

# JOIN **COGGO** TO IMPROVE YOUR BOTTOM LINE THROUGH FUNDING INNOVATIVE R&D.

Managed by WA growers for WA growers



## Who is COGGO?

COGGO stands for Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd. COGGO was formed in 1997 at the initiative of a group of Western Australian grain growers when grower members took the first step in controlling their own future by voluntarily contributing 0.5% of their net farm-gate value of grain production for investment in plant breeding and associated research and development through COGGO. This contribution has played an important role in assisting Western Australia grain growers to maintain their market competitiveness.

## Why join COGGO?

- To provide me with benefits from fast tracking local, innovative R&D projects that will improve my on farm profitability.
- Provide me with an annual dividend (for 2014 the dividend to be returned to members is 31.54%).
- Since COGGO's inception total dividends paid to members have been almost \$4 million.

All WA grain growers are eligible to become members of COGGO with voluntary contributions being invested directly into the COGGO Research fund. This Fund is used for research and development projects across the whole supply chain that can demonstrate a direct benefit to Western Australian grain growers. You can apply to join COGGO by completing the form on the other side of this page and sending it back to COGGO.

## The COGGO Research Fund

COGGO has more recently broadened its investment profile and COGGO now funds research and development (R&D) projects across the grain supply chain that demonstrate a benefit to grain growers in part or all of Western Australia. It is focused local R&D managed by WA growers to benefit WA growers.

To date COGGO has financed 28 R&D projects to the total value of over \$1.4 million with a return to members of nearly \$500,000 in dividends.

## Relationship to GRDC Funding

GRDC will remain the main source of research funding for the Australian Grain Industry. It is important that it remains so, if for no other reason than that the Corporation is funded jointly by a 0.99 per cent levy on grain growers that is matched by the Australian Government. The Australian Government matches the Corporation's research expenditure up to a maximum of 0.5 per cent of the gross value of grains production, not exceeding the grower levies. However, many start up projects are too small to justify submitting a proposal to GRDC, or the benefits are confined to a local area in WA, which does not meet national or regional funding priorities. The COGGO R&D fund is able to fund small projects and respond quickly to provide catalytic funds to start a project which could be further developed into a larger R&D proposal to GRDC, or a commercial partner, once the project has passed a "proof of concept" stage.



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# COGGO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I am a grain grower in Western Australia and I wish to apply to become a member of COGGO.

Name

Trading Name

Property Name

Property Location

Shire

CBH Grower Number

NGR Grower Number

Mailing Address

State

Post Code

Email (if applicable)

Phone number

Mobile number (if applicable)

I/we understand that in applying to become a member of COGGO I/we authorise voluntary tax deductible contributions to be deducted from my/our net farm gate returns from our grain crop deliveries at 0.5% net farm-gate value on my/our behalf by grain acquisition and marketing companies to be deposited with COGGO for the COGGO Research Fund.

I understand that I will be sent a membership package which outlines my rights, responsibilities and entitlements as a member of COGGO.

Signature (s)

Date

Scan and email to : [hugh.lennerts@coggo.net.au](mailto:hugh.lennerts@coggo.net.au)  
or mail to COGGO  
Locked Bag 888, Como, WA 6952



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