

Dear Colleague,



## **2026 GRDC Grains Research Updates EOI Application – Call for Presentations**

Planning has commenced for the annual GRDC Western Region Grains Research Update series for 2026. The two-day Perth Update will be held at the Optus Stadium, Burswood on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February** and **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**, followed by five regional one day GRDC Grains Research Updates in March 2026.

The Grain Industry Association of WA (GIWA) Inc is again coordinating the development of the programs for these events on behalf of the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) with the assistance of Program Committees.

As you will be aware, these popular Updates are run as in-person conference style events with plenty of time for networking.

Topics and speakers are now being sought to deliver research results and information of value to WA grain growers. The emphasis is on new research, innovations and advice with direct applicability to grain growers in the next one to three years, however some space has also been reserved in the program for the presentation of new initiatives or “blue sky” research expected to have longer term benefits for grain farm productivity and profitability.

We ask you to please consider submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI) to present for the 2026 Updates series and to prepare a paper for inclusion in the Grains Research Updates proceedings by completing the EOI form attached to this letter.

Programs for the Perth and Regional Update events will be developed to address the priority areas for improving on-farm productivity and profitability for WA grain farms from the EOI's as well as inviting presenters to address specific topics. You will appreciate that not all proposals to present at the Grains Research Updates can be accommodated due to time constraints with the programs.

The Grains Research Updates have been held annually in WA since the early 1990's and have established a reputation as the state's premier event for the grains industry and for providing growers, advisers, agronomists, farm business consultants, researchers and agribusiness with the latest grain industry research results.

Please forward this call for Expressions of Interest to any colleagues you believe may wish to submit a paper and present as part of the 2026 WA GRDC Grains Research Updates.

Please **submit your EOI by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2025** to be considered for inclusion in the programs for Perth and Regional Updates.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time if you have questions or require assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Longson and Jo Wheeler

**Program Coordinators**

**WA Grains Research Updates**

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## 2026 GRDC Western Region Grains Research Updates

### Expressions of Interest for Presentations

Expressions of Interest (EOI)'s are being sought from those who wish to deliver an oral presentation at the 2026 WA Grains Research Updates (an accompanying written paper is required, except if applying for the New Researcher session). Presenters/authors will be selected on the basis of the importance of the topic to WA grain growers, with highest priority given to important research or advice that can be applied by growers in the coming season.

Papers are required to be concise (five pages maximum); clearly articulate the authors' conclusions and recommendations; include up to three concise, key take home messages; and provide a quantitative estimate of the benefits of the research/advice to WA grain growers. Authors will be required to submit well developed papers that have been reviewed by knowledgeable peers.

Closing date for EOIs to present

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025**

Notification of invitation to present

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Closing date for receipt of papers

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**To Submit an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST to provide an oral presentation and a paper at either the Perth and/or at all or any of the regional Grains Research Updates please complete the attached form.**

### Suggestions for Topics and/or Speakers for 2026 WA Grains Research Updates

Apart from submitting your own EOI, suggestions are welcome for topics and/or speakers for inclusion in the Grains Research Updates Programs in Perth and/or regional locations. We are particularly interested in nominations of potential international or interstate presenters.

Please nominate the title and suggested speaker and your contact details by email to [researchupdates@giwa.org.au](mailto:researchupdates@giwa.org.au) using the heading "Suggestion for a Topic and/or Speaker for 2026 WA Grains Research Updates" and nominate the suggested location for this talk as Perth and/or selected (or all) regional programs.

### Sponsorship and Exhibition opportunities

Sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities are available. For further information, please contact Amanda Collett (0402 838 059) or Jo Wheeler (0427 094 266) or email [researchupdates@giwa.org.au](mailto:researchupdates@giwa.org.au)

**For further information and updates on the 2026 GRDC Grains Research Updates, please visit: [www.giwa.org.au/events/researchupdates/](http://www.giwa.org.au/events/researchupdates/)**

### A paper is required

In submitting an EOI to present at Research Updates it is expected that you will provide a paper in support of your presentation. The expected length is around 4 pages. For further information, please contact Ian Longson or Jo Wheeler via email [researchupdates@giwa.org.au](mailto:researchupdates@giwa.org.au)

Note: New Researcher applicants are not expected to produce a paper for the Research Updates.

All papers will go through a final check edit by the GRDC and will be published on the publicly accessible GRDC website. Should you have a reason for not wanting your paper to be made available to the public please contact Ian Longson via [researchupdates@giwa.org.au](mailto:researchupdates@giwa.org.au) to discuss the options.

