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SUCCESSFUL COGGO RESEARCH PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

COGGO is pleased to announce funding for new grains research projects to commence in 2023.

The Council of Grain Grower Organizations Ltd (COGGO) Research Fund was established in 2000 with the purpose of investing in innovative new research and development projects. These projects are from across the whole supply chain, demonstrating a direct benefit to Western Australia grain growers.

Expressions of Interest for funding were received from multiple applicants from a cross section of industry, government, grower groups and research organisations. This highlights the demand for funding of small catalytic R&D projects of relevance to grain growers in WA.

The COGGO Research Fund will support the following successful recipients for four projects commencing in January 2023:

- Roberto Busi, Australian Herbicide Resistance Initiative (\$67,750 over one year) *“Paraquat ain’t paraquat: improving the use of paraquat for cost-effective glyphosate and paraquat resistance management on-farm”*
- Svetlana Micic, DPIRD (\$88,721 over two years) *“Investigating systems for control of Desiantha weevil in relation to resistance and biology in WA”*
- Nick Eyres, Yuna Farm Improvement Group (\$150,000 April over two years) *“Managing soil nitrogen, moisture and plant production interactions for increased grain production potential under climatically variable conditions.”*
- Michael Lamond, SLR Agriculture (\$122,000 over two years) *“The impact SHO Safflower on the profitability of the rotation with single and double break scenarios in the low rainfall regions of WA”*

“These are new and exciting research projects aimed at enhancing the sustainability and profitability of the Western Australia grains industry that COGGO is pleased to support”, said Mr Rhys Turton, COGGO Chairman.

“Providing catalytic funding for new R&D ideas is a part of our long history and we have seen many past recipients make significant impact on returns for Western Australian grain growers. COGGO funding for new grains research projects is enabled by our members voluntarily contributing contribute 0.5% of their own net farm-gate returns for which we are very grateful”.

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ABOUT COGGO

Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd (COGGO) is a public company limited by guarantee, with a mandate to invest in Research and Development for the benefit of grain growers in Western Australia.

Grower members voluntarily contribute 0.5% of their net farm-gate value of production for investment in Research and Development through COGGO.

The COGGO Research Fund is administered by the [Grain Industry Association of Western Australia \(GIWA\) Inc.](#)

For more information please visit <http://www.coggo.net.au/>.

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Image 1 Nick Eyres, Yuna Farm Improvement Group:

“Managing soil nitrogen, moisture and plant production interactions for increased grain production potential under climatically variable conditions.”

Nick Eyres in a paddock of vetch - Image courtesy of Mark Seymour at the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

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Image 2 Svetlana Micic, DPIRD:

“Investigating systems for control of Desiantha weevil in relation to resistance and biology in WA”

Svetlana in a glasshouse / Spotted Vegetable Weevil *Desiantha* Larvae - Images courtesy of Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



Image 3 Roberto Busi, UWA:

“Paraquat ain’t paraquat: improving the use of paraquat for cost-effective glyphosate and paraquat resistance management on-farm”

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