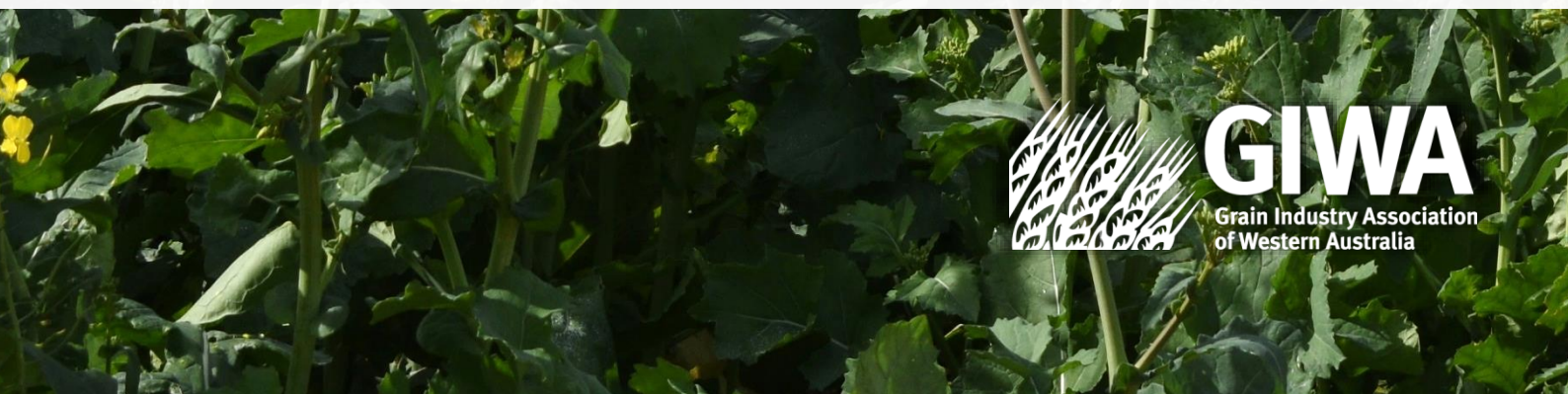




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# **2021-22 ANNUAL UPDATE**



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# Executive Summary

Lyndon Mickel

Chair, Grain Industry Association of Western Australia

Reflecting on the past 12-months, GIWA has been extremely busy.

We have seen the State set a new benchmark with a record harvest, and record commodity and input pricing. We have seen Grains Australia gain momentum, and GIWA has been closely involved with this process. The GIWA team ran a 100 per cent virtual Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) Research Updates conference for the first time during February this year; undertook another Receival Standards review; ran a well-attended Barley Forum; consulted with industry to produce another annual Barley Variety Rationalisation Plan; in partnership with CBH Group and the Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre (AEGIC), GIWA continued to manage the relationship with Japanese noodle wheat customers; and the five GIWA Commodity Councils met more than a dozen times to address a range of important industry issues.

It's been a busy year for our grain supply chain also.

Western Australia reached a record 24 million tonne grain harvest for the 2021 season, with CBH receiving 21.3 million tonnes into the system. Given some of the State's grain growing regions experienced waterlogging, frost, and the lack of finishing rains, it makes the result even more impressive. Add to this some excellent pricing, and it was definitely a harvest to remember.

On the downside, the WA supply chain came under considerable pressure given the sheer volume of grain needing to be sold and transported. The CBH Group did an amazing job, breaking all-time records for grain movements, but despite their best efforts, the industry is feeling the financial impacts of physically getting the grain to port and onto vessels. There will be approximately four million tonnes of carryover left in the State. With the outlook of another bumper underway, WA will literally be overflowing with grain in 2023.

Every sector of our industry is under stress. Crops are valuable, putting a degree of urgency on harvest, but we do need calm and look after our people. We have seen too many accidents resulting in deaths within our industry this year, a trend that we need to stop, as any casualty is one too many.

The progression of Grains Australia has gained momentum, with the recent formation of its commodity councils, on which WA has good representation, and the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer. Congratulations to Richard Simonaitis on his new role, and a special acknowledgement to outgoing interim CEO, Andrew Young, on the advancements made under his guidance.

