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MEDIA RELEASE

Diversity and Equality takes centre stage

Australian Grape and Wine Inc (Australian Grape & Wine) are urging all individuals and businesses throughout the wine sector to become a signatory to the new *Diversity and Equality in Wine Charter (DEW)*. We want to see all Australian companies becoming signatories, and there is no better time than before Australia's premier grape and wine conference beginning Monday, 22 July 2019.

The Australian Wine Industry Technical Conference is presented in association with the Outlook Conference, and has dedicated an entire session to the theme of gender equality, recognizing that it is an issue of international economic and social importance.

The session to be held on the first day of the Conference has attracted a line-up of Australian and international speakers to address the issue of gender equality and its challenges from a global perspective. Titled 'Getting the Foundations Right', it will be chaired by founder of the Australian Women in Wine Awards and The Fabulous Ladies' Wine Society, Jane Thomson.

DEW provides a clear charter that can be applied to all areas of a wine business to ensure diversity is valued and supported at all levels. Since its launch in November 2018, DEW has been well received by the sector. 'We are delighted with the number of signatories that have come aboard within the first few months of creating and launching DEW,' said Mr. Tony Battaglione, Chief Executive of Australian Grape & Wine. He added, 'We hope this session will bring awareness to behaviors and attitudes, as well as offering potential improvements for businesses of all sizes in the Australian wine sector. Our sector is crying out for cultural change and it is time we stood up.'

Jane Thomson, who is also a member of the DEW Working Group, added; "If you haven't already signed onto DEW, why not? DEW is more than just a piece of paper. It's a living action plan, based on world's best practice that brings real and practical instruction to every business about how to value, promote and nurture diversity. I am proud of what we have achieved with this piece of work and excited by what it means for our industry. I call upon all individuals and businesses across the entire wine sector to become a signatory before the close of AWITC 2019.'

Current List of Signatories to the Diversity and Equality in Wine Charter (DEW):

Adelaide Hills Wine Region
Alister Purbrick (Tahbilk Wines)
All Saints Estate
Amorim Australasia - Tim Stead
Andrew Weeks (Rivawine Collaboration)
Angus McPherson (Treasury Wine Estates)
Australian Society of Viticulture and Oenology (ASVO)
Australian Wine Research Institute (AWRI)
Australian Women in Wine - Jane Thomson
Balnaves of Coonawarra - Kirsty Balnaves



Barossa Grape & Wine Association
Beach Road Wines - Briony Hoare
Ben Rose (Performance Viticulture)
Bill Moularadellis (Kingston Estate Wines)
Calabria Family Wines - Janelle Atkins
Campbells Wines
Christian Dal Zotto
Colin Bell (AHA Viticulture)
Coonawarra Vignerons
Crittenden Estate - Zoe Crittenden
Curly Flat Vineyard
Dal Zotto Wines
Dig+Fish - Angie Bradbury
Ed Swift (Printhie Wines)
Four Winds Vineyard - Sarah Collingwood
Geographe Wine Industry Association
Heather Webster (Independent grower and Chair Wine Grape Council SA)
Helen Strachan (Pernod Ricard Winemakers)
Hugh Hamilton Wines - Mary Hamilton
James March (Healthvale Wines)
Jeff McWilliam (McWilliams Family Wines)
Lallemand - Jason Amos
Leeanne Puglisi-Gangemi (Ballandean Estate)
Luke Edwards (Casella Family Brands)
Mardi Longbottom (Independent grower, AWRI)
Margaret River Wine Association
Matt Stanton (Accolade Wines)
McLaren Vale Grape Wine & Tourism Association
Michael Dal Zotto
Michael Dowling - MW Wines
Mornington Peninsula Vignerons Association
New South Wales Wine Industry Association
Oates End - Cath Oates
Olivers Taranga Vineyards - Corrina Wright
Rathbone Wine Group - Darren Rathbone
Riverina Winemakers Association
Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria
Sandy Clark (Chair)
South Australian Wine Industry Association
Swan Valley Winemakers Association
Turkey Flat Vineyards - Christie Schultz
Victoria Angove (Angove Family Wines)
Victorian Women in Wine - Sarah Barnbrook
Voyager Estate - Chris Furtado
Wine Australia
Wine Industry Suppliers Association Inc (WISA)
Wine Victoria



Wines of Rutherglen
Wines of the King Valley
Wines of Western Australia
Wirra Wirra Vineyards - Andrew Kay
Yabby Lake International Pty Ltd
Zilzie Wines - Andrew Forbes & Simone Tierney

(list accurate as at 11am ACST 18/7/19)

[Become a signatory to the Diversity and Equality Charter](#)

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