

## Network Meeting Summary

The Albany Regional Cropping Solutions Network (RCSN) met in Bremer Bay on 11 February 2015. The meeting was well attended and provided a valuable forum for the exchange of information regarding GRDC activities and RCSN projects.

The meeting included a series of guest speakers including:

- **Susan Hill and Gemma Walker** – GRDC Western Panel members – who presented on the GRDC investment cycle and upcoming activities.
- **Peter Baines** – Hands Across the Water – who presented on leadership in challenging circumstances and provided great insight into his former roles of police officer and forensic examiner in international crisis situations.
- **Sally Peltzer** – DAFWA – who presented on herbicide resistance in the Albany port zone.
- **Francis Ogbonnaya** – GRDC – who presented an overview of the GRDC National Frost Initiative.
- **Ben Biddulph and Brenton Leske** – DAFWA – who presented an update on the Frost Yield Project.

All of the guest presenters were well received and provided a basis for valuable discussion, reflection and information sharing.

### Other activities undertaken on the day included:

- Wrap up of 2014 harvest experiences and issues.
- Review of the feedback received via the online RCSN survey.
- Review of the progress of short term RCSN projects relevant to this port zone facilitated by Julianne Hill.
- Group analysis of current local priorities affecting productivity and profitability to guide the next round of short term projects and feed into the GRDC external investment plan. Priorities areas discussed included:
  - Acidity at depth
  - Glyphosate resistance
  - Development of a Nitrogen app
  - Non wetting soils
  - Frost
  - Nematodes
  - Varieties.

Additionally, Roger States, the new Western Regional General Manager, provide an update and overview on the next iteration of the Regional Cropping Solutions Network as the current contract is due to end on 30 June 2015.

### Next Meeting and Further Details

The next meeting of the network will be held in July/August 2015.

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