



Australian Crop Breeders Ltd

2019 – 2020

Australia has developed one of the world's leading plant breeding industries, especially for open pollinated field crops since the Plant Breeders' Rights Act (1994) brought certainty to End Point Royalty (EPR) capture.

Australian Crop Breeders Ltd (ACB) was established in 2019 to provide this valuable industry with a peak representative body.

ACB works to support and promote the Australian field crop industry and maximise its international competitiveness. ACB also provides a single point of contact for parties wishing to communicate with or seek input from its member organisations.



A year of achievements

1. Establishment



ACB Ltd registered as a public company

Constitution, board and employment practices policy completed

Administrative tasks completed for finances, banking, public liability insurance, officer liability insurance, competition compliance policy, Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) notification



2. Inaugural Board meeting - June 2019

First six full members and two associate members accepted



3. Logo, letterhead and website developed



4. Industry engagement letter and press release distributed



5. National Variety Trials (NVT), EPR and Research Committees established



6. Industry/political engagement on COVID-19 matters

Confirmation of plant breeding activities as an essential service obtained under COVID-19 restrictions



7. Breeders Week organised (later cancelled due to COVID-19 impact) Key meetings moved to video conferencing



8. Eight board meetings convened in total

Sub-committee activities



NVT COMMITTEE

- Provided direction to the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) on the 2019-20 NVT program for long, early and main season wheat.
- Instigated development of a consistent maturity description for wheat varieties.
- Discussed COVID-19 restrictions on NVT site visits and provided feedback to GRDC.
- Reviewed the new GRDC NVT harvest reports and provided feedback.



EPR COMMITTEE

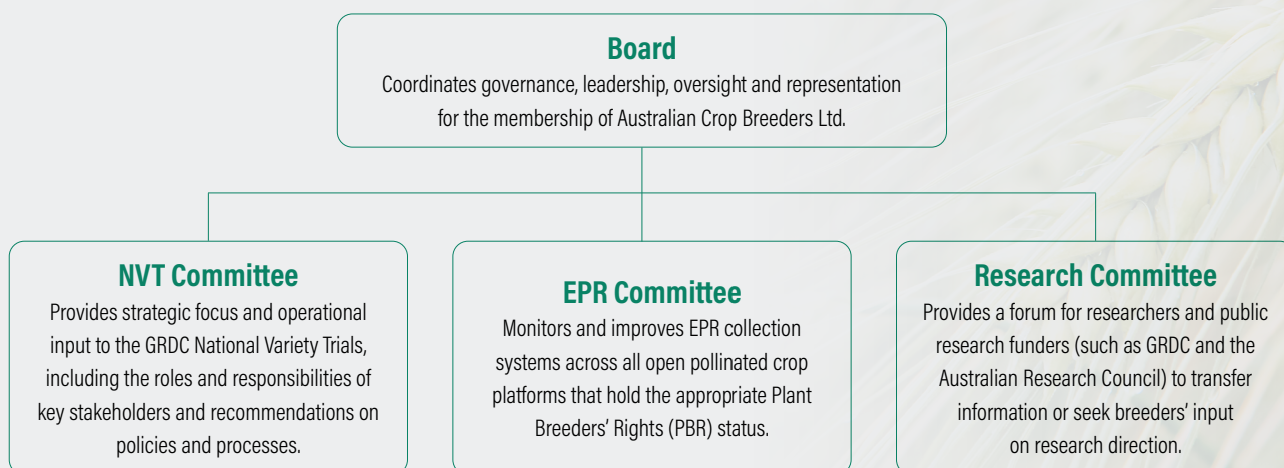
- Completed a market research campaign.
- Developed an EPR compliance communications campaign creative brief and selected a provider.
- Progressed the establishment and adoption of the Grain Trade Australia Grain Varietal Code Master List.
- Explored the creation of an industry controlled and managed grower database.
- Reviewed ACCC's additional 10-year authorisation for Seedwise to collectively negotiate the terms of EPR collection and remittance.
- Contracted eight new EPR auto-deductors and a new EPR data provider.



RESEARCH COMMITTEE

- Coordinated the Annual Breeders Week (wheat and barley) for March 2020. This event was cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Coordinated consultation with barley breeders on powdery mildew for the Centre for Crop and Disease Management.
- Convened a wheat breeders discussion on wheat classification and late maturity alpha-amylase.

Structure



Current Full Members



Current Associate Members

