

Future Farm Industries CRC

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P7 Education & Training

Key contributions of the program

Postgraduate education

- Strong University providers
 - 4 research capable university partners
 - Complimentary strengths and comprehensive regional coverage
 - University of WA – farm and environmental economics, plant based sciences and animal production
 - Adelaide University – soil and plant sciences
 - Charles Sturt University – rural sociology, animal production and agronomy
 - Melbourne University – crop and pasture science, plant genomics, weed ecology and woody plant systems
- More than 50 PhDs (> 90% completion)
 - Mandated industry co-supervision and alignment to industry problems
 - Internship opportunities
 - Industry and producer networks
- Industry ready postgraduate researchers
 - Generic professional skills
 - Agents of adoption
 - Strong industry relationship & focus

Innovation in Education

- Focused career development
 - Professional training
 - Industry internship programs for all FFI CRC post-doc employees
 - Linking research, business & management

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Capacity Building

- Accredited training for future farm industries and natural resource management
 - 250 completed Certificate III by end of FFI CRC
- Targeted at practitioners
 - staff of partner organisations and wider industry networks (agents of adoption)
- Strong industry partnership in delivery including Landmark
 - Expand and support participatory based knowledge networks
 - Creating agents of adoption (within and outside FFI CRC)
- Activities closely aligned with the industry programs and in support of their outputs
 - i.e. Saltland Services to train 500 users of SALT CAP (Land capability assessment tool)

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Key Scientists

Mr. Scott Glyde	Time Committed: 0.6	Organisation: CSU
<p>Skills and expertise: Scott's expertise is in production agriculture / horticulture and natural resource management (CMA management at executive level) from both practical (agronomic advisory) and policy creation perspectives. Active in tertiary teaching in Extension and Agricultural Systems disciplines, his research skills and interests lie with knowledge / information exchange and social research, particularly within intensive agricultural and horticultural production industries and natural resource management. He has managed his own consulting business with major clients in the irrigation industry (advising on national water reform) and multi-national food processing, fast food and supermarket chains, working particularly with grower supplier bases.</p>		
Ms Deb Slinger	Time Committed:	Organisation: NSW DPI
<p>Skills and expertise: Deb's skill and expertise is in the area of agricultural training and extension with a particular focus on natural resource management and salinity. She has been instrumental in the development of a salinity management training program with six competencies developed for inclusion in the national Conservation and land Management training package. She has played a leadership role in the development of training for private enterprise agronomists in natural resource management.</p>		
Mr. John Powell	Time Committed: 1.0	Organisation: CRC Salinity
<p>Skills and expertise: John has expertise and skills in the areas of technology transfer, extension and communications. He is also highly experienced in project management and much of his past efforts have been embedded in projects with strong natural resource management emphasis with salinity as a prominent theme. He now operates a consulting business from his property at Yass in southern NSW, where he has been a commercial-scale wool and meat producer and farm forester for 18 years. A recent activity has been Chairing the NSW Producer Network Committee for the Sustainable Grazing on Saline Lands Program.</p>		
Mr. Daryll Richardson	Time Committed: 1.0	Organisation: CRC Salinity
<p>Skills and expertise: Daryll is experienced in the management and delivery of large scale education and training programs. He has extensive knowledge and skills in the implementation and integration of professional development programs, curriculum development including web based education programs. He is also highly skilled in the development and implementation of accredited training programs in leadership that sit within the Australian Qualifications Framework.</p>		

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Resource Summary

Program	Education and Training	Notes
Cash resources	\$3.395m – FFI CRC investors \$3.575m – CRC Program	
Inkind FTE	12.8 FTE per annum	
Inkind \$ resources	\$10.1m	17.2% of total
Total Resources	\$17.1m	15.1% of total
Key Industry Investors	GRDC - \$3.15m	