

2018 AG EXCELLENCE FORUM

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To invest in RD&E to create enduring
profitability for Australian grain growers

GRDC Purpose

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A changing GRDC and R, D & E landscape

WHAT'S CHANGED AT GRDC

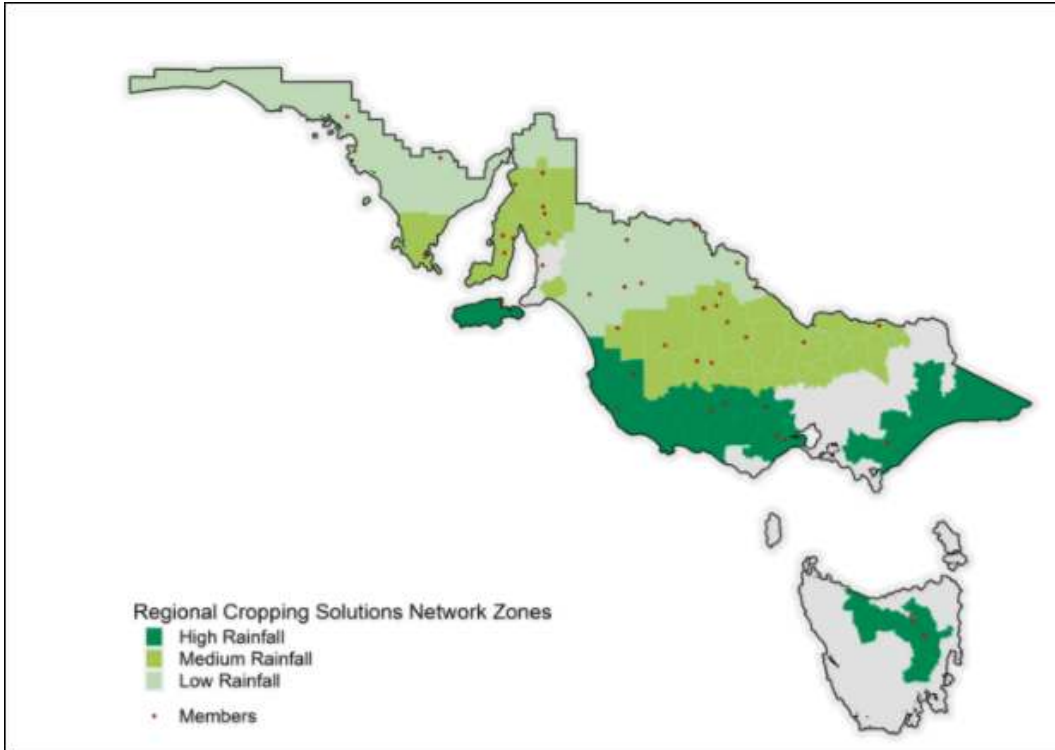
- Organisational structure
- Increased regional presence
- Continuous investment cycle
- New investment management system
- Developing new RD&E Plan
- New Board
- New Regional Panels



CLOSER TO INDUSTRY....



HOW CAN GROWERS GET INVOLVED?



Capturing local grower opportunities and constraints through:

- Panel Members
- RCSN Members
 - LRZ
 - MRZ
 - HRZ
- Staff

GRDC INVESTMENTS – SOUTHERN REGION 2018 - 2022

\$19.7 million suite of projects involving Farming Systems Groups

- Nitrogen fixation of pulses
- Management packages early sown wheats
- Cultural management of weeds
- Sub soil application of ameliorants
- Improving profitability of pulses
- Predicting time of flowering
- Management of Barley and Barley Cultivars



RECENT SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS – SOUTHERN REGION : \$2.4 MILLION

- Communicating spray effectiveness
- Sustainable use of insecticides
- Assessing economics of precision ag.
- Improving farm profit through cropping and livestock
- Seasonal forecasting
- Local management of ryegrass seedbanks in high rainfall zone
- Soil and plant testing for better nutrient management



WORKING TOGETHER

- Grower groups are an important channel for extension and adoption, but not the only channel
- GRDC will work with anyone with capacity and capability to deliver local outcomes from D&E projects
- Open to discussions as to whether GRDC has a role to play in assisting groups plan and build capacity and capability for the future



THANK YOU



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