Given the structural setup of Grains Australia, and the unique position WA has as the nation's major grain exporting State, it is clear that GIWA has a strong contribution to make into the future, with the GIWA Commodity Councils able to feed directly into Grains Australia's equivalent Councils at a national level, ensuring WA has a strong voice in national decision making.

Another major project undertaken by GIWA this year was the Grain Receival Standards review, which is one of the many industry-good functions GIWA undertakes on behalf of the industry.

The major outcome from the Review was the decision by the Standards Review Committee, fully endorsed by the GIWA Board, to remove the colour specification from the Barley Receival Standards. This change is effective from the start of the 2023-24 harvest. The change to the standard has received resounding support and positive feedback from growers.

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## Acknowledgements

- To all the Council members that volunteered their time this year to sit on the commodity councils, thank you, on behalf of GIWA, for the contribution you've made to benefit the WA grain industry. Your commitment ensures GIWA has the strength to perform the functions it does.
- To the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD), CBH Group, AEGIC and GRDC for the continued support of GIWA. We look forward to continuing to foster and grow our working relationships moving forward.
- To Michael Lamond, his team, and GIWA's Rachel Nash, for coordinating the monthly GIWA Crop Report. The GIWA Crop Report is the envy of the Australian grain industry, and a real feather in the cap for GIWA. Thank you for your contribution.
- To my fellow Board members, thank you for the support and trust you have placed in me to lead this organisation during the last year. At times it has been challenging, but it is an honour to be your Chair. A special mention to those that have filled in at various times when I have been unable to make the trip up for functions or meetings.
- And to GIWA staff – Peter Nash, Rachel Nash, Ian Longson, the recently departed Mila Fotiou, and your band of many helpers – you are the backbone of this organisation, and we cannot thank you enough for the effort and dedication you put into your roles. It is a pleasure to work alongside you all.

To all our GIWA Members and supporters, may you have a safe and successful harvest, and we look forward to the challenges that await us in 2023.

Lyndon Mickel

# GIWA Overview

## Purpose and Strategy

GIWA's purpose is to promote an effective and efficient Western Australian export grain industry.

GIWA's strategy is to facilitate communication and information exchange, industry good functions, capacity building and grain supply chain solutions for the WA grain industry.

## Industry good functions

On behalf of its supply chain members, GIWA provides support for pre-competitive, industry good functions for the WA grain industry through its core focus on:

- **Standards:** GIWA is caretaker of WA grain receival standards and works closely with Grain Trade Australia (GTA), the Australian Oilseeds Federation and Pulse Australia to manage those standards.
- **Trade and market access:** GIWA works to maintain and grow trade and market access both independently and as a member of GTA's Trade and Market Access Committee. GIWA, in partnership with Cooperative Bulk Handling (CBH) and the Australian Export Grain Innovation Centre (AEGIC), manages the relationship with the Japanese and Korean noodle wheat markets.
- **Grain varietal classification:** GIWA is responsible for national oat variety classification and contributes to wheat and barley variety classification via GIWA's Wheat and Barley Councils' contributions to Wheat Quality Australia and Barley Australia.
- **Grain varietal rationalisation:** GIWA facilitates barley and oat varietal rationalisation in WA.
- **Industry engagement in grains RD&E:** GIWA's commodity Councils and events such as the annual GIWA Forum, the GIWA Barley Forum, and others, provide a mechanism for the grains industry to raise and resolve issues, and identify and pursue opportunities.
- **Phytosanitary, chemical residue, biosecurity and supply chain issues management.**
- **Pre-competitive trade and industry promotion.**
- **Value chain skills and capacity building.**

The GIWA Wheat, Barley, Oilseeds, Oats and Pulses Councils continue to pursue the objective of doubling the value of the WA grain industry by 2025, detailed in the 2015 industry informed *WA Grain Industry Strategy 2025+*.

