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Future grain leaders descend on Canberra

Future grain leaders from across Australia will gather in Canberra on Monday and Tuesday to participate in a Grain Producers Australia Leadership (GPA) Forum.

“We are looking forward to greeting forty future leaders from across all mainland States of Australia to discuss our industry,” said Mr Andrew Weidemann, Chairman, Grain Producers Australia.

“Participants will have the opportunity to hear from the CEOs of our major organisations including Plant Health Australia, the Grains Industry Market Access Forum (GIMAF) and the Grains Research and Development Corporation.

“We are also pleased to have John Woods, GRDC Chairman, addressing the group to discuss the importance of research, development and extension.

“A key focus of the forum is to help participants understand how Canberra works,” he said. “Understanding the importance of advocacy in today’s world is very important so we are thrilled to have a panel discussion including NFF CEO Tony Mahar, Grain Producers SA CEO Caroline Rhodes, and experienced advocate and GPA Director Mitch Hooke.

“In addition to gaining greater insight into our industry, participants will also engage in a number of workshops focussing on the strategic issues facing our industry and gaining media training skills.

“The two-day event includes a tour of Parliament House and a discussion about how to prepare for the leadership journey,” said Mr Weidemann.

The GPA Leadership Forum has been made possible through the support of the Federal Government’s Leadership in Agriculture Industries Fund. Grain Producers Australia acknowledges the support of the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources in administering this fund.

The two-day event will be held at the Animal Health Australia event facilities in Northbourne Avenue in Canberra.

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