Innovation Cluster

Empowering innovators from vision to venture



Innovation Cluster has designed, facilitated and coordinated business incubator programs, investment groups, strategy sessions and hackathons for clients across Australia and have supported hundreds of startups through our programs over the last 9 years.

> *We specialise in connecting startups, investors, corporates, industry, researchers and government to strategically create value and sustainable impact.*







Programs Delivered

Regional Innovation

- CONNECT Regional Incubators, 2019-26
- Regional Reboot, 2020
- Regional Investment, 2020
- Regional Ventures Showcase at West Tech Fest, 2019-2022
- Australia's South West Tourism Incubator, 2022
- MRWA Emerging Leaders 2024
- Down South AdVentures Weekend, 2025
- LEEF Program, 2025
- Connected Futures Hub, 2026

Entrepreneurship Facilitation

- Entrepreneurship Facilitator, Perth North East, 2022-2023
- Future Founders Program, 2023-2026
- Meet the Entrepreneur Series, 2024-2025

Agrifood Innovation

- HARVEST Agtech Accelerator Program, 2018-2026
- Agrifutures Startup Network, 2021-2022
- Futureworks, 2021-2022
- evokeAG Startup Network, 2022
- South West Brewers Alliance, 2022-2026
- Grain Automate National Coordinator, 2023-2026
- Farm Business Resilience Program, 2025
- AgriSpace, 2026

Strategy & Commercialisation

- DaRT (Defence and Research Teaming) Hackathons, 2021
- Science Industry PhD Fellowship, 2019-2022
- Hackathon: Waste Water Solutions, Breweries & Wineries, 2022
- Southern Ports Iron Ore Hackathon, 2023

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Individual Client Support

- Business strategy and coaching
- Grant and tender writing, and assessment
- Cluster development
- Strategic project management
- Event management
- Investment attraction and pitching
- Research and analytical insights
- Facilitation and MC services

> *Collectively, our team has high-level experience in commercialisation, driving innovation programs, supporting startups and connecting businesses to investment capital.*



Dr Natasha Teakle
Managing Director

Experienced startup trainer and facilitator with 20+ years experience leading strategic research and innovation projects with expertise in Agriculture and Higher Education.



Ashleigh Roberts
General Manager

15+ years experience in research, innovation, operations, programs, projects & partnerships, and has scoped, built teams and coordinated over 50 rapid prototyping proof of concept digital transformation projects.



Claire Marchand-Johns
Communications Manager

Marketing and communications including content management, social media, cohort marketing material design, podcasts and video promotion.



Calista Shreeve
Hub Coordinator

Supports Innovation Cluster and AgriStart program delivery, including events, logistics, reporting and social media, while studying at Curtin University.



Steph Kirchhofer
AgriSpace Manager

Executive Officer at South West Angels/Regional Ventures WA, connecting WA startups with regional investors. Previously 16 years at Goldman Sachs Asset Management in London and Singapore.

Innovation Cluster also utilises >50 business leaders from our networks, enabling us to tailor the expertise required to the individual business needs.



Innovation Cluster's HARVEST program delivered excellence in terms of its structure and delivery, and was led by knowledgeable and professional people. The main benefits were how to generate and deliver a succinct and relevant pitch to investors; business planning and financial management skills; and the networking. We were given the resources to develop a clear vision and pathway forward for the business, and to formalise and document this.

Neil Grice, Technol

It's been fantastic to join in with other businesses from around WA to showcase the great innovation and energy that exists to grow WA's economy and connections. Programs like CONNECT are critical to building local networks and businesses in our vast state and across the distances we face between regional communities and global markets.

Florian Popp, Gemtek

The Future Founders program was so incredible and pushed me to turn my idea into reality. By the end of the program my core business idea had stayed consistent, however, I was able to re-structure it in a way that would enable growth. The process of mentor selection was absolutely spot on and allowed me to create a structurally sound business plan and be put in touch with possible business partners.

Coralie Sandor, Dialogues Of Dignity