## 2021-22 GIWA Board

- Lyndon Mickel, Chair and GIWA Barley Council Chair
- Tress Walmsley, Deputy Chair and Independent
- Eamonn Lanagan, Treasurer
- Ashley Wiese, GIWA Oat Council Chair
- Peter Rees, GIWA Wheat Council Chair
- Peter Bostock, GIWA Oilseeds Council Chair
- Stephen Powles, GIWA Pulse Council Chair
- Rob Dickie/Kellie Todman, Independent
- Kerry Regan, Independent
- Mark Narustrang, Independent

## 2021-22 Key GIWA Staff

- Peter Nash, Executive Officer
- Rachel Nash, Marketing and Communication Manager
- Ian Longson, Business Development Manager
- Mila Fotiou, Finance and Administration Manager



2021 End of Year Gathering

## GIWA Membership

GIWA's members include researchers, plant breeders, seed cleaners and distributors, growers, grower groups, agronomists, farm business advisors, input service providers, domestic feed and food grain processors, bulk and container logistics service providers, and grain traders. Membership numbers grew slightly in 2021-22 to 102 financial members.



# GIWA Commodity Councils

GIWA has [five Commodity Councils](#), involving dedicated volunteers representing the whole of the grain supply chain, who provide industry good support, advice and direction for the agronomic development, production, handling, processing and marketing of WA grains.

## GIWA Barley Council

The GIWA Barley Council met twice during 2021-22, and held its annual Barley Forum in July 2021.

This year, key issues addressed included:

- Barley variety rationalisation and segregation planning.
- Ensuring WA is well represented on the Grains Australia Barley Council.
- Progressed the pursuit of funding to undertake the research required to develop an appropriate falling number, Rapid Viscose Analyser or other receival standard to accurately predict the storability of barley for malting purposes.

Council members during 2021-22:

Chair	Lyndon	Mickel	Grower, Beaumont
Deputy Chair	David	Moody	Barley Breeder, InterGrain
Member	James	Allen	Grain Marketer, GrainCorp
Member	Mal	Bennett	Customer Relationship Manager, Emerald Grain
Member	Grant	Marshall	Grower, Lakes District
Member	Mark	Pontifex	Grain Marketer, MarketAg
Member	Drew	Robertson	Senior Barley Trader, CBH
Member	Paul	Telfer	Barley Breeder, AGT
Member	Mike	Tempone	Director, GAPRA
Guest	Larisa	Cato	National Wheat Quality Technical Manager, AEGIC
Guest	Jack	King	Barley and Oat Program Manager, AEGIC
Guest (Proxy Member)	Dale	Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH
Guest	Blakely	Paynter	Senior Research Officer, DPIRD



2021 Barley Forum, July 2021

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## GIWA Wheat Council

During 2021-22, the GIWA Wheat Council met four times, plus hosted a meeting with a delegation from the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (MAFF) to discuss MAFF's concerns over continuity of noodle wheat supply.

Key issues addressed this year included:

- Ongoing management of the relationship with the Japanese and Korean noodle wheat markets.
- Reducing dockage levels in noodle wheat shipments to Japan.
- Ensuring WA is well represented on the Grains Australia Wheat Council.
- The introduction of the new Australian White Wheat (AWW) class and its potential positive and negative impacts on growers, breeders, traders and bulk handlers.
- The proposed trial by CBH of a new ASW grade with minimum 9% protein and its potential positive and negative impacts on growers, traders and bulk handlers, which resulted in a submission to GTA which:
  - o Was in favour of investigating the impact of the proposed new ASW grade.
  - o Opposed the introduction of the new grade before the potential impact has been investigated by the proposed GTA Working Group.
  - o Requested that GTA include GIWA Wheat Council representatives from different sectors of the supply chain in the makeup of the proposed Industry Working Group.

