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Project Code	
Project Type	

FINAL REPORT 2019

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Final reports must be emailed to admin@sagit.com.au as a Microsoft Word document in the format shown ***within 2 months*** after the completion of the Project Term.

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PROJECT TITLE	SANTFA Conference 2019

PROJECT DURATION

*These dates **must** be the same as those stated in the Funding Agreement*

Project Start date	04/04/2017					
Project End date	30/06/2020					
SAGIT Funding Request	2018		2019		2020	

PROJECT SUPERVISOR CONTACT DETAILS

The project supervisor is the person responsible for the overall project

Title:	First Name:	Surname:			
Mr	Leighton	Pearce			
Organisation:					
South Australian No-till Farmers Association					
Mailing address:					
Telephone:	Facsimile:	Mobile:	Email:		

ADMINISTRATION CONTACT DETAILS

The Administration Contact is the person responsible for all administrative matters relating to the project

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PROJECT REPORT

Provide clear description of the following:

Executive Summary (200 words maximum)

A few paragraphs covering what was discovered, written in a manner that is easily understood and relevant to SA growers. A number of key dot points should be included which can be used in SAGIT communication programs

The 2019 SANTFA Annual Conference, the 21st such conference of this organisation, was once again well received by those attending. Although numbers were a little down on last year (114, as opposed to last year's 138), the SANTFA board sees this as a sign of the times, with farmers being busier, and more groups competing for their attention, and attendance at events. Conversations with others in the farming system group space indicate this is a recognised trend.

However, those who attended provided very positive feedback to the SANTFA board (as per attached report) and it can be concluded that they valued the information they received. This year's speakers, comprising farmers, scientists, agronomists and researchers, spoke about a range of subjects from understanding the natural ecosystems which exist on a farm, profitable integration of cropping and livestock, using benchmarking as a basis for decision-making, drawing parallels between a multi-million-dollar global business and farming enterprises, use of a range of digital technologies on-farm, succession in farming business, mental health issues for farmers, and current R&D developments within SANTFA.

In addition to the valuable and timely information which participants received, the conference provided a multitude of networking opportunities for delegates on the day itself, as well as the pre-conference dinner, and the post-conference farm tour.

Project Objectives

A concise statement of the aims of the project in outcome terms should be provided.

The main aim of the project is to have a minimum of 150 delegates attend the annual conference. Despite not achieving this this year, the information will be available to all farmers across SA through the release of audio throughout the season from the conference. The issue of having farmers attend on the day continues to concern the SANTFA Board, and we are continuing to attempt to encourage farmers to attend our program. Many farmers attended the conference for the first time, and positive feedback was received, both through our feedback surveys (report summarising results is attached) and via conversations on the day.

Overall Performance

A concise statement indicating the extent to which the Project objectives were achieved, a list of personnel who participated in the Research Project including co-operators, and any difficulties encountered and the reasons for these difficulties.

Despite declining numbers, the SANTFA board was happy with the 2019 Annual Conference, the group's 21st such event.

A list of the 114 attendees is attached.

Feedback indicated that the range of speakers was well-received.

Key Performance Indicators (KPI)

*Please indicate whether KPI's were achieved. The KPI's **must** be the same as those stated in the Application for Funding and a brief explanation provided as to how they were achieved or why they were not achieved.*

KPI	Achieved (Y/N)	If not achieved, please state reason.
150 delegates	n	As noted above, likely due to farmers' declining availability and competing events

Technical Information (Not to exceed **three** pages)

Provide sufficient data and short clear statements of outcomes.

N/A

Conclusions Reached &/or Discoveries Made (Not to exceed one page)

Please provide concise statement of any conclusions reached &/or discoveries made.

N/A

Intellectual Property

Please provide concise statement of any intellectual property generated and potential for commercialisation.

Audio from the conference will be released through the SANTFA podcasting channel "Radio SANTFA" throughout the season; this will be available to the world through their chosen podcasting service.

Application / Communication of Results

A concise statement describing activities undertaken to communicate the results of the project to the grains industry. This should include:

- *Main findings of the project in a dot point form suitable for use in communications to farmers;*
- *A statement of potential industry impact*
- *Publications and extension articles delivered as part of the project; and,*
- *Suggested path to market for the results including barriers to adoption.*

Note that SAGIT may directly extend information from Final reports to growers. If applicable, attach a list of published material.

N/A

POSSIBLE FUTURE WORK

Provide possible future directions for the research arising from the project including potential for further work and partnerships.

N/A

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Date: 18/03/2019

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