

Richard Saunders



Consultant Agribusiness

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QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor Agricultural Science
- Graduate Diploma Education

COMMITTEES OR BOARDS

- SA Vic Mallee NVT Advisory Committee

Richard has worked in low rainfall dryland agriculture since leaving university. He has worked in pasture species and cereal variety research for the bulk of this career. He made a switch to applied agronomy, becoming a consultant and working one-on-one with farmers.

Richard enjoys working with farmers to develop seasonal plans, driving through paddocks and assisting farmers with their paddock decision making. Richard is keen to keep learning and developing his agronomic skills.

Areas of expertise

- Agronomy research – trials and analysis
- Precision agriculture in the Mallee
- Facilitation of farmer groups
- Soil research

Professional experience

- Pinion Advisory (Rural Directions) – Consultant - Agribusiness, 2016-present
- Dodgshun Medlin – Agronomy Consultant, 2012–2016
- Rural Solutions SA – Agronomy Project Officer, 2008 – 2012
- SARDI - Pasture and NVT Research Agronomist, 1988–2008

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

Relevant projects

PROJECT	ROLE	CLIENT	YEAR/S DELIVERED
Farm agronomy advisor services for individual clients	Working with individual farm clients face to face to review, plan and monitor a seasonal agronomy program. The aim is to assist the grower to achieve their farming goals	Various farm agronomy clients	2016-ongoing
Deep Ripping Constraint Sand Soils	Manager of a project to investigate the viability of deep ripping sandy soils in the Mallee to remove yield constraining soil without increasing fragility of soils	National Landcare Program	2020
Pulse Check	Facilitate four workshop meetings for a local grower group	MSFP	2017-2021
Mixed Cover Cropping	Promote the mixed cover cropping trials in the SA Mallee, producing articles, publications, videos and facilitating at field days	MSFP	2019-2021
@RISK	Working with groups and individual farmers examining and analysing cropping sequences for profitability and risk	Birchip Cropping Group	2019-2021