Council members during 2021-22:

<b>Chair</b>	Peter	Rees	Grain Marketer, MarketAg
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Tress	Walmsley	CEO, InterGrain
Member	Dion	Bennett	Wheat Breeder and WA Manager, AGT
Member	Brad	Cullen	Procurement and Mill Run Manager, Mauri
Member	James	Foulsham	General Manager Marketing and Trading, AAAX
Member	Simon	Gellert	Wheat Trader, Viterro (Glencore)
Member	Rebecca	Kelly	Grower, Mingenew
Member	Chela	Lamond	Grower Services Manager, GrainCorp
Member	Kit	Leake	Grower, Kellerberrin
Member	Dick	McCagh	WA State Manager, Emerald Grain
Member	Claire	Shadbolt	Lead – Grain Quality and Sustainability, CBH
Member	Tremayne	Watts	Grains and Oilseeds Manager, Cargill
Guest	Larisa	Cato	National Wheat Quality Technical Manager, AEGIC
Guest	Dion	Nicol	Research Officer, Merredin, DPIRD
Guest (Proxy member)	Dale	Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH



## GIWA Oat Council

The GIWA Oat Council met three times during 2021-22. The key issues addressed included:

- Ongoing involvement and input to the [Processed Oat Partnership \(POP\)](#) project.
- Developing a fit-for-purpose oat classification system in collaboration with AEGIC and Grains Australia.
- Ensuring WA is well represented on the Grains Australia Oat Council.
- Seeking funding to examine the relationship between hectolitre weight, thousand grain weight and CBH sampling methodology to find an improved measure of grain quality.
- Ongoing involvement in the planning and delivery of the International Oat Conference to be delivered by GIWA in October 2022.
- Increasing the range of herbicides available to oat growers:
  - o Oats are seen by crop protection companies as a minor crop so limited investment is made in developing and testing new herbicides for use in oats.
  - o During 2017, GIWA sought and was granted a minor use permit by the APVMA to enable trifluralin to be used in oats. This expired during March 2022, but fortunately Nufarm registered TriflurX® Herbicide in this same month, meaning trifluralin, a key tool for rye grass control in oats, remains available to oat growers.

Council members during 2021-22:

<b>Chair</b>	Ashley	Wiese	Grower, Highbury
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Anna-Lisa	Newman	Grower, Varley, Karradale Trading
Member	Will	Carrington-Jones	Grower, Kojonup, Warrenup Pastoral Co
Member	Pat	Guerin	Supply Manager, Balco
Member	Robert	Loughman	Retired, Former DPIRD
Member	Chris	Maughan	Supply Chain Manager, Quaker Oats Australia
Member	David	Oates	Director, Demeter Cormack
Member	John	Orr	Director, Premium Grain Handlers
Member	Garry	Page	Organic Oat Grower, Pingelly, COBWA (Certified Organic and Biodynamic WA)
Member	Allan	Rathey	Oat Breeder, InterGrain
Member	Dane	Robertson	Trading Manager Protein and Oilseeds, Marketing Manager Oilseeds, Protein, Oats, CBH
Member	Jonathon	Thorn	Trade Support Executive, AAAX
Member	Michael	Vaccari	General Manager Commercial, Unigrain
Member	Hilary	Wittwer	Grower, Cuballing
Guest	Andrew	Bolt	Director, Hay Australia
Guest	Kevin	Boyle	CEO, Blue Lake Milling
Guest	Trent	Butcher	Agronomist, ConsultAg
Guest	Larisa	Cato	Wheat Quality & Technician Markets Manager, AEGIC
Guest	Nabeen	Dulal	Research Scientist – Oat Quality and Processing, AEGIC
Guest	Jack	King	Barley and Oat Program Manager, AEGIC
Guest (Proxy Member)	Brent	Hope	General Manager Operations, Unigrain (proxy)
Guest	Sabori	Mitra	Research Scientist – Oat Quality and Processing, AEGIC
Guest (Proxy Member)	Jackson	Morris	Premium Grain Handlers
Guest (Proxy Member)	Dale	Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH
Guest	Blakely	Paynter	Senior Research Officer, DPIRD
Guest (Proxy Member)	Pamela	Zwer	Consultant Oat Breeder

## GIWA Oilseeds Council

The GIWA Oilseeds Council met once in 2021-22, and held an Oilseeds Field Day in Northam in August 2021. In 2021-22, the key issues addressed by the Oilseeds Council included:

