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RECENT projects

GOVERNANCE TRAINING FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT GROUPS

Offered by GGA with sponsorship support from CBH group, the annual governance workshops held this year in Perth and Esperance mid June had capacity increased to cater for 25-30 participants due to popular demand. For those unable to get to in-person workshops, a governance e-course was quickly filled with over 50 participants. Launched in mid-April, the six-module online option will conclude in September.

Meanwhile, the six part governance podcast 'Let's Talk Governance' designed for new recruits needing immediate training in between when the workshops are run remains available as a supporting resource at any time.

Find it at gga.org.au



GET YOUR EVENTS SEEN ON THE GGA EVENT CALENDAR

Grower groups can now complete an online form with the details of their event, for inclusion in the GGA events calendar.

The GGA events calendar is a comprehensive guide to what's on across the WA agricultural sector. It's also a great resource for those planning an event, allowing organisers to spread events evenly across the year and avoid clashes that might fragment audiences.

Find the form under calendar at gga.org.au

GROWER GROUPS SUPPORTED WITH A STRATEGIC PLAN SUBSIDY

Grower groups showed an appetite for working on their vision and focus when GGA offered network members a 75% subsidy towards engaging a consultant to prepare a strategic plan for their group.

A dozen grower groups – from the Gascoyne to the Wheatbelt to the South Coast – took up the offer that saw GGA contribute almost \$47,000 in consultancy fees.

Those contributions have allowed the participating organisations to firm up their purpose and focus areas over the next three to five year period. A strong strategic plan helps grower groups achieve unity, direction, engage new and existing members and make a higher impact.

PARTNERING ESSENTIALS COURSE

Several GGA staff and some grower group representatives recently trialled an online Partnering Essentials course taught by Ian Dixon, Dixon Partnering Solutions from South Australia.

The GGA team was scoping the course for potential inclusion as a regular feature in the GGA Capacity Building Program.

The content was highly relevant in the grower group context in which collaborations are common and multi layered partnerships need to be formed, navigated and maintained. GGA offered a 50% subsidy to the GGA Network to participate, which was taken up by Belinda Lay from the new EZI Group in Esperance and Leonie McMahon from the Fitzgerald Biosphere Group.

CURRENT projects

WA FARM DATA SHARING PROJECT

After 10 months in the making, the GGA has sign-off for WA's first data sharing project, designed to help growers make more sophisticated investment decisions using their own farm data.

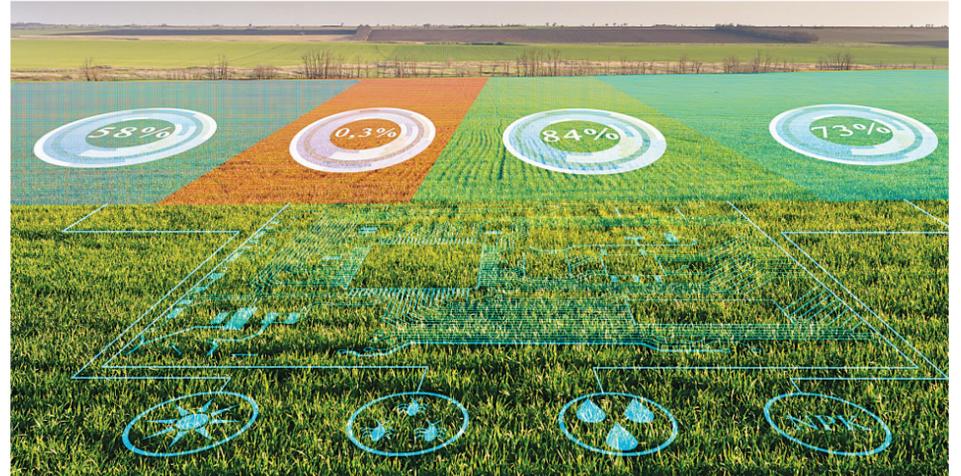
A partnership between GGA, DPIRD and Curtin University, the project was developed in consultation with grower groups, growers, agronomists, farm consultants, agtech and data providers.

The project involves the creation of a whole of farm Monte Carlo simulation model that ingests farm management

records and generates thousands of scenarios, allowing the model to account for seasonal variability in weather and commodity prices. This offers more certainty, revealing optimal strategies and associated risks.

