

“From Little Things BIGG things Grow”

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Local Grower Groups

1. Angaston Ag Bureau
2. Koonunga Ag Bureau
3. North Rhine Sheep Group
4. Mt Pleasant Beef Group
5. Barossa Mid-Nth Dairy Discussion Group

BIGG Beginnings

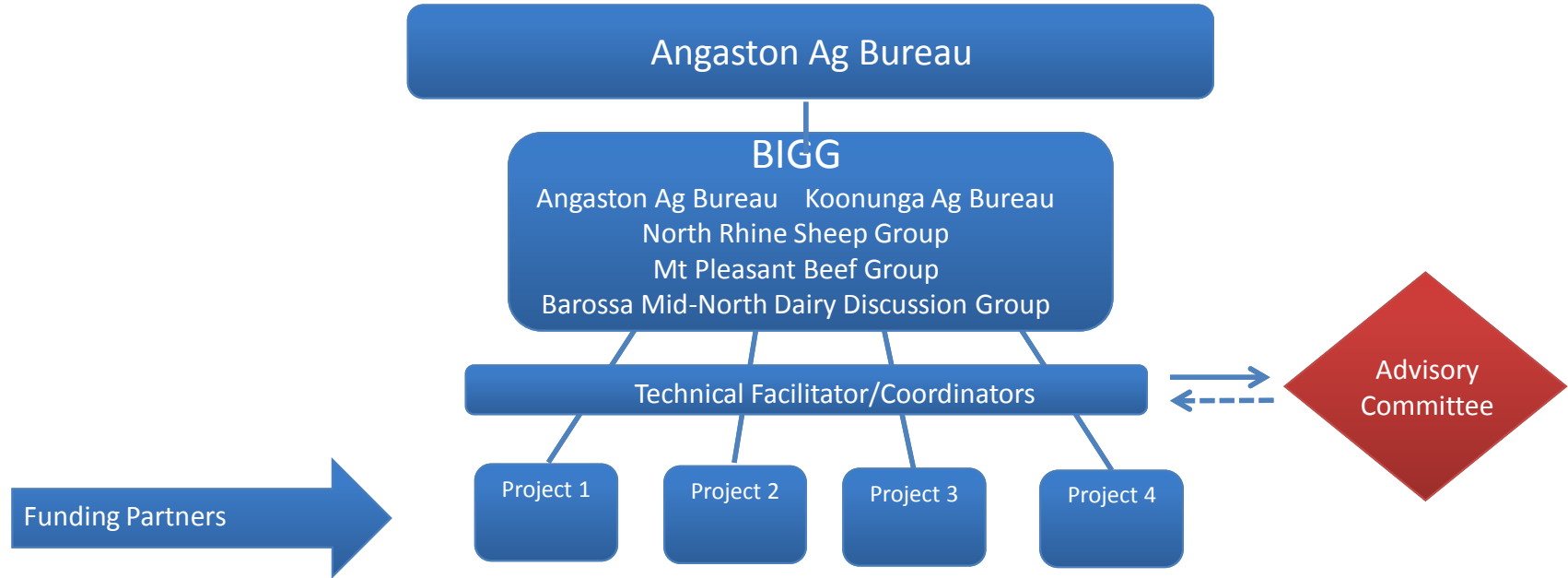
- Initiated in 2012, through the *Winter Pasture NRM Project* funded by AMLR NRM
 - improve the capacity of winter pasture production; and
 - achieve on-farm NRM outcomes

What we do?

- Projects that promote sustainable farming while enhancing the productivity and NRM outcomes for regional landholders
- Funding: NRM Boards, Caring for our Country
DEWNR, Dairy SA, MLA, AWI
- Since 2012, funding to support
13 individual projects (\$370k)



Governance Structure



Partnership Engagement

Grower groups, Industry, Government

- Common interests (productivity & NRM)
- Ensuring broad consultation
- Sharing outcomes (communications)
- Advisory support (technical & strategic)

Key current projects

Soil Moisture Monitoring

- Monitoring soil moisture in local grazing systems to assist management decisions



Projects

Barossa Pasture Challenge

- Pasture improvement competition between the five local producer groups



Projects

Sub-clover Root Diseases

- Determine the effect of root diseases on the productivity of local sub-clover pastures



Projects

Recovery & Management of Native Pastures after the Eden Valley Bushfire

- Improve landholder capacity to manage the re-establishment of burnt-out native pastures and benefit of these systems.



Critical Success Factors

- Communication
- Partners
- Common Goal
- Networking



Take Home Message

- BIGG is the platform to bring stakeholders together
- Include all stakeholders in governance structure
- Shared interests = shared outcomes



AWARDS

“2014 Ag Excellence Alliance / Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) Sustainability Award” *(by peers)*

“2013 Westpac Agribusiness Innovative Young Landcare Leader Award”

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