- To address growers' concerns regarding certainty and timeliness of hybrid canola seed supply, the Council initiated and/or participated in:
  - o Round table discussions between growers, seed suppliers and retailers.
  - o Multiple interviews with rural media.
  - o A WAFarmers meeting on the matter.
  - o A Grain Growers Limited national forum on the matter.
- A proposal to include dealings with (Roundup Ready™) GM canola on the GMO Register. The Council liaised with the Australian Oilseeds Federation (AOF) and Australian Seed Federation (ASF) to demonstrate national industry solidarity and made a submission to the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) which:
  - o Was supportive of including dealings with (Roundup Ready™) GM canola on the GMO Register.
  - o Stated that an ongoing stewardship program for Roundup Ready™ GM canola and for any future introductions of other genetically modified grain crops, is essential.
  - o Stated that if the OGTR is considering broadening the responsibility for stewardship of a product beyond that of the original license holder, this requires further consideration, particularly the potential impact on trade.

Council members during 2021-22:

<b>Chair</b>	Peter	Bostock	Sales and Technical Manager – Southern WA, Pioneer Brand Products
<b>Deputy Chair</b>	Jon	Slee	General Manager, Alba Edible Oils
<b>Member</b>	Matt	Aubert	Lupin Breeder, AGT
<b>Member</b>	Reece	Curwen	Tooraweenah Pastoral Company, Grower, South Stirlings
<b>Member</b>	Paula	Eley	Grain Marketer, GrainCorp
<b>Member</b>	Nick	Goddard	CEO, Australian Oilseeds Federation
<b>Member</b>	Justin	Kudnig	National Canola Technical Manager, Advanta Seeds
<b>Member</b>	Michael	Lamond	CEO Research Agronomist, SLR Agriculture
<b>Member</b>	Hugh	Trenorden	Western Australia Regional Manager, Bayer
<b>Member</b>	Jane	Wardle	Grain Quality and Sustainability Manager, CBH
<b>Guest</b>	Jackie	Bucat	Canola Research and Extension Communications Manager, DPIRD
<b>Guest (Proxy Member)</b>	Dale	Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH



Oilseeds Field Day, August 2021

## GIWA Pulse Council

The GIWA Pulse Council held three meetings during 2021-22 as well as hosting a [Pulse Forum during June 2021](#).

This year, the Council was primarily focused on continuing to liaise with the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) to negotiate market access for lupins for human consumption into India and Japan. This included:

- Working with DPIRD and lupin processors on the DPIRD Lupin Taskforce, which is assisting lupin food processors to collaborate in a pre-competitive manner to promote and market lupins for food.
- Finalised the DPIRD/GIWA co-investment in the Grains and Legume Nutrition Council lupin project to research and showcase the use of sweet lupins in food products.
- Began investigating the potential to increase opportunities to segregate pulses other than lupins in the bulk handling system.

Council members during 2021-22:

Chair	Steve	Powles	Grower, Kojonup and Emeritus Professor, UWA School of Agriculture and Environment
Member	Matt	Aubert	Lupin Breeder, AGT
Member	Nick	Goddard	CEO, Pulse Australia
Member	Alan	Meldrum	Regional Co-Ordinator WA, Grain Growers Ltd
Member	John	Orr	Premium Grain Handlers
Member	Neil	Wandel	Grower, Esperance Quality Grains
Member	Jane	Wardle	Grain Quality and Sustainability Manager, CBH
Guest (Proxy Member)	Jack	Morris	Premium Grain Handlers
Guest (Proxy Member)	Dale	Paddon	Country Quality Manager, Australian Grains Centre, CBH
Guest	Mark	Seymour	Senior Researcher, DPIRD
Guest	Greg	Shea	Senior Researcher, DPIRD
Guest	David	Fienberg	Managing Director, The Lupin Co



Pulse Forum, June 2022

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# Key achievements in 2021-22

## GRDC Grains Research Updates 2022

The [2022 GRDC Grains Research Updates Perth](#) conference was again disrupted by COVID when mask-wearing mandates forced GRDC to move to a 100% virtual format less than six weeks before the event. GIWA staff and contractors worked tirelessly to reformat and deliver the planned two-day, in-person program of 54 presentations and panel sessions, as six one-day virtual events across a three-week period instead.

