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GGA welcomes new and returning board members

Agribusiness executive Chris Wyhoon has filled the remaining vacancy on the Grower Group Alliance (GGA) Board.

Mr Wyhoon was nominated by WA Regenerative Livestock Producers (WARLP) following the GGA Board's call for expressions of interest from voting GGA Member groups, after one position remained unfilled at the September 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Elected for a two-year term, Mr Wyhoon's appointment is subject to ratification by network members at the next GGA AGM in 2023.

As a producer himself, Mr Wyhoon says he is honoured to join a board that generates a positive impact for the regional communities.

"I am extremely passionate about our industry adopting innovation, ag-tech and increased sustainability and resilience amongst our grower groups and in turn its members' farm businesses," he said.

"I am very proud to be part of the dynamic GGA Board and the flow-on affect it has within rural communities."

Mr Wyhoon is a mixed farmer and agribusiness consultant based out of Avon Valley, founder and current Chair of WARLP, a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and holds an MBA in Sustainable Business.

GGA Chair Peter Roberts says, Mr Wyhoon and his vast industry experience is a valued addition to the GGA Board.

"The board is always welcoming the commitment of individuals from grower groups to advance the ongoing value of the GGA to its membership, especially when the knowledge base is as diverse as someone like Chris," he said.

"Chris brings his knowledge of integrative holistic and sustainable livestock practice change and adoption in WA – a welcome resource for the network."

Alongside his new Director role with GGA, Mr Wyhoon also serves on a ministerial committee (DPIRD Cattle Industry Funding Scheme Management Committee), and key meat and livestock advisory groups including the WA Livestock Research Council; CarbonEdge™ Development Advisory group, and the Meat and Livestock Australia; Environmental Credentials for Australian grassfed beef advisory group.



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GGA CEO Rikki Foss said the multitude of committee roles Chris holds stands him in good stead as he steps into the Member Director role for GGA.

“The many hats Mr Wyhoon wears ensures that as a Member Director he brings a well-rounded perspective of the industry,” Ms Foss said.

“Mr Wyhoon’s time as former board director for Wheatbelt NRM (Vice-Chair), WAFarmers, Farmsafe WA (now Safe Farms WA) and the WA Landcare Network as well as the current positions he holds bring great value to the GGA board.”

Mr Wyhoon joins re-elected board members Nicole Batten and Debbie Gillam, who have each been elected as directors for a further two-year term ending at the 2024 GGA AGM.

Ms Batten is Director of Batten Farms, Yuna Farm Improvement Group and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors who has been on the GGA Board since 2019. Having filled a vacant casual position for a year she was then elected to fill a two-year grower Director term.

Meanwhile, Ms Gillam who is a grower member of the Mingenew Irwin Group (MIG) and a former MIG staff member has held her GGA board position since 2020.

“High calibre individuals such as Chris, Nicole and Debbie bring a wealth of experience and skills to the board of GGA,” Mr Roberts said.

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Caption: GGA Board members (left to right) Chris Wyhoon, Debbie Gillam, Nicole Batten



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