



Regional Landcare Facilitator

Building capacity for sustainable agriculture



Project Overview

Project Manager

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Project Duration

2015 to 2018

Key Partners

South West Landcare groups, NRM groups, community groups, grower groups, industry bodies and farmers

Key Achievements

- 37 events
- 2122 people engaged
- 58 groups and 32 farmers supported

The Regional Landcare Facilitator (RLF) Programme is an initiative of the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme. RLFs are based with the 56 NRM regions throughout Australia and are considered a key delivery mechanism for the Government and the Regions, working closely with local Landcare groups and individual land managers.

The aim is to support the building of capacity, skills, knowledge and confidence within local communities, to raise awareness and ultimately facilitate the adoption of new and innovative sustainable agricultural practices.

The South West RLF project has facilitated positive, innovative and informative events, activities and initiatives to build the capacity of the existing Landcare network. It has also engaged a range of new people in Landcare activities.



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Innovative approach engaging the agricultural community

Innovative events

The South West RLF project has supported and facilitated more than 35 grassroots Landcare and farmer-driven events, field days and initiatives since 2015. These have covered a range of topics and engaged more than 2100 people in Landcare and sustainable agricultural practices.

Building skills and knowledge

More than 30 farmers and rural community members have been supported with training and professional development to build their skills and knowledge in agriculture.

Dairy, farm forestry, broadacre, organic and biodynamic, Regrarian, hemp grower and fine food producer farmers have been supported.

Landcare displays at annual farm field days like the Wagin Woolorama and Balingup Small Farm Field Day have further engaged the community. RLFs have engaged with Landcare and grower groups in an open and meaningful way to foster future collaboration and partnerships.

Women in agriculture

Many have long suspected this to be the case, but recent studies have shown that it is indeed the women in farming enterprise that drive decision making on farm. With this in mind, the RLF project engaged over 200 women in rural communities to increase their capacity, knowledge and skills in sustainable agriculture.

Supporting inspirational farmers

The project works closely with innovative and dedicated 'champion' farmers doing incredible things for sustainable agriculture in the South West, all off their own back, and helped them to spread their message.

Getting the message out there

- South West RLF quarterly e-newsletter
- Twitter, via [@Farm_Open](#) and [@SWCCevents](#)
- Video case studies on [You Tube](#)



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