

## Network Meeting Summary

The Kwinana West Regional Cropping Solutions Network (RCSN) met at the Dowerin Community Club on 22 July 2015. This meeting followed on from an RCSN open meetings held the night prior which enabled members of the general public of the port zone to come together to discuss, identify and workshop the priority areas affecting their profitability. A summary of the open meeting can be found at: [www.rcsn.net.au/open-meetings.html](http://www.rcsn.net.au/open-meetings.html). This RCSN meeting included a series of guest speakers including: **John Even** (Western Panel Member) who provided an update on recent GRDC activities; and **Roger States** (GRDC Grower Services Manager) who provided an overview and update on the next iteration of the RCSN initiative and general GRDC changes. Additionally, the following project updates were provided by guest speakers:

- **Shaun Moriarty (Muresk)** who provided an update on the activities at Muresk.
- **Greg Shea (DAFWA)** who provided an update on the focus paddock project.

All of the guest presenters were well received and provided a basis for valuable discussion, reflection and information sharing. **Other activities undertaken at the meeting included:**

- Wrap up of 2015 seeding experiences and issues.
- Review of the priorities identified at the open meeting and identification of any gaps.
- Review of the progress of short term RCSN projects relevant to this port zone.
- Update on RCSN member representation on the National Variety Trials, Soils Initiative and Frost projects.
- Building on the open meeting priorities and working up of top six priority issues as ranked by the RCSN members with a view to creating future short term projects for the port zone – see table below.

Top 9 Issues (Open Mtg)	Top 9 Issues (Closed Mtg)	RCSN (Closed) Meeting Actions on top issues
Utilising rainfall (21%)	Rotations (22%)	Potential for 1-3 year port zone related project activities - priority worked up at closed meeting.
Financial management (13%)	Machinery (15%)	Potential for 1-3 year port zone related project activities - priority worked up at closed meeting.
Weeds (13%)	Utilising rainfall (14%)	Potential for 1-3 year port zone related project activities - priority worked up at closed meeting.
Communications (tech) (12%)	Compaction (13%)	Existing national initiative on this area. However, potential for 1-3 year port zone related project activities - priority worked up at closed meeting
Rotations (9%)	Soil pH (12%)	Existing national initiative on this area. However, potential for 1-3 year port zone related project activities - priority worked up at closed meeting.
Soil pH (9%)	Weeds (10%)	Existing national initiative on this area. However, potential for 1-3 year port zone related project activities - priority worked up at closed meeting.
Soil disease (8%)	Disease (8%)	No further project development at this stage but will remain on the RCSN priority list.
Compaction (7%)	Non wetting (6%)	No further project development at this stage but will remain on the RCSN priority list.
Machinery (7%)	GM (2%)	No further project development at this stage but will remain on the RCSN priority list.

All issues raised at the Open Meetings will continue to have presence at the RCSN discussion table and will be forwarded to the GRDC Western Panel for continued visibility as port zone related issues that feed into existing or future national initiatives. **For further details on the RCSN**, please visit [www.rcsn.net.au](http://www.rcsn.net.au) or contact the RCSN Facilitator, Julianne Hill on [regionalcroppingsolutions@gmail.com](mailto:regionalcroppingsolutions@gmail.com) or via 0447 261 607.