HART FIELD-SITE GROUP



SA's premier cropping field site

Research & Extension Manager

Roles and duties

Reporting directly to the Hart Field-Site Group board, the Research & Extension Manager will be responsible for;

Projects and funding

- Writing detailed funding applications
- Overseeing projects to ensure funding criteria, milestones and deadlines are met
- Writing progress, financial and final reports by set deadlines
- Ongoing evaluation of individual projects and the collective impact on the group's position

Site management

- Conducting research planning and coordinating site selection and management
- Conducting trial sampling, counts and measurements throughout the growing season as required
- Analysing trial results using statistical analysis
- Supervising contract staff

Extension

- Planning and organising guest speakers, articles and other aspects of Hart events
- Presenting at Hart (and other) field events and workshops as required
- Contributing content for use in publications such as newsletters, media releases, factsheets etc
- Writing up results and liaise with contributing researchers to produce annual results books

Other

- Assist with hosting group visits to the Hart site
- Reporting to, advising and working with the Hart board to ensure all projects and associated funding is managed appropriately
- Attending board meetings as required
- Liaise with funding bodies and other key stakeholders



Personal abilities and skills

- Ability to communicate effectively (written and verbal) with a wide range of stakeholders; Hart board, members & other growers, researchers and other industry personnel etc
- Ability to identify farming issues within the region and seek opportunities to address them
- Ability to work productively alongside a range of staff, researchers, contractors, collaborators and volunteers
- The ability to complete tasks with minimal / no supervision
- Excellent personal organisational skills
- A strong focus on attention to detail and achieving successful outcomes
- The ability to maintain and build on existing networks between grower groups, funding bodies, NRM, science providers, the wider ag industry and forge new relationships as required
- A demonstrated commitment in assisting the development of rural communities
- After hours work will be required at times and travel may be necessary

Experience

- A degree in Agricultural Science (or equivalent) is preferred but not essential
- Previous agronomic experience and a sound knowledge of research and extension
- Experience and knowledge of farming systems
- Knowledge of and experience in dealing with grower groups
- Experience in dealing with funding bodies; public and private
- Proven capability in the extension of research findings to growers
- Experience in formulating project applications, leveraging funds and project management
- Have established industry networks and connections
- Proven time management and organisational skills
- A capacity to work and achieve results in an unsupervised environment

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