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Grain Trade Australia Celebrates the 2024-25 Five Under 30 Program Winners, Paving the Way for Future Industry Leaders

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is proud to announce the winners of its 2024-25 Five Under 30 program. This annual initiative is designed to foster the next generation of grain industry leaders by encouraging greater involvement of younger members in GTA activities. Over the course of 12 months, participants benefit from mentorship, career development opportunities, and enhanced industry exposure.

Given the lower level of diversity historically within the agricultural sector, the program is particularly focussed on creating mentoring opportunities that are inclusive and actively seek to mentor individuals from underrepresented backgrounds. The application process for the 2024-25 program was open to eligible participants from GTA Member organisations under the age of 30 at the time of application.

Selecting the winners of the 2024-25 Five Under 30 Program

GTA received an overwhelming number of applications for the 2024-25 program. Each application was thoroughly reviewed by the GTA Membership Committee and Board. The selection criteria was based on merit, gender, background, experience, and geographic diversity to ensure a balanced representation within the program.

GTA congratulates the following five winners of the 2024-2025 cohort:

- <u>Briley Monahan</u>, Grower Services Manager, Shannon Bros.
- <u>Isabelle McDouall</u>, Junior Grain Merchant, AGT Foods Australia.
- Kyla Davie, National Quality Manager, CHS Broadbent.
- <u>Matthew Price</u>, Grain & Cotton Merchant, Viterra.
- <u>Nikki Fleming</u>, Quality Supervisor, GrainCorp.

For more information about the Five Under 30 program, please visit graintrade.org.au/five-under-30

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About GTA

GTA is a national trade association/peak body and is the focal point for the commercial grains industry within Australia. The role of GTA is to provide a framework across Industry to facilitate and promote the trade of grain. GTA Members are drawn from all sectors of the grain value chain from production to domestic end users and exporters. GTA has over 290 organisations as Members. Their businesses range from regional family businesses to large national and international trading/storage and handling companies who are involved in grain marketing activities, grain storage, human and stock feed milling. GTA Members are responsible for over 95% of all grain contracts, grain storage and freight movements made each year in Australia. GTA is a leader in international grain trade issues through its founding and active membership of the International Grain Trade Coalition (IGTC). A list of GTA Members can be found at www.graintrade.org.au