



Grain Producers SA

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New face, new skills for GPSA board

GRAIN Producers SA will farewell Lameroo farmer Gary Flohr next month from its board of directors after his decision to retire from the organisation.

Chairman Garry Hansen said Parilla farmer Wade Dabinett would replace Mr Flohr, enabling the board to continue its work with the full complement of members in the lead-up to the annual general meeting on September 11.

"Gary has played a vital role in establishing GPSA, even back as far as the previous SAFF grains committee, and we thank him for his commitment and contribution," Mr Hansen said.

Mr Flohr says he is proud of growers' efforts so far in establishing the organisation and believes GPSA will continue to deliver for growers.

"It's now that grower support for the organisation is firmly in place I feel as though I've done my stint and it's time for a new face and new skills to join the board," he said. "There's still plenty of issues in the industry that GPSA will continue to work on for growers and I wish the organisation and members all the best."

In joining GPSA, Mr Dabinett says the current directors need to be applauded for establishing fair and equitable representation for grain growers.

He returned to his family farm three years ago and looks after the grain growing side of the business, which includes 3500 hectares of cereals, 300ha of potatoes and "too many sheep" with his brother Nick and sister-in-law Emma and parents Russell and Leanne.

With experience in the grain trading, storage and handling industry, he is keen for other growers, particularly young farmers, to gain skills in grain selling and business management.

"All farmers strive for productivity gains in the paddock, that's what we are all geared for but we don't tend to focus on how we maximise grain revenue," he said. "I see a great future in the grain industry, which is why I've come back to our family business when many are leaving the industry. I'd like to see more farmers engaged with GPSA and young farmers upskilled to be part of the future of our industry."

Mr Dabinett joins current directors Max Wilksch, Yeelanna, Brett Roberts, Balaklava, Mark Schilling, Kadina, Malcolm Sargent, Crystal Brook, and Peter Polkinghorne, Ceduna.

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About Grain Producers SA:

Grain Producers SA is a not-for-profit organisation that represents all levy-paying grain producers in South Australia. GPSA's objective is to foster the development and implementation of policies that promote the economic and environmental sustainability of the South Australian grains industry for the benefit of its producers and the wider community. Growers are encouraged to have their say on policy and have input on the people who represent them.