The team operated out of a studio at Crown Perth, with most of the presentations delivered live from that studio and the remainder (where presenters were based in regional, interstate or international locations) delivered via the online platform. This was a considerable logistical effort for GIWA and GRDC.

Five regional Research Updates events were also conducted during July and August at Moora, Wickiepin, Hyden, Kojonup and Dongara. The Regional Updates are traditionally run during February/March, but the extended virtual format of the Perth event prevented this for 2022 and the Regional Updates were rescheduled to July/August 2022.

GIWA holds the GRDC Grains Research Updates Western Region contract for a further two years (2023 and 2024).



2022 GRDC Grains Research Updates, February 2022

## GIWA/AEGIC WA Grain Industry Dinner

The annual WA Grain Industry Dinner, co-hosted and co-funded by AEGIC, was held during February at Crown Perth, with CEOs and Chairs of the major grain industry organisations, and senior DPIRD staff present. This annual dinner provides a forum for WA and national grain industry leaders to meet, build relationships and discuss issues of national and State importance. Regrettably, COVID restrictions prevented a number of eastern states invitees being able to attend. The Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC was in attendance at the dinner and was appreciative of the opportunity.



The Hon. Alannah MacTiernan MLC addressing the 2022 Grains Industry Dinner, February 2022

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## 2021 GIWA AGM

Held on the same day at Optus Stadium preceding the GIWA Forum, the 2021 GIWA AGM attracted around 50 GIWA Members both in person and online. At the AGM, Lyndon Mickel, Beaumont grower was appointed GIWA Chair in place of outgoing Chair Ash Wiese. Ash continues on as Chair of the GIWA Oat Council and has been with GIWA since inception.

Find out more about the current GIWA Board here: <https://www.giwa.org.au/about-us/board/>



Outgoing Chair, Ash Wiese (left) and newly appointed Chair, Lyndon Mickel (right) at the 2021 GIWA AGM.

## 2021 GIWA Forum

The GIWA Forum is the Western Australian grain industry's peak annual thought leadership event. Attracting almost 200 guests, the opening address was provided by the Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Agriculture and Food; Hydrogen Industry.

Keynote speakers included Reuben Blackie, PepsiCo, Crawford Taylor, Rabobank and Jane Wardle, CBH Group. Presentations were followed by a Panel discussion including keynote speakers, Ash Wiese, GIWA Oat Council Chair and Grower as MC, the Hon Alannah MacTiernan MLC, Minister for Agriculture, and Dylan Hirsch, Grower and Nuffield Australia Scholar. Following the formalities of the evening, guests were invited to network with refreshments and canapes.



2021 GIWA Forum Presenters

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## Renegotiation of DPIRD Service Agreement for 2022-23 to 2024-25

GIWA has successfully negotiated a further three-year Service Agreement with DPIRD, which demonstrates that GIWA continues to deliver value to DPIRD. This agreement spans the next three years, providing greater security and efficiencies than the previous cycle of two-year agreements, and sees an increase in the annual funding contribution made by DPIRD to GIWA.

## GIWA Crop Report

The GIWA Crop Report agronomic advisory panel and [GIWA Crop Report](#) consulting author Michael Lamond continue to make highly valuable contributions to GIWA's member services through the monthly GIWA Crop Report, which GIWA produces 10 times per year under its' service agreement with DPIRD.

GIWA's Marketing and Communications Manager, Rachel Nash continues to build a strong national and state following for the GIWA Crop Report with digital, print, radio and television media channels. The highly sought-after Crop Report is now made available to members approximately 24-hours before it is released to the media and the general public and can be accessed via the GIWA website. This allows tracking of how frequently the Crop Report is being accessed, and by who, giving us valuable information on who is using the Crop Report and potentially identifying people and organisations that can be targeted to become members of GIWA.

## Malt Barley Variety Rationalisation

The GIWA Barley Council again undertook a malt barley variety rationalisation process to take effect for the 2023-24 harvest. This was presented to and endorsed by the industry at the 2021 GIWA Barley Forum.

