

## LANDMARK PROGRAM TO BOOST GROWER REPRESENTATION ON BOARDS

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Farmers across Australia who are keen to grow strategic direction in a boardroom setting in addition to their crop rotation are encouraged to apply for a landmark program initiated by GrainGrowers.

*OnBoard: a grower director program* has been developed to strengthen the pipeline of growers applying for board director positions. The program will upskill growers, enabling further industry representation by those who experience the challenges and opportunities of the industry first-hand.

Evidence suggests that due to the time-consuming nature of farming, many growers do not see themselves as a natural fit in a director role. Feedback received was that growers would like to further develop the specific skills around the role of a board director.

The GrainGrowers *OnBoard* program will cover all costs for growers including supporting a place on the prestigious Company Directors Program delivered by the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

“It is critical that grower voices are a part of the conversation at every level. An investment in our growers is an investment in our industry’s future.” said David McKeon, GrainGrowers CEO.

“At GrainGrowers, we are proud that our Board and National Policy Group have strong grower representation. GrainGrowers has created this opportunity to ensure that growers who are keen to be an active voice for their industry through board appointments and Directorships have a professional development opportunity designed specifically for them.”

The *OnBoard* program covers hard and soft skills as well as governance training. Each module will be facilitated by an industry expert.

Growers from across Australia are encouraged to apply via the [GrainGrowers website](https://www.graingrowers.com.au) before Friday 13 March 2021.

### About

GrainGrowers is a voice for Australian grain farmers with grower members across the country. We work to build a more profitable and sustainable grains industry for the benefits of Australian grain farmers. Our key pillars are policy and research, alongside leadership and events, designed to build on the knowledge and capability of growers. Our growers are at the heart of all that we do and the focus of our work.

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