



Advisory Committee Report
Annual General Meeting, 2020
Mike Gidley, Advisory Committee Chair
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Following discussion with Council during 2020, the purpose of the Advisory Committee was defined as:

1. to provide the AGSA council with advice on:
 - AGSA's strategic direction including the development of vision and mission statements
 - Achieving the Association's goals
 - External matters that may affect AGSA operations, and
2. to lead the development of a 10-year plan for grain science in Australasia and the role of AGSA.

The first steps for the Advisory Committee will include:

1. Working with Council and members on vision and mission statements
2. Defining a process for developing a 10-year plan, with a launch at the virtual AGSA conference 2020
3. Advising Council on ways to enhance AGSA's impact by:
 - proactively advocating for Australasian grain science (who, why, when, what, how?)
 - seeking external funds to undertake relevant sector-wide activities.

The Advisory Committee will be a group of 6-8 people representing the diversity of members (geography, gender, career stage, industry/government/academia) and including the AGSA Council Chair. It will be chaired by Prof Mike Gidley (University of Queensland).

A call for Expressions of Interest was sent out in an AGSA Newsletter, with a positive response. The Committee is now seeking additional representation from early career and/or industry-based grain scientists to complete its membership.

If you are interested in helping to shape the future of Australasian Grain Science by being a member of the AGSA Advisory Committee, please send an Expression of Interest with a short description of your background and interests to secretary@ausgrainscience.org.au.