



GRAIN PRODUCERS SA
The voice of South Australian growers

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GPSA holds Annual General Meeting 2021 in Hahndorf

GPSA would like to thank all members who attended GPSA's Annual General Meeting, held on 23 August in Hahndorf.

Growers heard reports from GPSA Chair Adrian McCabe and CEO Caroline Rhodes on GPSA's activities in 2020-21.

Chair Adrian McCabe highlighted GPSA's success in progressing the objectives of the SA Grain industry Blueprint, the decision to pursue eradication of lens snail in South Australia, and the important focus on sustainability in GPSA's upcoming agenda.

GPSA farewelled producer-elected director and Eyre Peninsula grower Jared Sampson, who retires from the GPSA Board after 4 years of service.

Jared is a tireless advocate for his local community and Eyre Peninsula region, and made a strong contribution as Chair of the GPSA mining taskforce. Together with his family, Jared also helped lead GPSA's campaign to promote ifarmwell, a rural mental health initiative developed by Dr Kate Gunn.

Both Adrian McCabe, Hamley Bridge, and Dion Woolford,

Kimba, were re-elected to the Board, and Adrian was also re-elected as Chair.

GPSA appreciates the attendance of regional MPs the Hon. Nicola Centofanti MLC and Peter Treloar MP. Growers also had the opportunity for an informal Q&A with Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development David Basham MP.

Attendees additionally heard reports from the South Australia Grain Industry Trust Chair Max Young, and Grain Producers Australia Chair Andrew Weidemann AM.

GPSA's Annual Report 2020-21 is available to members via www.tinyurl.com/GPSA-AnnualReport2020-21 or by contacting GPSA's office.



Eyre Peninsula grower Peta Willmott appointed to GPSA Board

Koongawa grain grower Peta Willmott has been appointed to the Board of Grain Producers SA.

Mrs Willmott's appointment, announced at the GPSA Annual General Meeting at Hahndorf, follows the retirement of producer-elected director Jared Sampson who was a Board member for four years.

GPSA Chair Adrian McCabe said Mrs Willmott was an ideal candidate to fill the casual vacancy.

"Peta is a well-respected member of the grains industry and her community on Eyre Peninsula, and she brings to the Board of GPSA an enormous wealth of experience and expertise, particularly in the area of governance," Mr McCabe said.

Mrs Willmott, who farms with her husband Dean, said her priorities for the grains industry in SA were well aligned with those of GPSA.

"A profitable and sustainable grains industry is what I am passionate about – so I am really looking forward to being able to contribute further to this cause through my new role

with GPSA," she said.

Mrs Willmott also advocates for regional development, in terms of employment, services, infrastructure and education.

Mrs Willmott, who is treasurer of Buckleboo Farm Improvement Group and a councillor with the District Council of Kimba – among numerous other community roles – said she was eager to collaborate with and learn from her fellow GPSA Board members.

"There is such a vast amount of experience in that room – I am looking forward to expanding my governance skills by working alongside the other Directors," she said.

Learn more about GPSA's Directors on the GPSA website.



GPSA's Annual Report 2020-21 is available to members via the GPSA website!

The Annual Report includes an overview of GPSA's purpose, strategic objectives, leadership, committees, activities undertaken in the 2020-21 year, and financial position.

From Tanks to Tractors – Operation Grain Harvest Assist Launched

A nationwide operation has been launched this week, aiming to bolster the supply of local workers to help deliver this year's bumper grains harvest and relieve pressure on farming communities.

Retired and former ADF servicemen and women are being motivated and mobilised under Operation Grain Harvest Assist, to answer the call-up and work on grain farms stationed throughout Australia.

The joint-Operation aims to recruit willing workers with the transferable skills needed to operate heavy machinery and perform other required jobs during grains harvest, in coming weeks.

Behind the scenes, ADF volunteers are driving the plan's operations, harvesting communication networks and empowering social media channels, to link their colleagues with farmers and harvest contractors who urgently need workers.

Grain Producers Australia Chair, Andrew Weidemann, said the ADF Operation was welcomed and it complemented other strategic policy initiatives pursued by GPA to help battle serious labour shortages to deliver short-term and long-term outcomes.

Workers and employers will be connected via Facebook. Two Facebook pages will be managed by volunteer coordinators, with one of them linking workers to harvest jobs posted for farms in WA and SA, and the other for Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

GPSA members looking for casual harvest employees can access the 'Operation Grain Harvest Assist – Western Australia & South Australia' Facebook page via [tinyurl.com/OGHA-SouthAus](https://www.facebook.com/tinyurl.com/OGHA-SouthAus)

AIA September Meeting features ifarmwell founder, Dr Kate Gunn

GPSA encourages growers to attend the Ag Institute of Australia's upcoming SA Division meeting, to be held 13 September at the Arkaba Hotel, Adelaide.

The event features key speaker Dr Kate Gunn, founder of the ifarmwell rural mental health initiative and online resource bank.

GPSA is proud to continue its support of ifarmwell through this event, as a component of our work program to promote rural health and wellbeing. See [ifarmwell.com.au](https://www.ifarmwell.com.au) for more information.

Tickets and further details are available via www.aginstitute.com.au/_events.registration/step1/eventid/10846

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Harvest Fire Prevention Update

by Shane Gale, GPSA Regional Field Officer

With crops progressing in what promises to be a productive season, GPSA reminds members as they prepare for harvest to be guided by the Grain Harvesting Code of Practice.

The Code outlines the conditions under which grain harvesting and handling should occur in the paddock, including operating grain harvesters, vehicles involved in grain transport, and grain dryers and augers.

Harvesting can be made safer by following five simple steps to help reduce the risk of fires: 1. Preparation, 2. Maintenance, 3. Monitoring, 4. Safe operations and 5. Communication.

Growers are reminded that SA Police have the power to direct that foolhardy harvesting operations cease where they may cause a fire, or cause a fire to get out of control. In considering whether to direct that harvesting operations cease, SA Police will have regard to whether producers are operating in accordance with the Grain Harvesting Code of Practice, and any other relative information.

Members can continue progress toward ever-increasing degrees of safety by proactively ensuring their compliance with the Grain Harvesting Code of Conduct.

South Australia's inaugural State Bushfire Management Plan 2021-2025 was released this month, in accordance with the Fire and Emergency Services Act.

GPSA are pleased to support members who have volunteered to represent Primary Producers SA on several state bushfire committees. GPSA extends congratulations to Eric Sommerville, Brian Calderwood and Peter Woolford, who will represent PPSA on their local South Australia Bushfire Management Committees, in addition to member Peter White who will represent PPSA on the State Bushfire Coordination Committee.

More information on GPSA's Know Your Code campaign is available via www.grainproducerssa.com.au

Beyond the Silo grain marketing resources

GRAIN TRADE AUSTRALIA

A guide to selling grain using grain contracts

Adapted for South Australian growers



Reminder!
Growers looking to brush up their grain marketing fundamentals should access GPSA's Beyond the Silo resources, available via the GPSA website.