

MEDIA RELEASE

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Winemakers' Federation confident about Australian wine sector's future

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia (WFA) Chairman told the WFA Annual General Meeting today that the Australian wine sector was well poised to take advantage of good market conditions over the coming year.

'The dominance of both China and the United States suggest they will remain a focus for Australian exporters over the next few years. This is also a principal focus of the \$50 million Export and Regional Wine Support Package'.

'WFA continues to build a strong platform for Australian winemakers to improve their profitability' said Mr Clark. 'WFA works on behalf of all winemakers of all sizes and business needs. We have seen another strong performance from WFA this year.'

Mr Clark also announced a new board member, Mr Edward Swift.

'Ed is a strong advocate for small winemakers and will be a welcome addition to the Board', he said.

'I would also like to thank outgoing Board member, Redmond Sweeny, for his tireless devotion to the industry.

'WFA has a first class Board and I have enjoyed working with them over the past year. WFA is going from strength to strength and I look forward to another productive year serving the industry. I feel the best is yet to come.'

The WFA is a federated Board of three Committees, representing large, medium and small members. On behalf of the Board, Mr Clark also congratulated the new members appointed today on the committees.

WFA BOARD DIRECTORS 2017-18 ARE:

Small Winemakers' Membership Committee Representatives

David O'Leary, O'Leary Walker Wines (Chair)
Colin Campbell, Campbells Wines
Corrina Wright, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards
Edward Swift, Printhe Wines
James March, Heathvale Wines Pty Ltd (Permanent Alternate)

Medium Winemakers' Membership Committee Representatives

Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines Pty Ltd (Chair)
Victoria Angove, Angove Family Winemakers
Alister Purbrick, Tahbilk Pty Ltd
Bill Moularadellis, Kingston Estate Wines Pty Ltd
Darren De Bortoli, De Bortoli Wines (Permanent Alternate)

Large Winemakers' Membership Committee Representatives

Angus McPherson, Treasury Wine Estates (Chair)
Julie Ryan, Accolade Wines
Helen Strachan, Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd
Libby Nutt, Casella Family Brands

MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE THREE COMMITTEES ARE:

2017-18 Small Winemakers' Membership Committee

David O'Leary, O'Leary Walker Wines (Chair)
James March, Barossa Grape and Wine Association, Heathvale Wines (South Australian Wine Industry Association)
Leeanne Puglisi-Gangemi, Ballandean Estate Wines (Queensland Wine Industry Association)
Will Adkins, Tamar Ridge (Wine Tasmania)
Tom Ward, Swinging Bridge (New South Wales Wine Industry Association)
Trevor Whittington (Wines of Western Australia)
Alexandra Burt, Voyager Estate Pty Ltd
Rollo Crittenden, Crittenden Wines (Wine Victoria)
Chris Pfeiffer OAM, Pfeiffer Wines
Colin Campbell, Campbells Wines
Corrina Wright, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards
Adam Morris, Bimbadgen
Edward Swift, Printhe Wines
(SA State aligned member to be elected)

2017-18 Medium Winemakers' Membership Committee

Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines Pty Ltd (Chair)
Robert Hill Smith, Yalumba Wine Company
Victoria Angove, Angove Family Winemakers
Darren De Bortoli, De Bortoli Wines
Alister Purbrick, Tahbilk Pty Ltd
Bill Moularadellis, Kingston Estate Wines Pty Ltd
Jeff McWilliam, McWilliams Wines Group

2017-18 Large Winemakers' Membership Committee

Angus McPherson, Treasury Wine Estates (Chair)
Helen Strachan, Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd
Julie Ryan, Accolade Wines
Libby Nutt, Casella Family Brands

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia was established in 1990 as the peak national body for the wine industry, representing wineries on national and international issues.

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