

MEDIA RELEASE

GIWA announces new Chair

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The Grain Industry Association of Western Australia ([GIWA](#)) Inc is pleased to announce the appointment of Bob Nixon as Chair, effective from 4th October 2017, replacing Dr Richard Williams.

Bob runs a broad acre farming operation, currently 18,700HA of arable land with annual rainfall of 300mm, near Kalannie in the Central Wheatbelt of Western Australia, 260kms north-east of Perth. In partnership with his wife, parents, two brothers and staff, the Nixon's have a cropping program of 15,000HA planted to wheat, barley and canola and a family run gypsum mining operation.

Bob is a member of the Liebe Grower Group, his local GRDC Regional Cropping Solutions Network, and is a 2014 [Nuffield Scholar](#), whose research project focused on managing production risk in the dry and variable climate of Western Australia's eastern wheat belt through crop rotation and diversity, reducing input costs and benefitting from economies of scale. Bob has been a member of the GIWA Wheat Council since 2016.

"I have always been interested in the competitiveness of WA's grain value chains through to our end consumers, and am honoured to step up to the role of Chair at GIWA. I'm looking forward to working on precompetitive issues for wheat, barley, oilseeds, pulses and oats with the other Chairs of the GIWA Councils, Larissa Taylor our CEO and the GIWA staff to serve the needs of GIWA's members.

Not for profit industry associations like GIWA play a critical partnership role in our industry's ability to signal and solve issues up and down the value chain, from pure research, to breeding, broad acre production, varietal accreditation and rationalisation, agronomic extension, processing, marketing, setting trade standards, addressing market access issues and supporting the economic development of regional Western Australia."

The full membership of GIWA's Executive can be found on the [GIWA website](#).

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Pictured below (left to right): Former GIWA Chair Dr Richard Williams handing over to new GIWA Chair Bob Nixon on Wed, 4th October 2017.

