

# GRAINMatters



EDITION 31 – September 2018

## Reminder to nominate for GTA Board and Technical Committee positions

- Members are reminded to nominate for GTA Board and Technical Committee positions.
- Calls for nominations were made via [GTA Member Update 24 of 18](#) and by email on the 10 September 2018.
- Please note that existing Board and Committee members are required to re-nominate for positions.
- Board vacancies exist for Level A, Level C and for Merchant Association representatives.
- The Nominees do not have to be from the respective membership category, but must be NOMINATED by a GTA Member from the respective category.
- Board Nominations close **tomorrow – 21 September 2018**.
- Technical Committee Nominations close on **Friday 5th October 2018**. Please email nominations to [submissions@graintrade.org.au](mailto:submissions@graintrade.org.au).
- GTA is a member driven organisation, which makes active participation by Members on the Board, committees and working groups critical to GTA and the value it delivers to industry by facilitating trade through its products and services.

## CoR Training

- GTA has been successful in its application to the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator under its Heavy Vehicle Safety Initiative for funding to assist the grain industry with training in compliance.
- GTA will be providing practical training to assist GTA Members and other participants in the grain supply chain in the near future.
- GTA aims to run hands on practical workshops to assist participants to:
  - Perform individual risk assessments;
  - Develop individual and company methods to manage the highlighted transport related risk;
  - Produce draft Policy and Procedures relating to CoR;
  - Develop individual templates to record and capture events and information pertaining to activity in the transport sector of the supply chain;
  - Establish plans and process to train staff and perform reviews and audits.
- GTA is entering the final design and planning process for this training program and will provide more detailed information to Members at the completion of this stage.

## Code of Practice Assessment Tool

- Access to the GTA Code of Practice Online Assessment program can be found [here](#).
- The objective is to establish a base level awareness and understanding of the Grain Industry Code of Practice, and the supporting Transport Code and Technical Guideline Documents.
- The delivery model for the Code Assessment Program is to provide a multiple-choice set of questions for:
  1. the Code;
  2. the TCOP;
  - and 3. each TGD.
- The Code Assessment Program has been segmented as Industry Pathway Programs.
- The Pathway Programs are:

- Grain Industry Code of Practice introduction;
- Grain Transport Code of Practice;
- Grain Handling;
- Grain Assessment and Classification; and
- Grain Industry Operating Standards and Issues Management.

### **Australia's readiness to exchange e-Phytos – IGTC industry case studies**

- A total of 18 countries, including Australia have now officially signed up to the IPPC's e-Phyto Hub, showing a commitment to exchange and receive e-Phytos via the global system. Mexico, Australia and New Zealand are expected to join Argentina and USA in the full "production stage" in the coming weeks, with Ecuador and Chile not far behind.
- E-Phyto's will be recognised as official government to government communications and will improve efficiency of global grain flows.
- Regional focal groups including DAWR and GTA's Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) are working to ensure that grain trade company testing of e-Phyto exchange can be carried out. The aim of the industry case studies is to identify any bottlenecks in the system that could impact trade, as well as contributing to a system that has full interoperability with trade flows.

### **GTA Reminders**

GTA would like to remind GTA Members of the following:

1. **Grain Trade Australia Annual General Meeting** will be held on the 23 October 2018 at Karstens, Level 1, 111 Harrington Street Sydney. All Members are invited to attend.
2. **AGIC Asia** will be held from the 4 – 8 March 2019, venues and locations to be announced shortly.