

Benefits of cross-sector collaboration



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For \$20,000 per year per member

Leverage

Leverage from joint investment in WHS areas of common interest is typically more than 10 times the individual RDC input - making priority projects possible

✓ Identify and research priority issues in the agricultural sector.

Sharing information and resources provides a springboard for each RDC to act on WHS with the benefit of others' experiences, assets and networks

Efficiency

✓ Build understanding of complex issues for the agricultural sector.

Sector-level impact

Helping improve safety systems and understanding in many agricultural industries shows sector commitment to improving farm safety

✓ Connect with other RDCs around WHS initiatives and resources for farm.

✓ Connect with other WHS stakeholders in Australia.

RSHA continues as agriculture's longest running alliance - an exemplar of the collaborative approach expected by levy payers and government

Champion of collaboration

▶ Join the Alliance: contact Contact Senior Manager, Rural Futures, AgriFutures:
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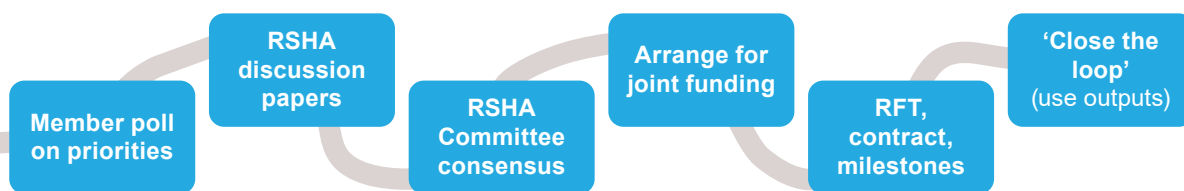


Research on safety priorities for agriculture



Joint investment process

- Joint Agreement between Alliance Members.
- Members act through their nominated representative.
- Committee makes decisions by consensus.
- AgriFutures administers RSHA projects and finances.
- Annual Member contribution supports core capacity.
- RDCs co-invest in projects on a case-by-case basis.
- Representatives opt into project working groups.



Farm safety R&D commissioned by RSHA since 2020

| Year | RSHA project | Provider | Amount | Output |
|------|--|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 2020 | WHS communications guidelines [01] | Griffith University | \$12,500 | Guidelines completed |
| 2021 | Health & safety data capture [02] | UQ RISK, AgHealth | \$107,000 | Report (→metrics options) |
| 2021 | Identifying & prioritising WHS overlaps [03] | AgHealth Australia | \$50,000 | Report (→mobile plant study) |
| 2022 | Reducing serious injury from mobile plant [04] | Work Science | \$165,400 | RSHA information pack |
| 2023 | Farm safety metrics concept/specification [05] | Harris Park Group | \$31,500 | Report (→ASDN RFQ) |
| 2024 | Farming and Fatigue [07] | Central Qld University | \$241,000 | Research just started |
| 2024 | Ag Safety Data Net [06] | Quotes received | \$300,000 per year | To be contracted |

Working on agriculture’s challenging issues in 2025

Farming and Fatigue

Fatigue risk profiles and management guides

- To produce a practical, co-designed fatigue management guide in three industries: broadacre cropping, dairy farming and egg production.
- To develop industry-specific risk profiles that describe practical scenarios where the risk of fatigue related harm is elevated.

Ag Safety Data Net

Building safety metrics capacity

- To build relationships with the agricultural and WHS industries to establish agreed, robust farm safety metrics.
- To provide an ongoing, trusted evidence-base of metrics for the whole of agriculture to better understand, act and report safety on farm.

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