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Growing SA - why you need to register!

Delegates at the upcoming GROWING SA Conference can look forward to a cracking program in August featuring two international keynote speakers.

GPSA is delighted to host professor Kevin Folta from the University of Florida, to provide an international perspective on the future of biotechnology and agricultural chemical use, while Bayer medical science outreach lead Dr Eliza Dunn will expand upon why glyphosate is vital for food security.

GPSA is again partnering with Livestock SA to give members the opportunity to hear from international experts such as Prof Folta and Dr Dunn so they can stay up to date with the latest insight and research from overseas.

The cost for producers is just \$88, which includes access to the Growing SA 2019 conference, delegate materials and catering.

Growing SA is an opportunity for producers, industry service providers and stakeholders,

politicians and policy-makers from across SA to engage in a two-way dialogue regarding policy issues and network at a once-a-year event.

Register for growing SA at www.growingsa.com.au



Grower consultation on Grain Industry Blueprint underway

Grower consultation on the grain industry blueprint has officially kicked-off at a series of meetings throughout SA. GPSA will be seeking grower feedback over the coming months, with plenty of opportunities to have your say!

The Blueprint will provide a strategic framework to enable long-term planning and inform private and public grain industry investment decisions, and is proudly supported by the SA Government.

Meetings will be held across the state including at:

- Cleve: Thursday 1 August at 1:45pm, Cleve District Hall
- Roseworthy: Thursday 8 August at 1pm (12:30 lunch), Australian Grain Technologies Roseworthy.
- Loxton: Friday 9 August at 1pm (lunch provided), Bulla Burra Farm.
- Murray Bridge: Friday 30 August at 12:30pm (lunch provided), Rural Development Australia

Murraylands.

The meetings will also review the CFS harvest and stubble burning codes of practice. Please register your attendance at: www.tinyurl.com/BlueprintConsult

More information on the Blueprint is available on GPSA's website: www.grainproducerssa.com.au



Mining Bill passes House of Assembly

The Government's Mining Bill is set to move to Parliament's upper house after the Liberal Government and Labor opposition voted in favour of it in the House of Assembly earlier this month.

GPSA is incredibly disappointed with this outcome because it fails to meaningfully address the land access conflicts arising from the existing law. We believe that we can, and must, do better to strengthen the rights of farmers.

Going forward, GPSA will engage the 22 members of the upper house, including the 5 members of the crossbench to ensure that the views of landowners are heard. To aid in our advocacy efforts, GPSA has updated our mining policy document to reflect amendments made in the House of Assembly and to provide a clear policy statement.

GPSA will be holding Minister for Energy and Mining Dan van Holst Pellekaan to his commitment to fund an independent mining advisory service through Rural Business Support after the passage of the Bill – something GPSA has long championed. In addition, we will be closely scrutinising the regulations and Ministerial Directions that will underpin this new legal framework.

We will continue to advocate for a comprehensive independent review that will examine best practice land access frameworks in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia. We believe that access to agricultural land requires a whole-of-government

approach.

GPSA will keep members updated as the situation develops. Further information, including a copy of GPSA's latest mining policy document is available on the GPSA website: www.grainproducerssa.com.au



Fat Farmers launches revamped website

The Fat Farmers Rural Health Initiative has launched a revamped website to help rural communities improve their health and wellbeing through physical activity.

GPSA has facilitated a \$2,000 funding grant through SA Health in partnership with Business SA to enable the Fat Farmers Rural Health Initiative to update and modernise their communications and resources. You can view the revamped Fat Farmers website at www.fatfarmers.com

Fat Farmers started in 2010 with a small group of farmers from the Yorke Peninsula, but has since expanded to include 'teams' in a number of regions, from the Eyre and Yorke Peninsula, Lower North, Mallee and Barossa & Light. The groups participate in local fun runs and bike rides and train together with a focus on family-friendly activities and having fun.

GPSA awarded HVSI grant

GPSA is excited to announce that members (and other Primary Producers SA commodity group members) will receive free tailored training on heavy vehicle road safety requirements following the announcement of the latest round of Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative (HVSI) grants. These grants are provided by the Commonwealth through the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

GPSA was one of 24 organisations to receive a share of the \$5.4 million HVSI safety fund. More details on the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Education and Readiness program will be available towards the end of the year.

This funding grant comes after GPSA delivered 26 Chain of Responsibility... Made Easy workshops in 2018/19 which provided free interactive and practical workshops for our members, and all Primary Producers SA commodity group members, in conjunction with industry experts Natwide Personnel.

More info on GPSA's CoR program is available at www.tinyurl.com/CoRwrapup

GPSA AGM to be held as part of Growing SA

GPSA has notified members that its 2019 Annual General Meeting will be held as part of this year's Growing SA Conference at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre.

The AGM will be an opportunity to look back on the past year and celebrate a range of successes for the industry despite tough seasonal conditions. As a valued

GPSA member, we would love to see you at our AGM and the Growing SA conference.

All members have also been invited to update their contact details as part of the automatic renewal of their membership. You can update your contact details by contacting GPSA.

The AGM will be held at the Lakeview Room, Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, (145A Mount Barker Road, Hahndorf) on Monday 26 August 2019 commencing at 3pm (Adelaide time), with sign in to open at 2pm.

The AGM notice is available at www.tinyurl.com/GPSA2019AGM