



## **Grower Group Alliance Media Release**

### **Regional community groups receive governance boost**

Regionally based grower and community groups received a business boost on Tuesday 30 June when the Australian Institute to Company Directors (AICD) delivered a one day Foundations of Not-for-Profit Governance workshop in Corrigin.

Seventeen attendees were given a comprehensive overview of the key concepts underpinning non-for-profit governance, as well as an in depth understanding into the key responsibilities of non-for-profit committee members and chairs.

The workshop, delivered by AICD and made possible by the Grower Group Alliance (GGA) and CBH Group, was developed in response to many grower groups wanting to undertake governance training to boost their business capacity to ensure that they can deliver maximum benefit to their members.

According to Western Australian No-Tillage Association (WANTFA) chairman Wes Baker, the course very clearly outlined the roles and responsibilities of not only the Chair of not-for-profit committees but also the role of general committee members.

“Whilst everyone who sits on a grower group committee may have some understanding of what they are liable for and their responsibilities as a Director, this course really made those obligations very clear,” said Wes.

Governance is about being able to make good decisions and being able to explain why you made them, which in turn ensures that organisations are continually accountable to their members, said workshop facilitator Mike Horabin.

The GGA envisages that by delivering courses such as these, it will strengthen grower group staff and committee members’ business skills, which in turn will place grower groups in stronger positions when applying for project funding and dealing with key stakeholders.

CBH Group, Business Relationship Manager Kelly Mann said the workshop had something for everyone.

“Whether you were a member of a large grower group employing multiple staff or a small regional community resource centre, the workshop provided some easy tips that attendees could take away and implement in their own organisation such as standing agenda items and modern minute taking skills,” said Kelly.

Facilitating the delivery of high level training programs through partnerships with CBH Group is just one way that the GGA works to support grower groups and the wider regional community. These opportunities for regionally based community groups may not have been possible without the support of CBH Group and the GGA.

The GGA is a not for profit grower driven organisation connecting grower groups, agribusiness and researchers in a network across WA, and nationally. It is currently funded by the Department of Agriculture and Food WA.



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Photo Caption: Participants at the GGA & CBH Group supported AICD Governance Workshop in Corrigin