<https://www.giwa.org.au/industry-projects/barley-rationalisation/>

## Standards Review

GIWA again undertook a [Standards Review process during 2022](#). This resulted in two submissions being received, both relating to barley colour (brightness). Following completion of the GIWA Standards Review 2022 process and consideration of industry submissions after the first and second round submissions period, there will be no material changes to existing tolerances in the GIWA Western Australia grain receival standards for the 2022-23 season, however, the colour (brightness) standard for Barley will be removed effective as at the 2023-24 harvest. The Final Industry Advice Notice that provides additional detail can be found on the GIWA website.

<https://www.giwa.org.au/industry-projects/grain-standards/>

## Processed Oat Partnership

The State Government has committed \$10.12 million over four years to the [Processed Oat Partnership \("POP"\)](#). This industry-led partnership will provide a foundation for the growth of the oat industry in WA, both in value and volume, over the next 20 years. GIWA, through the GIWA Oat Council, are the lead program partners and advisors, providing a communications portal between stakeholders.

POP aims to increase WA's production of processed oats, grain yield and hectares sown. The project has been slowly gaining traction over the last 12 months as the POP Steering Committee has been reviewing and refining the proposed projects to be delivered by the program, and a number of those being delivered by DPIRD and Murdoch University are now underway.

GIWA has retained a consultant who is available to provide assistance to eligible (existing and new) oat processing businesses seeking to submit expressions of interest and applications to current and future State Government or Australian Government grant funds relevant to investment in oat processing. The objective is to assist eligible businesses to gain access to grant funds to conduct feasibility studies and develop business plans or contribute to investment in infrastructure or other capital which would lead to increased demand for oats for processing in WA. To date, eight businesses have utilised this consultant.



## 2022 Pulse Forum

In partnership with the University of WA's Institute of Agriculture (UWA IOA), the GIWA Pulse Council hosted a [Pulse Forum during June 2022](#). The event attracted nearly 100 in-person and virtual participants. Scientists from DPIRD, AEGIC, UWA and CSIRO; and lupin food processors, grain handlers and growers presented on the full spectrum of pulse breeding, growing, marketing, handling and processing. The need to better promote and market lupins as a human food, and gain market access into new international markets, was a strong theme throughout the day.



2022 GIWA Pulse Forum

## Delegations and consultations

The number of national and international organisations returning to WA to consult with GIWA face-to-face instead of via virtual meetings, is on the rise. GIWA hosted delegations from the following organisations in the last 12 months:

- Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (MAFF)
  - Jointly received by GIWA, AEGIC and CBH.
  - Focus was on continuity of noodle wheat supply and dockage levels in noodle wheat shipments.
- US Department of Agriculture
  - GIWA hosted the USDA FAS Australian and New Zealand Agriculture Counsel, Levin Flake, and Canberra Embassy staff for a briefing by AEGIC, DPIRD, GIWA and CBH, then escorted them on a four-day tour visiting growers and Michael Lamond, GIWA Crop Report author.
- GRDC Managing Director
  - Nigel Hart met with GIWA to discuss strategic opportunities.
- Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (DAWE)
  - GIWA hosted senior DAWE staff working in the market access portfolio and facilitated a meeting with exporters to discuss market access priorities and impediments.

## Council of Grain Grower Organisations (COGGO)

GIWA continued to provide administrative services to COGGO during 2021-22. Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd (COGGO) is a public company limited by guarantee, with a mandate to invest in Research and Development for the benefit of grain growers in Western Australia. For more information, please visit <http://www.coggo.net.au/>.

## Preparation for the International Oat Conference (OAT2022)

Originally planned for delivery in 2020, planning for the [OAT2022 International Oat Conference](#) has been underway in earnest for the last 12 months and will culminate in GIWA delivering the event during October 2022. In addition to the three-day conference, GIWA will be hosting a field day in York the day prior, and this will be open to both conference delegates, local growers and agronomists.

In October 2021, in the lead up to OAT2022, GIWA took part in the “Golden Spurtle” World’s Best Porridge competition with Executive Chef, Scott Bridger of Bib and Tucker. GIWA and Scott were placed in equal sixth place. View the [video entry here](#).



### 2022 11th International Oat Conference Western Australian Grower Ash

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### OAT2022 11th International Oat Conference Western Australia Indi Beaches

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