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Gearing up for Blueprint launch

The finalised SA Grain Industry Blueprint is set to be unveiled on 24 August 2020 at GPSA's AGM in Freeling after extensive grower and industry input.

The Blueprint will help to deliver greater investment in the industry through public-private partnerships, will boost research and development and provide jobs and skills training at all levels. It will ensure South Australian producers, exporters, handlers and manufacturers can continue to access overseas markets and will help to build export opportunities.

Since the launch of the draft Blueprint at innovative cropping business 'Bulla Burra' in early June, GPSA has taken the Blueprint to growers across the state to seek growers views, including at workshops in the Mid-North, South East, Yorke Peninsula, and across the Eyre Peninsula.

Growers were asked at the workshops to provide feedback on the projects and targets most important to them.

Growers who couldn't attend workshops were able to provide feedback through the dedicated Blueprint Website, which also featured further information and video overviews from each Blueprint Pillar champion.

Growers looking to attend the launch are encouraged to register by contacting GPSA's office on 1300 734 884 or by emailing info@grainproducerssa.com.au.

Learn more about the Blueprint at:

www.blueprint.grainproducerssa.com.au

The development of the Blueprint has been led by Grain Producers SA and is proudly supported by the Government of South Australia.



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BLUEPRINT**

New Minister for Primary Industries welcomed

Fleurieu-based MP and former dairy farmer David Basham has been appointed as the Minister for Primary Industries and Regions following the resignation of Tim Whetstone.

GPSA welcomes David Basham's appointment as Minister given his own experience in agricultural policy development and advocacy. Minister Basham's industry knowledge, rural background and leadership in state and national farm bodies prior to entering Parliament will serve him well in this critical role in cabinet.

GPSA looks forward to working with Minister Basham and the Marshall Liberal Government on key issues of concern for SA's grain industry, including the launch of the South Australian Grain Industry Blueprint in August, and ensuring that growers across mainland SA have access to GM crops in the 2021 season.

We acknowledge and thank Tim Whetstone for his enormous contribution to agriculture during his term as Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development, in particular his determination to secure a positive outcome for growers on GM crops earlier this year.

Save the date! GPSA AGM Monday 24 August 2020

RSVP: info@grainproducerssa.com.au



GPSA's 2020 Annual General Meeting is set to take place at the FARM Centre, Freeling, on Monday 24 August 2020.

Three new Member Elected Directors will join the Board following the retirement of GPSA Chair Wade Dabinett and Directors Peter Cousins and Tanja Morgan. Producers will also have the opportunity to hear from the SA Grain Industry Trust and Grain Producers Australia representatives.

RSVPs are essential in accordance with health and safety requirements. More information is available at www.grainproducerssa.com.au

ROADWORTHY HEAVY VEHICLES... *Made Easy!*

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Heavy Vehicle workshops resume!

GPSA's 'Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy' workshops have resumed, with practical and theory workshops in Clare, Arthurton, Riverton and Minlaton.

Theory workshops provide primary producers with industry-specific information on the NHVR Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual, road safety awareness, as well as compliance and maintenance responsibilities.

This month the workshops will be heading to Cummins, Cleve, Murray Bridge and Bordertown, so keep an eye for updates on how to register! Places are limited and subject to restrictions.

All PPSA commodity group members can register their interest in attending one of the remaining workshops. For more information or to register, visit GPSA's website at www.grainproducerssa.com.au

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Farm safety tips for growers

In recognition of National Farm Safety Week, GPSA partnered with ifarmwell to deliver valuable tips to improve grower wellbeing.

National Farm Safety Week (20-25 July) is held each year to raise awareness of farm safety issues across Australia. This initiative highlights the importance of maintaining a safe workplace, and individual mental health and wellbeing.

Growers will find ifarmwell's practical tips for wellbeing via GPSA's social media channels or at www.ifarmwell.com.au

GPSA has also partnered with SafeWork SA and other Primary Producers SA commodity groups to produce the Farmers Guidebook to work health and safety, to help growers understand their responsibilities under work health and safety law.

The Farmers Guidebook to work health and safety is available at the GPSA website: www.tinyurl.com/GPSA-FSW

Growers encouraged to speak to councils about GM crops

Councils across SA are currently considering SA's GM crop legislation, following changes made earlier this year which provide them with the opportunity to apply to the Minister for Primary Industries and Regions to be designated as a GM cultivation-free area.

Designation as a GM cultivation-free area can only be implemented for trade or marketing purposes, and cannot be made in relation to supposed health and safety concerns.

GPSA is encouraging growers to contact their local council to voice their support for grower choice. GPSA is working with many councils to address concerns, identify opportunities, and help councils to better understand the significant of this reform to SA's grain industry.

Councils have until 30 September to make an application to the Minister. The final decision on applications will reside with the Minister and be published by mid-November, giving growers certainty in time for 2021 planting decisions. Growers looking to include GM varieties as part of their 2021 rotation should first speak to their agronomist and preferred seed supplier.

More information on SA's GM moratorium is available on GPSA's website: www.grainproducerssa.com.au

Dr Steve Jefferies AM appointed to GPSA Board as Independent Director



Dr Steve Jeffries AM is set to join GPSA's Board as an Independent Director, offering his invaluable experience to GPSA's role as the voice of South Australian Growers, and as the SA Grain Industry Blueprint project turns to implementation.

GPSA's Board is made up of up to seven Member Elected Directors drawn from grain producing regions across SA. The Board may appoint up to two Independent Directors to bring additional skills and experience to the Board.

Dr Jefferies previously served as the Managing Director of Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) and has over 30 years' experience working in the Australian grains industry. Steve was CEO of Australian Grain Technologies, Australia's largest and market-leading wheat-breeding company, from its inception in 2002 until June 2016. From 1996 to 2002, Steve was a wheat breeder, barley breeder and senior lecturer at the University of Adelaide. From 1984 to 1996, Steve held positions in research management and ministerial liaison in the South Australian Government.

Steve has also been Chairman of the Australian End Point Royalty Steering Committee, a non-executive director of Birchip Cropping Group and Barley Australia, and a member of the Waite Institute Strategic Leadership Group and the Wheat Quality Classification Council of Wheat Quality Australia.