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# Future Drought Fund

## South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub



The South-West WA Hub is led by the Grower Group Alliance. The hub will develop farmer-centred drought innovation and adoption practices in South-West Western Australia.

### Funding

The Australian Government will contribute \$8 million over 4 years through the Future Drought Fund. Hub partners will provide co-contributions of over \$12 million.

### Locations

The core site is at the Merredin Dryland Research Institute. Hub nodes are in Carnarvon, Geraldton, Northam, Bunbury, Manjimup, Albany, Katanning and Esperance.

### Key industries

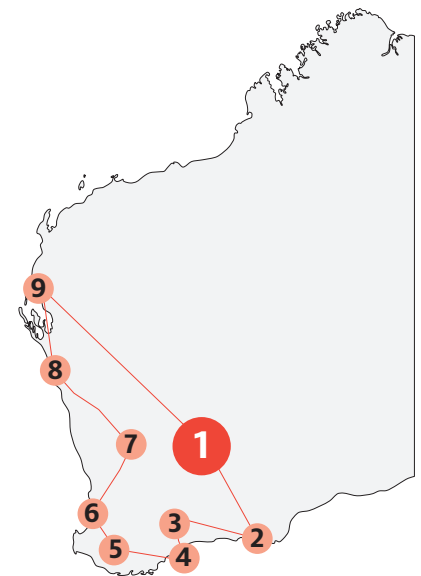
*Key industries include grain, sheep, beef, dairy, viticulture and horticulture.*

### Major focus

The South-West WA Hub will focus on drought-resilience activities that use innovative technology to transform farming systems.

The hub will put farmers and communities at the centre of agrifood innovation. It will create pathways for producers to input into how research is applied on the ground. This will speed up innovation and adoption, making Western Australia more resilient, productive and competitive in the face of future drought.

### South-West WA Hub locations



- 1** South-West WA Hub  
Merredin Dryland Research Institute
- 2** Esperance node
- 3** Katanning node  
Katanning Research Station
- 4** Albany node
- 5** Manjimup node  
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- 6** Bunbury node
- 7** Northam node  
Northam Research Station
- 8** Geraldton node
- 9** Carnarvon node  
Carnarvon Research Station

The hub's vision is to encourage innovation, adoption, and entrepreneurship. This will better position Western Australia in the global agricultural innovation landscape.

## South-West WA Hub leaders

Interim Hub Director: Graham Smith

Knowledge Broker: To be appointed

## Hub members

Agricultural Women Wheatbelt East, Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre Ltd, Bruce Rock Land Conservation District Committee, Bureau of Meteorology, College of Extension, Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd, Corrigin Farm Improvement Group, CSIRO, Curtin University, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, Edith Cowan University, Facey Group, Farmanco Management Consultants Pty Ltd, Farmers2Founders, Fitzgerald Biosphere Group Inc, Goldfields-Esperance Development Commission, Great Southern Development Commission, Grower Group Alliance, Intergrain Pty Ltd, Irrigation Australia, Liebe Group Inc, Living Farm, Merredin and Districts Farm Improvement Group, Mid-West Development Commission, Mingenew Irwin Group, Murdoch University, Muresk Institute, Noongar Land Enterprise Group, NRM WA, Nyabing Farm Improvement Group, Oil Mallee Assoc., Peel Development Commission, Pome West, Premium Grains, Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance, Regional Development Australia Midwest Gascoyne, Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt, Rural Edge, Soils West, South East Premium Wheat Growers' Association, South West Development Commission, Southern Cross University, Southern Dirt Inc, Southern Rangelands Pastoral Alliance, Stirlings to Coast Farmers, Thomas Elder Institute (Elders Ltd), University of Western Australia, Value Creators, WA Citrus, WA Farmers, WA Hemp Growers' Co-op Ltd, WA No Tillage Farmers Association (WANTFA), West Midlands Group Inc, Western Beef Association Inc, Wheatbelt Development Commission, Yuna Farm Improvement Group.

## Further information

For more information, see [Future Drought Fund](#). You can also register for updates at [haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund](https://haveyoursay.awe.gov.au/future-drought-fund).

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