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## FIVE SUCCESSFUL COGGO RESEARCH PROJECTS ANNOUNCED

COGGO is pleased to announce funding for five new projects to commence in 2019.

Established in 2000, the purpose of the Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd (COGGO) Research Fund is to invest in innovative new research and development projects from across the whole supply chain, and that can demonstrate a direct benefit to Western Australian grain growers.

Expressions of Interest for funding were received from 30 applicants from a cross section of industry, government, grower groups and research organisations.

The 2018 COGGO Research Fund will support five successful recipient organisations for a range of projects commencing in January 2019:

- UWA (\$100,000 over two years) *“Ground-truthing field expression and value of new flowering time genes in Lupins for Western Australia”*.
- Murdoch University (\$94,250 over two years) *“A novel approach to improving Stagonospora notorum blotch (SNB) tolerance in wheat”*.
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (\$100,000 over two years) *“The role of ice nucleating bacteria in frost sensitivity of cereals in Western Australia”*.
- Murdoch University (\$25,000 over two years) *“Increasing barley yield under future temperature increases”*.
- Southern Dirt (funding yet to be determined over two years) *“Using long season wheats for increases in profits and grazing opportunities”*.

“COGGO is privileged to be able to fund these valuable research projects for the advancement and improvement of the Western Australia grains industry”, said Mr Rhys Turton, COGGO Chairman.

We have a long history of providing catalytic funding for new R&D ideas and have seen many past recipients make a significant impact on returns for Western Australian grain growers. Our members voluntarily contribute 0.5% of their own net farm-gate returns to which we are very grateful, this in turn then enables COGGO to fund new R&D projects for the benefit of WA grain growers.

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## ABOUT COGGO

Council of Grain Grower Organisations Ltd (COGGO) is a public company limited by guarantee, with a mandate to invest in Research and Development for the benefit of grain growers in Western Australia.

Grower members voluntarily contribute 0.5% of their net farm-gate value of production for investment in Research and Development through COGGO.

This contribution has played a significant part in assisting the Western Australian grains industry to maintain its market competitiveness.

The COGGO Research Fund is administered by the Grain Industry Association of Western Australia (GIWA) Inc.

For more information please visit <http://www.coggo.net.au/>.



*Pictured: Calum Watt from Murdoch University, successful recipients of a 2019 COGGO Research Fund grant, checking on barley crop emergence and uniformity after germination.*



*Pictured: Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development Research team Drs Ben Biddulph, Bec Swift and Kelly Ryan, successful 2019 COGGO Research Fund grant recipients, inspecting frost damage at 2018 season trial sites*