### Important – Peer review and statistical analysis

It is expected that you have your paper peer reviewed to seek feedback from your peers to ensure that your paper clearly and concisely addresses the topic and that the methodology and conclusions on which the paper is based are scientifically sound. It is also expected that all results of reported trials should have a statistical analysis. The ultimate responsibility for the quality of your paper rests with you.

### Important – Take home messages

GRDC has requested all papers and presentations (unless ‘blue sky’ research) should have clearly stated practical take home messages (at least one and no more than three) for potential application by WA grain growers for the 2026 growing season and **be written as a ‘call-to-action’** for growers and advisers in all Update papers – i.e. what are your key findings and what do you want growers/advisers to do with your key new findings in a farming systems context? This section should encapsulate the key outcomes from your work, with emphasis on what growers can/should do or consider doing/changing as a result of your research. If done properly, the reader should know what your key findings are and, importantly, what action(s) they need to take or consider taking as a result of your research.

### Important – Impact on profitability

It is essential that the **impact on farm business profitability** is covered in your presentation and at least in the conclusions and key messages sections. For example - reducing costs, increasing revenue or reducing risk and the opportunity cost of applying the practice or technology. Please present quantitative benefit/cost information wherever possible.

Explain how the research information should be used. Wherever applicable, look for opportunities to emphasise:

- Discussion of farm business management implications – both tactical (short term) and strategic (long term)
- Costs and opportunity costs
- Benefits to farmers/farming system
- Risk management issues
- Return of capital investment / change in net worth
- Impact on profit and on what time scale? – i.e., short or longer term pay-off.
- Measuring impact and change
  - How is success / performance measured and targets set?
  - Can benchmarks be used?

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## 2026 GRDC Western Region Grains Research Updates

### EOI for presentations of papers at 2026 Grains Research Updates

Please return this form by email as early as possible but definitely no later than Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025.

- Please detach the first three information pages before sending your EOI to [researchupdates@giwa.org.au](mailto:researchupdates@giwa.org.au)
- Please send back in Word format, do not pdf.
- Please use separate EOI forms if nominating for more than one presentation.
- To minimise multiple EOI's (and to avoid confusion) for the same topic or project, if your research or advice is of a collaborative nature, please consult your project partners, nominate a lead author, and submit a single EOI for each presentation and/or paper wherever possible.
- Each EOI should be restricted to three pages in length

Proponents Name			
Position			
Organisation/Company			
Phone		Mobile	
Email			

- ☐ I am interested in delivering an Oral presentation with an accompanying written paper at the **WA Grains Research Update in Perth from Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> February to Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- ☐ I am interested in delivering an Oral presentation with an accompanying written paper at the **WA Grains Research Updates in a regional zone** *It is expected that presenters will make their own travel and accommodation arrangements and at their own project cost.*
- ☐ Geraldton
  - ☐ Kwinana East
  - ☐ Kwinana West
  - ☐ Esperance
  - ☐ Albany
- ☐ If there is a media launch opportunity associated with my research material – please contact me if accepted to present for further information.

#### **New Presenter Option**

“New researchers” or “early career researchers” (post docs, PhD students close to finishing, early career scientists) have the opportunity to present at the Perth Update in a special short research snapshot (10 minutes) session. Presentations selected for presentation should feature new research or innovations of relevance and value to Western Australian grain growers. Paper is optional but not expected.

- ☐ I would like to be considered for a **presentation in the New Researcher session**. Maximum 10 minute presentation. No paper required.

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## Details of proposed topic

(two pages maximum - additional information may be provided as an attachment but is not expected or required)

<b>Proposed presenter or lead author</b>	
<b>Organisation / company</b>	
<b>Collaborating authors</b>	
<b>Working Title of Presentation/Paper</b>	
<b>Stage of R&amp;D</b> (eg. Will be completed or results of 2 years of trials within a 5 year project)	
<b>The research message(s) to be presented are expected to be ready to be applied by growers on-farm in 2026, or to directly impact growers in how many years?</b>	
<b>OR: If the research does not have an immediate application to improve productivity or profitability, please outline the R&amp;D pipeline and estimated timeline.</b>	
<b>Limitations (if any)</b> (eg. the worth of this presentation/paper for the Updates is heavily reliant on 2025 trials which are yet to be harvested/analysed)	
<b>Project details (please provide GRDC and/or DPIRD project title and code, if relevant)</b>	
<b>Research methodology</b> (please provide brief overview of the program of research which has produced the results to be reported e.g. modeling, case studies, field experiments)	
<b>Please provide up to 50 word brief description of the proposed topic:</b>	
<b>Please provide three key dot point findings/recommendations to be reported:</b>	

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