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NFF Regional Forum in SA

Interested in the future of Australian agriculture? Limited tickets are still available for the National Farmers Federation Regional Forum Towards 2030 in the Barossa Valley on 8 June 2021!

This forum will bring together farming and regional leaders to take stock of progress towards the NFF's goal of reaching \$100 billion in farmgate output by 2030. It will feature keynote presentations from a broad range of experts, policy makers, politicians and producers who are at the cutting edge of growing Australian agriculture and contributing to NFF's \$100 billion goal.

This forum is one in a series of national events supported by Telstra and held in partnership with state farming organisations. The event will also allow attendees the chance to have their say about both opportunities and issues in their region.

The forum is an open event and everyone interested in the future of agriculture in Australia and South Australia is welcome to attend.

GPSA members may access the discounted producer rate tickets offered to all PPSA members. However, tickets are limited so buy them while you can!

You can find more information about the event and purchase tickets via tinyurl.com/NFF-Towards2030-SA

Guest speakers will tackle key industry issues in alignment with the NFF's 2030 Roadmap Pillars, including growing sustainably, unlocking innovation, customers and the value chain, people and communities, and regionalisation!

Featured speakers include:

- 9.00am – Fiona Simson, President, NFF
 - 9.15am – Tony Mahar, Chief Executive, NFF
 - 9.30am – Richard Heath, Executive Officer, Australia Farm Institute
 - 10.00am – Kim Krogh Anderson, Group Executive Product & Technology, Telstra
 - 10.30am – Hon. Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment
 - 11.30am – Joanna Stanion, First Assistant Secretary, Agricultural Policy, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
 - 12.00pm – Andrew Tongue, Deputy Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
 - 12.30pm – Michelle Edge, Chief Executive, PIRSA
 - 2.00pm onwards – Regionalisation, case studies, open forum, and more!
- The full event agenda is available to download via the GPSA website.

This event is proudly supported by Telstra.

Find more information, purchase tickets and download the event agenda via tinyurl.com/NFF-Towards2030-SA

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Growing SA 2021 Conference to be held 23 & 24 August 2021 at the Adelaide Hills Convention Centre, Hahndorf.

Land Access Inquiry Update

The next steps are being taken in SA's Parliamentary Land Access Inquiry, as the Select Committee considers written submissions and meets with witnesses.

Earlier this year, a Select Committee was established to inquire and report on SA's land access arrangements concerning mining and exploration activity on agricultural land, thanks to a push from the expanded crossbench in the Lower House of State Parliament.

GPSA drew from the previous work of our Mining Act Review Taskforce to inform our submission to the Select Committee, which encompassed substantive policy reforms and recommendations to ensure fairer outcomes for farmers, farming families and rural communities.

Submissions made to the Committee are public and can be accessed, once accepted by the Committee, via the SA Parliament website.

The next step in the Inquiry is to hold a series of regional public hearings to enable witnesses to give evidence.

As GPSA understands, the following tentative dates have been set:

28 June 2021 – Wudinna

29 June 2021 – Tumby Bay

2 July 2021 – Maitland

GPSA strongly encourages all members with an interest in land access arrangements concerning mining and exploration activity on agricultural land to attend.

Further, GPSA encourages members who may wish to give evidence in the public hearings to contact GPSA for assistance, support and guidance in regard to this process.

GPSA will continue to keep members informed as the Inquiry continues. You can find more information on the GPSA website via tinyurl.com/GPSA-LandAccessInquiry

ACCC Ag Machinery Market Study

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) market study into agricultural machinery markets has been released.

The study arose from concern that access to, and competition within, agricultural machinery after-sales markets can be limited by warranty and technological restrictions.

GPSA had significant input to Grain Producers Australia's submission, which supported that purchasers are often limited in their options to get service beyond their geographically designated local dealership and, as such, purchasers are compelled to use their local dealership for servicing.

As a result of the report's findings, the ACCC will primarily target the promotion of competition in after-sales markets and focus on increasing transparency in relation to the information available to purchasers of machinery in the sales process and before the point of sale.

GPSA thanks our members that responded to the ACCC survey request.

The full report can be accessed via the ACCC website at tinyurl.com/ACCCAgMachinery

New podcast alert!

BEYOND THE SILO

A new episode has been added to GPSA's Beyond the Silo podcast series!

The new episode features Thomas Elder Markets Manager of Commodity Market Insights Andrew Whitelaw, who chats with host Drew Radford about the recent spike in grain prices, what's driving that and how growers can take advantage of it.

This episode adds to the existing series of Beyond the Silo podcast episodes which cover the basics of grain marketing. In episodes one to nine, former independent consultant Jonathan Wilson – now the CEO of Grains Australia – covers topics ranging from pricing, futures, foreign exchange and contracts, among others.

Beyond the Silo is a GPSA education campaign launched last year.

As well as the podcasts, a series of workshops were held earlier this year across SA. Growers can access other resources, including a guide to marketing grain and a guide to using contracts, on the GPSA website.

Beyond the Silo is part of the Grain Marketing Operations and Diversification Project which GPSA is running in partnership with Grain Trade Australia.

The project, proudly supported by the South Australian Government thanks to a \$75,000 grant from the Regional Growth Fund, aims to help growers better understand grain markets to support diversification.

More information is available via bit.ly/GPSA-BTS

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