS OF HIS FAMILY.

Dan Fox walks through his front door covered in ash. As part of the rural fire brigade he has been helping to put out a grass fire in a nearby paddock.

Over a welcome cup of tea Dan sits down with his parents, grandparents and fiancé to plan their grain harvest, which will start in earnest next week. Mechanics have serviced the trucks, a CASE IH technician has checked the GPS steering in a header and Dan himself has replaced worn bolts on the auger. Dan makes phone calls to his grain merchant to get quotes for the price of grain.

The family's discussions also includes plans to trial chaff lining where they will leave chaff and weeds behind after the harvest to decompose into the soil, rather than spread them back out onto the paddock to compete with next year's crop.

After lunch Dan meets with his agronomist and fellow farmers in a "show and tell" group. They share ideas and experiences as they pursue profitable, ethical and environmental farming excellence; and they visit trial sites to see the work of researchers and plant breeders.

At the end of the day Dan attends the local grain recieval site where he looks over grain handling and storage and learns of the harvest recieval standards for the grain he will soon deliver.

Dan's Mum Cathie is a photographer and she will chronicle the harvest as well as drive the chaser bin. Dan also shares his farming story with the wider community through The Archibull Prize. Later this week Dan will prepare a presentation for Sydney school students using the photos taken by Cathie as the centrepiece. Dan enjoys talking about his love of agriculture and Cathie's beautiful photos bring the presentations to life.

This is Dan's career in agriculture. What will yours be?