Initially the model will assess an optimal liming strategy. It could later be adapted for property valuations and securing banking loans, insurance evaluations or further soil amelioration investments.

See more at gga.org.au



GGA FORUM 2021: THE NETWORK BUILDING EVENT – 22 & 23 JULY



Registrations are open to the industry for GGA Forum 2021, the flagship network building conference for the Grower Group Alliance.

The annual event will be held at the Aloft Hotel in Rivervale, uniting the WA Grower Group network with the wider agricultural industry in a program of inspiring information sessions and valuable networking opportunities.

The main conference is on Friday 23 July, and features guest speakers from across the country delivering information-packed sessions.

The event's vision is to be a place where today's ag industry leaders connect with tomorrow's, helping delegates forge cross-sector industry

links. To this end, a series of networking events has been arranged around the main content. There's a tag-a-long oat processing plant tour and evening gala cocktail party on Thursday 22 July, a business luncheon and a sundowner to round-out Friday's program. All parts of the program can be purchased separately from \$50 for lunch.

The event is sponsored by Rural Bank and CBH Group.

Full program details and registrations are at gga.org.au



PROGRESS ON DROUGHT HUB

The Grower Group Alliance is the lead organisation for the \$8 million government investment for the South West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub, one of eight national hubs designed to transform the way producers and communities prepare for and respond to drought.

GGA has been recruiting for Hub leadership and project management roles. Public information forums and federal consultation workshops have been attended by stakeholders from grain, livestock, dairy, horticulture and viticulture.

The nationwide 'Building the Foundations of Drought Resilience' Forum has just wrapped up with the main program beamed from Canberra and local attendees gathering at the SW WA hub headquarters at Merredin Dryland Research Institute.

The Hub's aim is to develop farmer-centred drought innovation and adoption practices over a period of four years. More than 40 partners have provided co-contributions of over \$12 million. Three new tenders will soon be advertised.

More details at gga.org.au



CURRENT **projects** cont'd

GETTING HANDS-ON WITH PRECISION AGRICULTURE



GGA in conjunction with GRDC and SPAA are offering a series of Precision Agriculture (PA) workshops that work directly with eight grower groups and their growers particular needs.

The workshops bring together local dealers, PA experts and software providers to demonstrate Precision Agriculture using existing tools. Activities include getting data in and out of monitors, creating prescriptions, setting up management trees and paddock boundaries. Workshop content varies according to location.

This is the second round of workshops in the series and is open to new and returning grower participants, with no experience or prior attendance necessary. The workshops run until August.

Visit the Brokered Programs page at gga.org.au for location details.

HELP FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF AG WORKERS

The Morawa Farm Improvement Group has teamed up with Rabobank to provide a \$2000 boarding scholarship to year 10 students attending WA College of Agriculture in Morawa.

The scholarship targets students who are passionate to learn more about agriculture who are facing financial hardship. It's also designed to offer help to students who might not be from a farming background, but are keen to take a place at the college.

Applications are via the college website, or phone 9971 1158 for more information.

GOOD TO GREAT PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP 20 AUGUST

Esther Jones will return for a full-day public speaking training workshop for 25 agriculture industry delegates in Perth on 20 August.

Aimed at those whose roles put them in the spotlight – Grower Group Chairs, Executive Officers or Extension delivery staff – the workshop will help lift the public speaking game of both rookies and experienced speakers. Standby for details on GGA website.

GROWING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP



Applications close 31 July for the Growing Leaders Scholarship.

Thanks to sponsorship from CBH Group, GGA has two scholarships valued at \$15,500 to award to network members.

The scholarships place recipients into the 2022 Leadership WA Signature Program, which is aimed at high performing senior leaders looking to develop their own courageous, powerful, and authentic leadership during a 10-month program that includes people from across WA industries and sectors.

Visit the Capacity Building page at gga.org.au for more details.

WELCOME TO GGA NEW MEMBERS (Approved by GGA Board 1 June 2021)

WA Livestock Research Council Inc (Associate)

The WALRC was initiated by Meat and Livestock Australia to improve consultation with levy payers and industry stakeholders for the WA agricultural region and southern rangelands. The Council reviews R&D project proposals and identifies those that best respond to the needs of southern region WA red meat producers.

walrc.com.au

Esperance Zone Innovation (EZI) Group

Based on a premise that Agtech adoption can help producers with improved production, co-founders Belinda Lay and Wes Lawrence have devised an 8 pillar framework to help define process surrounding Agtech implementation.

