

## NEWS RELEASE

### