



Drought Hub Update

Stirlings to Coast Farmers, as a 'Drought Hub Node', provides guidance to the Nationally coordinated 'Future Drought Fund' on drought & climate resilience issues for the Albany Region.

WHAT'S NEW

LONG-TERM TRIALS GRANT ROUND OPEN NOW

The FDF has opened a new grant program early this year that will support long-term trials to build the drought resilience and profitability of cropping and grazing farmers. The \$40 million program will invest in trials until 2027-28 that test drought resilience practices and produce robust data on their effectiveness, so farmers can be confident to try it themselves. Head to the Australian Government Community Grants Hub for more information.

<https://www.grants.gov.au/Fo/Show?FoUuid=7f128956-39c3-4475-b602-9ba01b0f5a80>

SCF SUBMITS FDF EXTENSION AND ADOPTION GRANT APPLICATIONS

SCF has submitted two funding applications for this grant. The first is titled 'Demonstrating the benefits of hard-seeded, deep-rooted pasture legumes for increasing drought resilience in mixed farming systems throughout the Great Southern Region of Western Australia'. If successful, this project will deliver on-farm demonstrations, and conduct farmer field walks and bus tours to extend the benefits of hard-seeded, deep-rooted pasture legumes to improve the climate resilience of farming businesses.

The second project submitted is 'Adoption & extension of digital weather and soil moisture monitoring technologies to drive climate-resilient farming practices in the South-West Agricultural region of Western Australia'. The project identifies methods of building drought resilience through improved

weather monitoring & forecasting, soil moisture management & opportunistic land management practices.

CLIMATE GREAT SOUTHERN

The Climate Great Southern website is now live. Developed by Stirlings to Coast Farmers under funding support from the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund, Climate Great Southern acts as your one-stop location for current weather conditions, soil moisture levels, pasture forecasting and climate resources in the Great Southern region of Western Australia.

Our aim is simple. We want to create a drought resilience dashboard for the Great Southern region of WA and to provide tools & technologies to deliver adaptive and resilient land management practices.

**Head to
<https://climategreatsouthern.com.au/>
to check it out.**

To keep up to date with all that is happening with the South West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub and anything climate resilience related, check out their web page and subscribe to their newsletter here - <https://www.gga.org.au/activity/drought-hub/>

If you are interested in knowing more and being involved in project development for improving climate resilience in our local area, give Kathi McDonald (Albany Regional Node) a call on 0408 418 531 or email kathi.mcdonald@scfamers.org.au and check out the Albany Node webpage for further locally relevant information - <https://www.scfamers.org.au/swwadroughthub-albany>.

