



GRAIN PRODUCERS SA
The voice of South Australian growers

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GPSA farewells Wade Dabinett, as Adrian McCabe steps up as Chair



GPSA would like to thank all members who attended GPSA's Annual General Meeting, held on 24 August in Freeling and live streamed for members on Facebook.

Growers heard reports from outgoing GPSA Chair Wade Dabinett and CEO Caroline Rhodes on GPSA's activities in 2019/20.

Chair Wade Dabinett highlighted the significant role played by GPSA in the lifting of the GM Moratorium on mainland SA, and the development of the SA Grain Industry Blueprint.

Hamley Bridge grower Adrian McCabe takes over as GPSA Chair following the meeting. Adrian, who grows cereals, pulses and canola, was first appointed to the GPSA Board in

December 2016 and has been Vice Chair since 2018.

The GPSA Board farewelled outgoing Chair Wade Dabinett, as well as directors Peter Cousins and Tanja Morgan. Wade's retirement comes after six years on the Board, four of which as Chair.

Wade has been a passionate advocate for South Australian grain producers during his time as Chair.

Peter and Tanja were also thanked for their significant contribution to the GPSA Board.

Joining the Board are James Heaslip, Appila, John Gladigau, Alawoona, and Nick Hillier, Bordertown. David Malpas, Lucindale, was re-elected to the Board. These directors join newly appointed Independent Director Dr Steve Jefferies AM, who is the former Grains Research and Development Corporation Managing Director.

Growers also heard reports from other grower bodies, including the South Australian Grain Industry Trust Fund and Grain Producers Australia.

GPSA has published a full annual report, which is available to members via the GPSA website or by contacting GPSA's office.

SA Grain Industry Blueprint launched!

The SA Grain Industry Blueprint was launched by Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development the Hon. David Basham MP and outgoing GPSA Chair Wade Dabinett following the GPSA AGM.

The Grain Industry Blueprint establishes a \$6 billion industry vision to be achieved over the next decade. It will provide a strategic framework to enable long-term planning, deliver greater investment through public-private partnerships, boost research and development, and provide jobs and skills training at all levels.

The development of the Blueprint was led by GPSA with \$140,000 in funding from the Government of South Australia. Earlier in 2020, GPSA hosted a series of workshops with growers across the state to ensure this framework meets their needs and expectations.

In developing the Blueprint, a common theme with growers was the strong desire to take greater control over their own futures and to move beyond just being a price taker in the global market.

The Blueprint helps to meet these and other goals through six pillars – new market opportunities; biosecurity and market access; industry capacity; capturing value; innovation; and infrastructure.

The implementation of the Blueprint will be one of GPSA's key projects in the years to come and will form the basis of GPSA's approach to advocacy.

A copy of the South Australian Grain Industry Blueprint can be downloaded from the Blueprint website, blueprint.grainproducerssa.com.au.

Read our plan to become a \$6 billion industry by 2030 at

blueprint.grainproducerssa.com.au

This project is proudly supported by the Government of South Australia.



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Roadworthy heavy vehicle workshops done and dusted for 2020!

GPSA's final 'Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy' practical and theory workshops for 2020 have been held in Murray Bridge, Bordertown and Pinnaroo.

The workshops have been hugely successful in providing primary producers with industry-specific information on the NHVR Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual, road safety awareness, as well as compliance and maintenance responsibilities.

Since the first year of the project began in February, Regional Field Officer Shane Gale has delivered workshops in 15 rural and regional locations across SA.

GPSA will return to deliver another round of Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy workshops in January 2021.

To learn more about the project, visit GPSA's website at www.grainproducerssa.com.au

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Key changes to Ag representation in SA Parliament

On behalf of growers, GPSA wishes to thank both Tim Whetstone MP and Eddie Hughes MP for their tireless advocacy on behalf of the primary industries sector following their resignation as Minister and Shadow Minister respectively.

Former South Australian Dairyfarmers' Association and Australian Dairy Farmers Ltd President David Basham takes over as Minister for Primary Industries and Regions, while Labor is set to announce a new shadow minister shortly.

GPSA looks forward to continuing our constructive relationship with both the Marshall Liberal Government and the Malinasuakas Labor opposition.

Consultation opens on draft Mining Regulations

The Department for Energy and Mining has released draft regulations for consultation and input. These regulations underpin recent changes to SA's Mining Act, which are due to take effect in January 2021.

The regulations touch on key issues of concern for growers, including land access, the provision of information, and compliance and enforcement.

GPSA has convened its grower-led Mining Act Taskforce to inform our policy position on the draft regulations as we continue to advocate for a better balance between competing land use interests.

Additionally, the Landowner Information Service launched last month, delivered by Rural Business Support as an initiative of the Government of South Australia.

The Service provides free, independent and confidential information to landowners, farmers and other rural community members on any exploration, mining or related activities that may affect them. The Service will further provide landowners and community members with information regarding their options, rights and responsibilities and the legal processes associated with exploration and mining, to enable them to make informed decisions.

Growers will have until mid-September 2020 to provide feedback on the draft regulations.

GPSA will continue to advocate for a better balance between competing land use interests.

For more information on the contents of the draft regulations, head to the GPSA website: www.grainproducerssa.com.au

For more information on the Landowner Information Service, visit www.ruralbusinesssupport.org.au/LIS

Meet the new directors

Want to learn more about GPSA's new directors?

Visit GPSA's website to find a brief background about each director, as well as how you can get in contact with them.

www.grainproducerssa.com.au/about/directors/