



2025 GIWA Barley Forum

'Malt or Feed - where is WA heading?'

Tuesday 5 August 2025, Swan Yacht Club

12:45pm Registration for a 1:00pm start

Introduction

David Moody, Chair, GIWA Barley Council

The view from the malthouse

A maltsters perspective on the malting and brewing industry and implications for the WA malt barley industry.

Jeremy Thiblet, Australia and New Zealand Regional Operations Manager, Malteurop

Simon Robertson, Regional Merchandising Manager, Boortmalt

Paul Rigoni, General Manager Operations, Barrett Burston Malting

The view from the paddock

Factors affecting grower decision making on whether to target malt or feed....or to grow barley at all!

Graeme McConnell, Director and Farm Business Consultant, Planfarm.

Simon Leake, Agronomist, Planfarm

The view from the glasshouse

The challenges barley breeders face meeting malting/brewing objectives vs grower objectives.

Amanda Box, Barley Breeder, Secobra Research

David Moody, Barley Breeder, InterGrain / GIWA Barley Council Chair

Paul Telfer, Barley Breeder, AGT

Breeder discussion – new malting varieties

A quick look at varieties that may be in the marketplace in 2026. Moderated by Blakely Paynter, DPIRD, this session will include a panel of breeders.

Amanda Box, Secobra Research

David Moody, InterGrain

David Peake, RAGT

Paul Telfer, AGT

Afternoon Tea

Determining GIWA malt barley variety receival recommendations for 2026/27 harvest

David Moody, Chair, InterGrain Barley Breeder

Linda Hewson, Grower, Broomehill

Blakely Paynter, Senior Research Scientist, DPIRD

Scott Haughton, Senior Trader for International Trading, GrainCorp

Lewis Almond, Acting Manager - Domestic Market, CBH Operations

The South American malt barley market opportunity

AEGIC has been in-market in South America again recently. What is changing?

Mary Raynes, Markets Manager, Australian Export Grains Innovation Centre

The rise of craft malting - the Mallokup Malt story

Scotty Butson, Co-Founder, Mallokup Malt

5:00pm Networking canapes and refreshments