

## Network Meeting Summary

The Kwinana East Regional Cropping Solutions Network (RCSN) met at the Bonnie Rock Hall on 19 February 2015.

The meeting included a series of guest speakers including:

- **John Even** – GRDC Western Panel member – who presented on the GRDC investment cycle and upcoming activities, along with insight into new roles that would form part of the support system for RCSN in the future.
- **Bob Nixon and Nick Gillett** – Nuffield Scholars – who presented an update on the progress, learning and experiences of their Nuffield Scholarship activities.
- **Brady Green** – Yuna Farm Improvement Group – who presented on how a farm advisory board has assisted them to move their farm forward, particularly in adopting Controlled Traffic Farming (CTF) as a farming practice.
- **Andy Duncan and family** – Iluka Trust – who presented on their approach to farm and family succession planning.
- **Peter Morrison** – GRDC – who presented on matching inputs to soil types, including themes and projects that relate to this area from a GRDC perspective.

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:
  - Rotations and break crops
  - Business management
  - Soil moisture
  - Amelioration
  - Sub soil constraints
  - Variety specific trials
  - Weeds.

### Next Meeting and Further Details

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

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