

R&D PROJECT NEWS (CONTINUED)

SWEET LUPIN ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED

THE Sweet Lupin Association (SLA) has been established to spearhead the promotion of ‘Australian lupin bean’ as a sustainable and healthy food source. Establishment of the SLA, which is led by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), has been supported by the SW WA Hub via the Australian Government’s Agricultural Innovation Hubs Program. Despite being predominantly grown in WA for stock feed or on-farm use, Australian lupin bean – also known as Australian Sweet Lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius*) – remains relatively unknown to the global food industry and consumers. The SLA aims to address this hurdle by raising awareness about its unique nutritional and health benefits.

HARVEST LOSSES IN 2022/23 SEASON EXCEED ACCEPTABLE THRESHOLDS

FINDINGS from the 12-month GRDC investment have been compiled from a study conducted across 65 sites for eight crop varieties during harvest 2022/23. Research measuring the scale of grain and profit lost during the 2022/23 harvest found Western Australian growers left an estimated \$320m of grain in paddocks from front and other machine losses across cereal, canola and grain legume crops. Read more at the project page on the GGA website.



SOILBORNE PATHOGENS IN WINTER CEREALS PROGRAM NOW COMPLETE

THE national extension Soilborne Pathogens in Winter Cereals program is now complete. Led by FarmLink and assisted by GGA in WA, the project aimed to develop resources and manuals for growers through the targeted diagnosis of soilborne pathogens. A full list of resources can be found within the Project Updates on the GGA project webpage.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

GGA FORUM23 TICKETS ON SALE NOW

EARLYBIRD tickets are now on sale for GGA Forum23, to be held on July 27 to 28 at Joondalup Resort. Forum is GGA’s bi-annual flagship event open to both industry and the GGA network. The program starts with a big Welcome Cocktail Party on Thursday evening, with the main conference day on Friday - tickets start from \$130 with a new Friday conference \$65 student rate. GGA’s Forum is where today’s ag leaders connect with tomorrow’s, and where the GGA network connects with each other and the wider industry. Not to be missed, register via the GGA webpage.



GROWING LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP 2024 APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

APPLICATIONS are open for the 2024 Growing Leaders Scholarship. The renowned scholarship program supported by CBH group is an opportunity for two grains industry participants to be placed in Leadership WA’s 10 month Signature Leadership program. The program aims to guide senior leaders to develop their authentic leadership style, and self-mastery. Applications close September 4 for this intake. Apply via the GGA website.



GOVERNANCE E-COURSE

A SELF paced e-course ideal for new or experienced committee members or staff of not-for-profit groups will commence on August 1. The online governance course comprising six modules and around 12 hours of content is split over six weeks. The course is aimed at not-for-profit Board members that struggle to get out of the regions for training and prefer smaller portions of home-based learning. Supported by the CBH Group the course is also open to regional not-for-profit community group volunteers. Registrations are open now. Find out more about the course and enrol via the GGA website.



GROWERS - EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST IN STUDY TOUR

ARE you a grower interested in thinking ‘outside the box’ while viewing new approaches to soil and water productivity, different ways of unlocking plant potential and examples of efficient input use? Then you are invited to express your interest in joining a five-day study tour organised by the SW WA Hub - looking at innovative approaches to drought resilience in South Australian broadacre agriculture - from Sunday, September 17, to Friday, September 22. For more information and to express your interest, go to the Hub website accessible via the GGA webpage.