AgZero 2030

A group of WA farmers, primary industry professionals and organisations promoting positive responses to climate change. AgZero2030 sees a future where WA primary industries increasingly contribute solutions to the challenges of climate change, pursuing net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

agzero2030.org.au

South West Catchments Council

The South West Catchments Council has been the peak Regional Natural Resource Management (NRM) organisation for the South West since 2001. It works in partnership with the community to ensure that iconic landscapes, waterways, coastline and agricultural land are protected for current and future generations.

swccnrm.org.au

Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen's Association

The KPCA is a not-for-profit organisation whose vision is to support and promote a resilient, profitable and sustainable beef industry. Its mission is to maximise the value of the northern beef industry through accessing innovation, building capacity and achieving industry influence.

www.kpca.net.au

Oil Mallee Association of Australia

The OMA is an industry body sustained through the efforts of its members and supported by grants and collaborations. OMA promotes the use of oil mallees (genetically improved native eucalypts) for integrated agro-forestry and sustainable land management practices.

www.oilmallee.org.au

GGA NETWORK

GROWER GROUP MEMBERS

- Agricultural Women Wheatbelt East (AWWE)
- Association for Sheep Husbandry Excellence Evaluation & Production Inc (ASHEEP)
- Certified Organic Biodynamic Western Australia Inc (COBWA)
- Corrigin Farm Improvement Group
- Esperance Zone Innovations (EZI)
- Facey Group
- Far East Agricultural Region (FEAR)
- Fitzgerald Biosphere Group
- Gascoyne Catchments Group
- Gillamii Centre
- Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen's Association
- Liebe Group Inc (LIEBE)
- Lower South West Grower Group
- Merredin & Districts Farm Improvement Group (MADFIG)
- Mingenew Irwin Group (MIG)
- Moora Miling Pasture Improvement Group
- Morawa Farm Improvement Group
- Mortlock Ag Focus Group
- Mullewa Dryland Farmers Initiative
- Noongar Land Enterprise Group
- North Stirlings Pallinup Natural Resources
- Northern Agri Group
- Nyabing Farm Improvement Group
- O'Connor Research Group
- Oil Mallee Association of Australia
- Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN)
- South East Premium Wheat Growers Association (SEPWA)
- Southern Dirt Incorporated
- Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance
- Stirlings to Coast Farmers
- Toodyay Agricultural Alliance
- WA Hemp Growers' Co-op Ltd
- WA No-Tillage Farming Assoc (WANTFA)
- West Midlands Group
- Western Australian Lot Feeders Association
- Western Beef Assoc Inc
- Women in Farming Inc
- Yuna Farm Improvement Group

ASSOCIATE GROUP MEMBERS

- Bruce Rock Land Conservation District Committee
- Holt Rock Group
- Jerdacuttup Top Crop and Pasture Improvement Group
- Kellerberrin Demonstration Group
- Lakes Grower Group
- Lakes Information & Farming Technology (LIFT)
- Living Farm Grower Group
- Northern Australia Crop Research Alliance Pty Ltd (NACRA)
- Three Springs Farm Innovation Network (3FIN)

NETWORK PARTICIPANTS

- Bugs & Biology
- Carnamah Land Conservation District Committee
- Compass Agricultural Alliance
- Dumbleyung Landcare Inc
- East Wagin Top Crop Group
- Evergreen Farming
- Gascoyne Food Council Inc
- Munglinup Local Farmer Group
- Neridup Soil Conservation Group
- North Mallee Farm Improvement Group
- Sandstone Sustainability & Development Group
- Society of Precision Agriculture Australia (SPAA)
- Southern Forests Community Landcare Inc
- The Sheeps Back
- Wandering Productivity Group
- Wheatbelt Integrity Group (WIG)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- AgZero
- Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants (AAAC)
- Gate 2 Plate Inc.
- Grain Industry Association of Western Australia Inc (GIWA)
- Julianne Hill
- Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
- Rural Edge
- South West Catchments Council
- Western Australian Livestock Research Council (WALRC)

To connect with your local grower group visit gga.org.au

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