

SCF appointed as a Regional Node Lead for SW WA Drought Hub

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SCF is pleased to announce our appointment as a Regional Node Lead Organisation for the SW WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub, led by the Grower Group Alliance (GGA).

Funded by the Australian Government's \$5 billion Future Drought Fund (FDF), the SW WA Hub has begun implementing activities such as the collaborative \$4 million WaterSmart Dams initiative, funded by the FDF and the State Government.

Led by the GGA, the Hub is utilising and leveraging the power of the GGA grower group network 'hub and spoke' model to facilitate greater innovation from 'the ground up'. Grower groups are among the Hub's more than 50 consortium partners, which represent all sectors of the WA agricultural supply chain and are providing cash and in-kind co-contributions. This focus on collaboration will enable the SW WA Hub to make agricultural research impactful and accessible, increasing innovation and commercialisation opportunities.

The Australian Government has expanded the remit of the SW WA Hub beyond drought resilience to agricultural innovation. However, drought resilience remains a core priority.

HUB GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The geographical area of the SW WA Hub extends far beyond what many Western Australians know as our South West region. Within this national project, the Hubs are organised into regional areas that broadly reflect the key agricultural and climatic zones across the country. The SW WA hub is essentially everything south of the Pilbara and includes what those in the agricultural industry know as the entire southern agricultural growing region of WA.

REGIONAL NODE LEADS

The South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub has appointed Regional Node Leads, which will provide guidance on priority issues impacting the drought and climate resilience of farming systems, their industries and communities. Through nominated managers, the Regional Node Leads will help link the Hub to end users by gathering and sharing knowledge, coordinating local activities and support Hub activities.

GOING FORWARD

Keep an eye on our social media for more information on upcoming opportunities for farmer consultation and feedback on project ideas for the drought resilience and innovation space. For more information on the SW Drought Hub and its activities, head to <https://www.gga.org.au/activity/drought-hub/>

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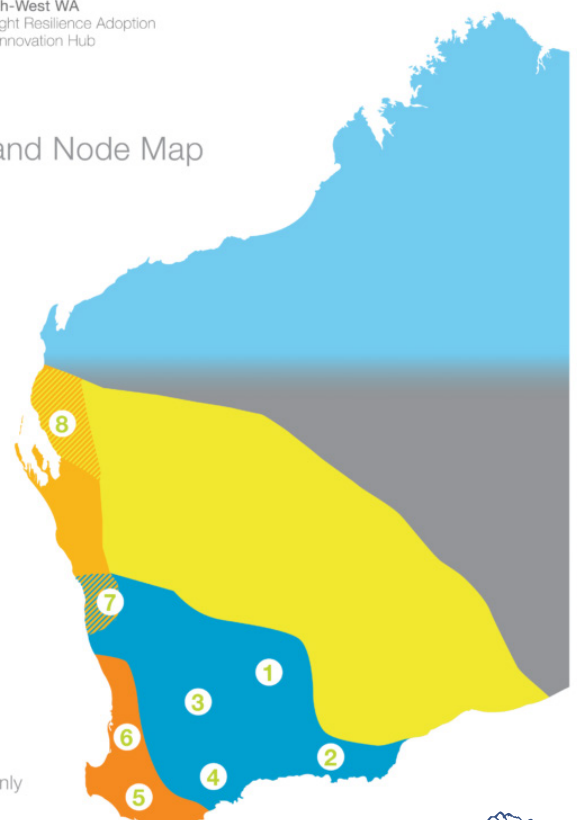


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Agro-Ecological Zone and Node Map

- 1 Merredin
Merredin and Districts Farm Improvement Group
- 2 Esperance
South East Premium Wheat Growers Association
- 3 Narrogin
Facey Group
- 4 Albany
Stirlings to Coast Farmers
- 5 Manjimup
Southern Forests Food Council
- 6 Bunbury
South West Catchments Council
- 7 Geraldton
Northern Agricultural Catchments Council
- 8 Carnarvon
Rangelands NRM Co-ordinating Group



Map not to scale. Illustration purposes only