WELCOME TO GGA NEW MEMBERS
Browse all our members by heading to the ‘Grower Groups’ tab at gga.org.au

CARNARVON RANGELANDS BIOSECURITY ASSOCIATION INC

The Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association is a not-for-profit association formed under the Associations Incorporation Act 2015, providing declared pest control assistance for land managers throughout Shark Bay, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Murchison, and Upper Gascoyne Shires, along with those pastoral properties below the State Barrier Fence in the Shire of Northampton and City of Greater Geraldton (Locality of Mullewa). More at <https://www.crba.org.au/>

EASTERN WHEATBELT BIOSECURITY GROUP

Established in 2000 then transitioned to a recognised Biosecurity group in 2015. The Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group now covers eleven shires of Merredin, Nungarin, Westonia, Yilgarn, Trayning, Mukinbudin, Kulin, Kondinin, Narembene, Lake Grace, Mount Marshall. Controlling Wild Dogs and Declared Pests in the Eastern Wheatbelt has been a focus plus the removal of a large number of cats and foxes from the control area which has led to a resurgence of native animals and birds in the control area. More at <https://www.ewbg.com.au/>

HILLS ORCHARD IMPROVEMENT GROUP

With its 120 members, the Hills Orchard Improvement Group is still growing and focused on highlighting the agricultural area of the Perth Hills and other areas of Western Australia. Its members know the value of having something locally grown for their local community and wish to share it with the broader community. More at <http://perthhillsfestival.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)
- Compass Agricultural Alliance
- Corrigin Farm Improvement Group
- Esperance Zone Innovation Group (EZI)
- Facey Group
- Far Eastern Agricultural Research Group (FEAR)
- Fitzgerald Biosphere Group
- Future Food Producers Group
- Gascoyne Catchments Group
- Gillamii Centre
- Hills Orchard Improvement Group
- Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen’s Association
- LIEBE Group
- Lower South West Grower Group
- Merredin & Districts Farm Improvement Group (MADFIG)
- Mingenew Irwin Group
- 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)
- Society of Precision Agriculture Australia (SPAA)
- South East Premium Wheat Growers Association (SEPWA)
- Southern Dirt Incorporated
- Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance
- Stirlings to Coast Farmers
- Sweeter Banana Co-operative
- Three Springs Farm Innovation Network (3FIN)
- Toodyay Agricultural Alliance
- Turf Growers Association of Western Australia (Inc.)
- WA Hemp Growers’ Co-op Ltd
- WA No-Tillage Farmers Assoc (WANTFA)
- WA Regenerative Livestock Producers
- West Midlands Group
- Western Australian Lot Feeders Association
- Western Beef Assoc Inc
- Wheatbelt Integrity Group (WIG)
- Women in Farming Inc
- Yuna Farm Improvement Group

ASSOCIATE GROUP MEMBERS

- Broomehill Cropping Group
- Bruce Rock Land Conservation District Committee
- Dumbleyung Land Conservation District Committee
- Holt Rock Group
- Jerdacuttup Top Crop and Pasture Improvement Group
- Lakes Grower Group
- Lakes Information & Farming Technology (LIFT)
- Living Farm Grower Group
- Northern Australia Crop Research Alliance Pty Ltd (NACRA)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- AgZero 2030
- Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants (AAAC WA)
- Bee Industry Council WA (BICWA)
- Carnarvon Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc
- Central Wheatbelt Biosecurity Association
- Eastern Wheatbelt Biosecurity Group
- Gascoyne Food Council Inc
- Gate 2 Plate Inc.
- Goldfields Nullarbor Rangelands Biosecurity Association Inc
- Grain Industry Association of Western Australia Inc (GIWA)
- Julianne Hill
- Northern Biosecurity Group Inc.
- Peel Harvey Biosecurity Group
- RegenWA
- Rural Edge
- South West NRM
- Southern Biosecurity Group
- Southern Forests Community Landcare
- Southern Forests Food Council
- Torbay Catchment Group
- TrialCo Pty Ltd
- VegetablesWA
- WA Citrus
- WA Future Food Network
- Wagin Woodanilling Landcare Zone
- Western Australian Livestock Research Council (WALRC)
- Wines of WA

NETWORK PARTICIPANTS

- Bugs & Biology
- East Wagin Top Crop Group
- Evergreen Farming
- Munglinup Local Farmer Group
- Neridup Soil Conservation Group
- North Mallee Farm Improvement Group
- The Sheeps Back
- Wandering Productivity Group

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