



MEDIA RELEASE – Monday 8th March, 2010

New SEPWA Executive members

The South East Premium Wheat Growers' Association has welcomed three new members to their Executive committee.

The Executive elections were held at the SEPWA AGM and Harvest Debrief in Esperance last week.

The successful candidates were Leon Bowman, Andrew Chambers, Craig Newman and Lyndon Mickel who was successfully re-elected.

SEPWA President, Andrew Fowler congratulated the new Executive members and said he looked forward to working with them.

He said the fact that SEPWA is able to attract such high calibre people onto the executive is the main reason for the success of the organisation from its inception in 1993 to the present.

Newly elected, Leon Bowman farms at Grass Patch with his wife Natalie and he has always played an active role in the community and industry and has also completed a number of courses that complement his farming operation.

Leon is looking forward to being a part of SEPWA and believes the group will have a vital role in continuing to find practical solutions to some of these challenges that will face us as farmers of the future.

Ravensthorpe farmer, Andrew Chambers farms 5000 hectares with cropping the main enterprise along with a little lucerne and pasture for buying and selling sheep.

Andrew is currently Chair of the Ravensthorpe Agricultural Initiative Network (RAIN).

Craig Newman hails from the Varley, Holt Rock, Lake King area where he leases 6600 ha for cropping and livestock purposes.

Craig has enjoyed being a part of the Newdegate Crop Improvement Group, the Newdegate Field Days and the Newdegate Development Committee.

He looks forward to the challenge of being involved with SEPWA and assisting in the development of direction with regard to farming in his region of the Esperance Port Zone.

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Current SEPWA Executive member and Vice President, Lyndon Mickel who farms at Condingup was successfully re-elected.

Lyndon believes with the grains industry going through a period of change, the role that SEPWA maintains within the industry, particularly with the trials that we conduct, will become even more important for the grain growers in the Esperance Port Zone.

All candidates will serve a three year term.

The new committee will join the current committee of Andrew Fowler, Wayne Walter, David Cox, Greg Curnow, Sam Guest, Andrew Heinrich, Chris Reichstein and Steve Tilbrook.

Hopetoun farmer Stott Redman, Tim Cattle from Lake King and Munglinup grain grower Doc Fetherstonhaugh all decided to stand down from the committee due to family commitments and increasing roles in local grower groups. They will however, continue to be involved with SEPWA to various degrees in subcommittees, projects and the SEPWA variety trials program.

The Executive Committee positions will be decided at the next SEPWA Executive meeting on the 10th of March.

Photo – newly elected SEPWA Executive committee members (from left to right) Andrew Chambers and Craig Newman, and re-elected Lyndon Mickel. Absent – Leon Bowman.

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