

Henty based Office Merchant, Dianne Male, has been acknowledged for her 10 years with Cargill Australia. Her extensive experience has made her an integral and highly valued member of the AGA team.

Dianne started with Cargill Australia in 1999 in a part time administrative role in Cargill's field team and continued when the Cargill field team morphed into a stand alone company – Australian Grain Accumulation (AGA) – seven and a half years ago. Prior to harvest in 1999, Cargill opened the Cargill-GrainCorp joint venture grain receival site at Henty West and Dianne took up residence at the office located at the site in an Office Merchant role for AGA.

Dianne acknowledges that during this time technological advances have seen a major reconfiguration of the day to day practice of her job. When Dianne commenced with Cargill, everyday communication with growers was limited to phone, fax or mail, however, Dianne now finds herself utilizing text messaging, email and the AGA webpage to deal growers who maybe on the header or even sitting at the beach.

"The one constant in my ten years working in the agricultural industry has been change. These changes have brought with them new challenges and opportunities, making my role an evolving rather than static experience. That's something I enjoy."

"I have always enjoyed working closely with local farmers and that remains an important part of my job. I also believe farmers like to have local people to contact."

In addition to Dianne's wealth of experience and knowledge as a representative for AGA's grain accumulation team, she also inspires younger members of the team with the levels of consideration and humility she employs. "Ten years is not really a long time; other AGA people have achieved significantly larger service milestones," says Dianne, "Am I here for another ten years? With industry and business changes creating more and more interesting aspects to my job I plan to stick around to see what the ride brings."

AGA Managing Director, Ian Dalgliesh, states, "I have worked with Dianne during her time with Cargill and she has done extremely well servicing the growers in the Henty region through drought and poor commodity prices. I believe Dianne gains great satisfaction out of helping people and she has been a great pleasure to work with."

AGA CONGRATULATES DIANNE ON HER TEN YEARS OF SERVICE.