

Selection Criteria: Chair, WA Livestock Research Council

The Chair of the WA Livestock Research Council holds a key leadership role with the primary task of identifying and progressing research and extension priorities relevant to southern WA red meat producers. The chair leads a 16-person council comprising red meat producers, researchers and industry service providers and is supported by a professional executive officer.

The Council's deliberations have influence over future research directions and investments, and also contributes to project development in a manner that helps ensure timeliness and relevance of RD&E project proposals.

The Council plays a significant connectivity role through the facilitation of forums that promote robust debate about productivity limiting challenges and the matching research investment that can address them.

To progress the organisation through the next period, the Council is looking for a chair with the following skills and attributes:

Essential

- Strongly networked amongst and regarded by RD&E professionals, WA red meat producers and professional service providers, with an ability to communicate effectively with all and bring their interests together;
- A capacity to manage multi-disciplinary committees with at times conflicts of interest and opposing views;
- A proven ability to articulate the messages of the organisation and effectively facilitate discussions, whilst at all times positively representing the interests of WALRC, MLA and the organisation's other Tier 1 members;
- A demonstrated understanding of meeting governance and protocols and a willingness to gain a rapid appreciation of the MLA RD&A funding cycle;
- Able to provide up to 30 days* of professional time in preparing and chairing meetings of the executive, the full council and wider industry days.

**The number of professional days expected to be negotiated with the successful candidate.*

Desirable

- An understanding of and connection to red meat RD&A agencies, protocols and projects, particularly those within the MLA funding framework.