



GRAIN PRODUCERS SA
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GPSA Trade & Market Access workshops coming to a location near you



GPSA is delivering a full day of FREE interactive sessions to assist growers' understanding of trade and market access barriers, market requirements and diversification opportunities.

Attendees will have the opportunity to engage with industry experts on everything from how to best manage phytosanitary barriers to trade, to tips on diversifying grain markets.

Registration is FREE but limited due to COVID-19 restrictions. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Click a location below to register!

- **Wudinna, 2 February, Wudinna Community Club**
- **Balaklava, 17 February, Balaklava Sports Club**
- **Cummins, 4 February, Cummins Bowling Club**
- **Tailem Bend, 23 February, Tailem Bend Football Club**
- **Yorketown, 16 February, Yorketown Progress Association Hall**
- **Naracoorte, 25 February, Naracoorte Town Hall**



Market Ready 9.00am-12.30pm

Facilitated by biosecurity consultant Will Zacharin, the Market Ready workshop will highlight the perspectives of exporters, bulk handlers, researchers, agronomists and local farmers. Attendees will increase their knowledge regarding on-farm grain hygiene practices and their obligations under the Grain Industry Market Access Forum's Industry Management Plan.

Market Ready is an initiative of the South Australian Grain Market Access Group. It is delivered by Grain Producers SA with the support of the Federal Government's Agricultural Trade and Market Access Cooperation Program.

BEYOND THE **SILO** Beyond the Silo 1.00pm-4.00pm

Grain marketing tips for growers

The Beyond the Silo workshop features guest speaker Andrew Whitelaw from Thomas Elder Markets.

Andrew will deliver an interactive session on world market dynamics and global grain outlooks, including on-farm diversification strategies to target emerging markets. The workshops will also cover key trade rules governing grain contacts and provide an overview of the Australian Grain Industry Code of Conduct.

Beyond the Silo is run in partnership with Grain Trade Australia and proudly supported by the SA Government, Regional Growth Fund.



Summer edition of Grain Producer is out now!

The summer edition of Grain Producer is now available! This edition of Grain Producer celebrates the launch of the SA Grain Industry Blueprint and GPSA's new Blueprint aligned projects.

We also feature the success of GPSA's campaign to lift SA's GM moratorium on mainland SA, taking a closer look at the opportunities for research, technology and innovation this has created for SA growers.

You will also find updates on GPSA's 'Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy!' program, and a special feature on ag's young leaders.

Read the digital edition online at www.grainproducerssa.com.au or get in touch with the GPSA office to request a hard copy.

ROADWORTHY HEAVY VEHICLES... *Made Easy!*

ROADWORTHY HEAVY VEHICLES... *Made Easy!* This program has been funded by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program, with the support of the Federal Government.  **GRAIN PRODUCERS SA**

Latest round of Roadworthy Heavy Vehicle workshops kick off

The latest round of Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles ... Made Easy! workshops have kicked off with primary producers increasing their understanding of heavy vehicle safety and maintenance at Tanunda, Loxton, Riverton and Clare throughout January.

Theory and practical workshops provide attendees with industry-specific information regarding the NHVR Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual, with a focus on road safety, compliance and maintenance responsibilities.

In addition, all theory workshop participants have the opportunity to take part in a heavy vehicle check to receive valuable hints and tips.

Cowell producer Robert Norris attended one of the workshops on the Eyre Peninsula last year as he was curious to know whether his Volvo N12 prime mover would

comply under the criteria of the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Manual.

"We attended the theory workshop at Cowell in March and, following that, we volunteered to take our truck to the practical workshop at Quinn Transport, Cleve," Robert said.

"That workshop was really useful for us. It helped us identify what to look for when doing maintenance and what the problems were with the truck.

GPSA will be holding workshops at Wirrulla, Cummins, Cleve and Wallaroo in March.

To register for an upcoming workshop, keep your eyes on GPSA's social media and the Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles website page, available via www.tinyurl.com/GPSA-RHV

The Roadworthy Heavy Vehicles... Made Easy! campaign has been funded by the NHVR's Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative Program, with the support of the Federal Government.



Reminder to 'Hit Your Target' when spraying this summer

Recent rainfall across parts of the state means growers will be out resuming their summer spraying programs. If you are spraying, make sure you are considering your neighbours and taking proactive steps to control spray drift.

GPSA's 'Hit Your Target' campaign has a number of resources for growers and conveys best practice information to help reduce the likelihood of spray drift and off-target damage.

Growers must adopt best practice strategies and equipment to minimise spray drift and off-target damage, particularly in areas neighbouring viticultural and horticultural crops. Grapevines are highly susceptible to off-target herbicides, so it is critical to understand just how far droplets can drift and ensure weather conditions are suitable when spraying.

Growers should NOT spray during inversion conditions. Inversion conditions are more likely in the early morning, evening and overnight. Planning before any spraying operation is critical to avoiding spray drift, including choosing products carefully, selecting the correct droplet size and avoiding inversion conditions.

Biosecurity SA will pursue all reports of anyone who has either deliberately or negligently caused damage to others by not following regulatory requirements. If caught and prosecuted, offences can carry a maximum penalty of \$35,000.

More information on how to 'Hit Your Target' during your summer spraying is available at bit.ly/GPSA-HYT

Looking for information on growing GM crops?

PIRSA has established an information portal for producers looking to understand how to access GM crops, which food crops are currently approved for commercial cultivation and information on coexistence principals, accessible via www.pir.sa.gov.au