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Save the date - GPSA AGM & Growing SA 2019

Monday 26- Tuesday 27 August, Adelaide Hills Convention Centre

GPSA responds to Independent Review on GM crops



Earlier this month GPSA responded to the findings handed down as part of the Independent Review of South Australia's moratorium on the cultivation of Genetically Modified (GM) food crops.

The Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development sought feedback from industry, farmers, and community stakeholders following the public release of the Review on 20 February 2019.

GPSA supported the need to consult with growers on Kangaroo Island following the release of the

report which recommended that the region have special consideration if SA were to remove the GM moratorium.

Deputy Chairman Adrian McCabe and CEO Caroline Rhodes conducted a Primary Producers Forum on Kangaroo Island in response to these specific findings for the region.

The forum was jointly hosted by Primary Producers SA, GPSA, Livestock SA, and Ag KI and discussed the impact on local producers including supplying non-GM canola and the potential for significant developments in GM technology such as GM ryegrass for livestock.

GPSA strongly believes that producers should have the freedom of choice to grow the cereal, legume and oilseed varieties that best fit their farming system. GPSA also fully supports producers taking advantage of the unique marketing opportunities on Kangaroo Island. We commend the efforts of KI Pure Grain in establishing a niche market to supply non-GM canola produced on Kangaroo Island to a customer in Japan.

Read GPSA's submission to Minister Whetstone at www.tinyurl.com/GPSA-IR-response



Post-harvest survey launched

The 2018-19 Post-harvest survey has been launched this week, with GPSA seeking feedback on a range of issues that have emerged throughout the season.

The Post-harvest survey helps to ensure that GPSA continues to represent growers on issues of importance to them. This year, GPSA is looking to address a range

of issues including dry conditions, contractual issues, industry codes of conduct, as well as looking at the effectiveness of GPSA's campaigns.

Growers are encouraged to take 5 minutes to complete the survey and go into the draw to win a \$500 fuel voucher. Entries close 30 April 2019. Enter now: www.tinyurl.com/2019GPSAphs

Drought support information

Information on dry conditions support and assistance measures can be found on GPSA's website at www.tinyurl.com/drought2018.

The Salvation Army is also distributing up to \$3000 per household. More info at salvos.org.au/drought

China's anti-dumping investigation continues

Australian grain groups issued an industry wide statement this week to keep growers updated as China's anti-dumping investigation against the Australian barley industry continues.

In late 2018, Chinese authorities initiated a claim against Australian barley growers, alleging they were dumping barley in China at a price below the cost of production. In January they initiated a second investigation into subsidies paid to Australian barley growers by the

Australian Government.

GPSA will work with Grain Producers Australia to ensure that Australia responds respectfully, but forcefully to these allegations. Australian growers should be aware of this market risk as they approach the autumn planting period. Growers are encouraged to seek advice from their independent market advisors or consultants in relation to their grain marketing and crop rotation options.

The full industry statement is available on GPSA's website: www.tinyurl.com/GPSAbarleyIS



Are you an emerging leader?



GPSA has established its Emerging Leaders Program, modelled on the highly successful SAFF Future Leaders Program that was established in the early 2000s, and is seeking the first round of applicants.

The program is adapted for contemporary leadership challenges including social media and director responsibilities and will serve as a training ground; supporting succession planning for GPSA and its member

organisations, through participation in committee structures and eventually at Board level.

To deliver our mission, we need skilled and capable individuals involved in setting policy, to manage and anticipate emerging issues relevant to grain producers and the wider industry. That's why GPSA wants to inspire and motivate the next generation of industry leaders.

The GPSA Emerging Leaders program will sponsor up to eight applicants.

If you're determined to make a difference for your family farm, community and industry - then register your interest now!

Visit www.tinyurl.com/GPSA-ELP19

Places running out for Chain of Responsibility workshops

CHAIN OF RESPONSIBILITY... *Made Easy!*

GPSA is encouraging growers to register for the few remaining Chain of Responsibility workshops after huge demand across SA.

The workshops will assist farmers in understanding their obligations and risks in the CoR chain, and help them implement plans and checklists to reduce the risk to their businesses.

There are 9 workshops being held in April and May, with three of these at capacity.

Spots remain in:

- **Murray Bridge: 10th April, 8am at Ramsey Bros.**
- **Bordertown: 11th April, 9am at Tatiara Truck and Trailers**
- **Penola: 16th April, 4pm at Chardonnay Lodge**
- **Mount Gambier: 17th April, 10am at Mount Gambier RSL and District Bowling Club**
- **Keith: 17th April, 6:30pm at Keith Bowling Club**
- **Virginia: 1st May, 4pm at Virginia Horticultural Centre**

Head to the GPSA website to register for a workshop near you.

www.tinyurl.com/EasyCoR

Government introduces Landscape SA Bill

The South Australian Government has introduced the Landscape SA Bill into Parliament, fulfilling an election commitment to simplify the framework for natural resources management.

The legislation replaces regional NRM boards with nine regional landscape boards designed to

give communities and landowners a greater say in natural resources management. The bill also caps increases to land and water levies in line with CPI.

The work of NRM boards will continue while this legislation goes through the parliamentary process. GPSA encourages

members who are interested in this bill to make contact with Nat Sommerville through GPSA. Nat serves as GPSA's representative on the PPSA NRM Committee.

More details on the Bill are available at www.environment.sa.gov.au