Winter fallow crop trial & farm walk

Legume fallow cropping is widely adopted and most farmers take advantage of the nitrogen, cash input and soil improvement provided by a good soybean crop.

Other industries including sugarcane have been investigating the benefits of extending fallow cropping in the winter. How this can add more or catch the nitrogen fixed by summer legumes, contribute to weed management through ground cover, increase soil organic matter and promote beneficial rather than pathogenic organisms like nematodes as well as providing further cash return.

Ag Services and SRA in collaboration with Southern Cross University and Seed Force planted a 4.5ha winter fallow trial at the Dungarubba corporate farm in early May. The replicated trial includes:

- A blend of oats, peas, vetch, radish
- A blend of radish and rocket
- Fava beans and mustard
- Field peas on their own

If you are interested come to a farm walk at the Dungarubba farm on Thursday 19 July at 8am. (Dungarubba road, take the track on the eastern side of the concrete post plant)

Seb (SRA), Terry (SCU) and Mike (SeedForce) will be there to talk about the trial.