



Drought Hub Update

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Future Drought Fund (FDF) – What is it?!

The Future Drought Fund (FDF) provides secure, continuous funding (\$5 billion committed Nationally) for climate resilience initiatives to help Australian farmers and communities prepare for the impacts of changing climate and importantly, drought. The four key focus areas include harnessing innovation, better risk management, more resilient communities, and improved land management.

Read more here - <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/farm-food-drought/drought/future-drought-fund>

Stirlings to Coast Farmers’ Role as a ‘Drought Hub Node’

The role of SCF as a ‘drought hub node’ is to assist the Grower Group Alliance (GGA), which leads the Drought Hub for South-West WA, by providing regional guidance on priority issues impacting drought and climate resilience of local farming systems, industries and communities. SCF will play a lead role in gathering and sharing knowledge with the local community and coordinating/supporting local climate resilience activities.

Regional drought resilience plans released

Regional Drought Resilience Plans have been released under the FDF-funded Regional Drought Resilience Planning program. They identify actions that will enable regional communities to prepare for drought and complement priorities identified by the South-West WA Drought Hub.

Public consultation was undertaken for the plans from 28 September - 21 October 2022. Links to the plans and more information about the Regional Drought Resilience Planning program are available on the DPIRD website.

More information about the Great Southern regional drought resilience plan can be found here - <https://www.gsdca.wa.gov.au/project/regional-drought-resilience-plan/>

Climate services for agriculture updated

The FDF’s Climate Services for Agriculture (CSA) platform has been updated. Improvements give more farmers new climate insights, and for more commodities. CSA provides farmers with historical climate data, seasonal forecasts, and future climate projections to 5km2.

See how climate variability could impact on your farm here - <https://climateservicesforag.indraweb.io/>.
View the video here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nzHycGpRPs>

New functionality for farmer tool

The FDF Drought Resilience Self-Assessment Tool (DR.SAT) has been updated after consultation across eight Australian agricultural regions. Improvements to the free tool include more commodities and regions. Assess your farm’s resilience here - <https://www.drseat.com.au/>

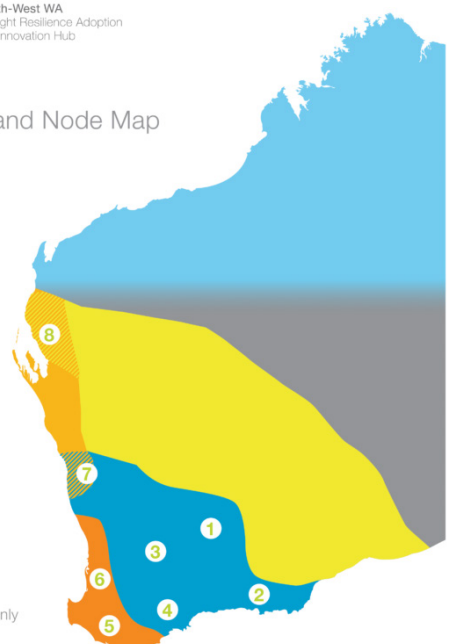
To keep up to date with all that is happening with the South West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub and anything climate resilience related, check out their web page and subscribe to their newsletter here - <https://www.gga.org.au/activity/drought-hub/>

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.



South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub
Agro-Ecological Zone and Node Map

- 1 Merredin
Merredin and Districts Farm Improvement Group
- 2 Esperance
South East Premium Wheat Growers Association
- 3 Narrogin
Farcy 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
Rangeroos NRM Co-ordinating Group



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