

SE FIELD DAYS AT LUCINDALE

Innovators show wares

IT took seven years to perfect but Adelaide inventor Mark Bradshaw's latest creation is sure to make the mundane task of taking out the rubbish easier.

His "wheelie bin connector" was among the variety of inventions which entertained curious visitors at the SE Field Days on Friday and Saturday.

Australian "Tin Dog" stock rattles designed to shift sheep and livestock and "The Bark Hut" a collapsible dog protection device for the back of utes were among the scores of inventions.

Mark said showcasing his invention at the local two-day event had sparked a lot of interest with potential customers.

The seven-year journey to the fruition of his "wheelie bin connector" began with a search to make the task of taking out the rubbish

easier as he suffered lower back problems.

Of his invention, Mark said: "It truly makes it 10 times easier."

"It takes the weight off the body and gets away from having to support all that weight and all you have to do is stand alongside the bin with a straight posture and guide it towards the destination."

The roving inventor said the wheelie bin connector, which has featured on Today Tonight, also doubled as storage for gardening equipment.

"It's all made in SA from all Australian materials."

Mark said the first-time showcase at the SE Field Days had received a positive response from his audience and had also generated interest in his next design; an attachment on cars to haul bins.

Another invention featuring at the SE Field Days has taken Aussie company Blue Lake Milling and oat growers a huge step towards effectivity.

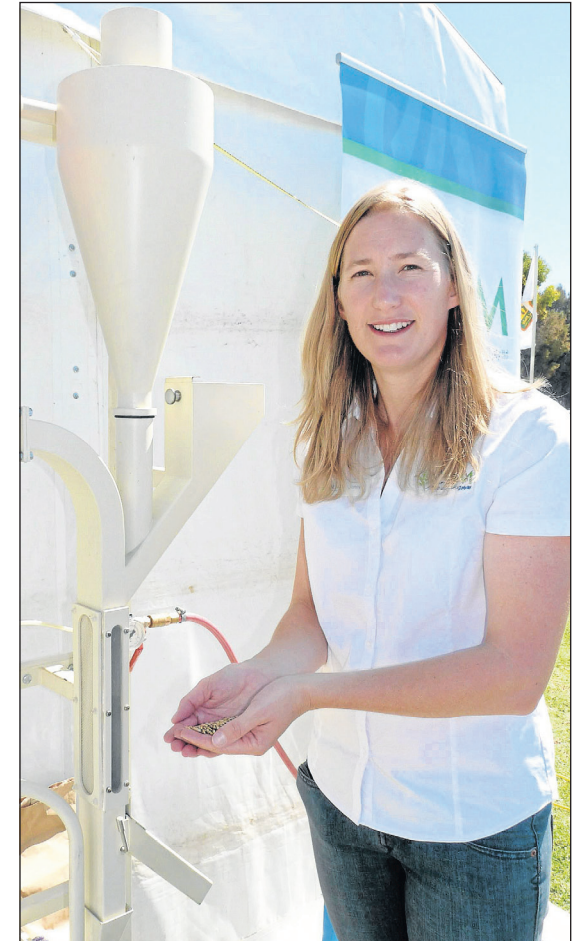
The Blue Lake Milling Oat Hulling Machine enables the company to get accurate information on milling oat samples.

The pilot machine which is located at the company's Bordertown production and grain warehousing facility is available to growers to pre-test their oat samples at any time.

Blue Lake Milling process improvements coordinator Jenny Tillbrook said it had been the first time the company had showcased the German designed machine which they have had for about two years.

She said the small scale machine allowed growers, using only a small sample, to see how much of the outer husk will come off to see the quality of oats inside.

"The process itself has existed for a long long time, but the machine on such a small, small scale is pretty new to SA."



Blue Lake Milling process improvements coordinator Jenny Tillbrook presents the pilot oat hulling machine at the Aussie Inventions section.