

GRDC REPORT TO INDUSTRY

THE BOARD

Keith Perrett

Chair (Non-executive)

Appointed October 1, 2007 for three years, Keith farms his Gunnedah property in northern NSW. He produces wheat, barley, cotton, sunflower, sorghum, sheep and cattle. He is also the Chairman of the National Rural Advisory Council, which advises the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry on rural issues including Exceptional Circumstances applications and extensions to EC declarations. He was President of the Grains Council of Australia from 2001 to 2005 and is a past Chairman of the NSW Farmer's Association Grains Section, and has represented the grains industry at State and Federal level. Keith was also the Chairman of the Wheat Research Foundation of NSW between 2000 and 2007.



Steve Marshall

Director (Non-executive)

Steve has a background in food science and technology management. He was Managing Director of Goodman Fielder Ingredients Ltd from 1993 to 1998 and Technology Director of Goodman Fielder Ltd from 1999 to 2001.



Don Plowman

Director (Non-executive)

Don has more than 26 years' experience in managing research. His particular areas of expertise are in administration, R&D, the environment and ecology, natural resource management and technology transfer.



Peter Reading

Managing Director (Executive)

Peter has been managing director of the GRDC since February 2004. Peter had previously been the managing director of the Grain Pool Pty Ltd. Peter graduated from the University of Sydney with an honours degree in agricultural science.



Nicole Birrell

Director (Non-executive)

Nicole runs a risk management consulting business, and a mixed farming enterprise at Corowa, NSW. Nicole has more than 28 years' experience in corporate and investment banking.



Ross Johns

Deputy Chair (Non-executive)

Ross lives and works in rural Victoria, and has been a graingrower for many years. He brings to the GRDC experience in grain production and marketing, business management, sociology, technology transfer and natural resource management.



Tim Reeves

Director (Non-executive)

Tim is a consultant in agriculture R&D, sustainable agriculture, natural resource management and international development. He recently returned from Mexico, where he was Director General of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT).



Philip Young

Director (Non-executive)

Philip has been an international agricultural and agribusiness consultant for the past 25 years, with a focus on China. He owns a share-farmed intensive grain production property at Munglinup on the south coast of WA.



Board members regularly tour the regions for a first-hand appreciation of GRDC R&D investments at work and local research priorities.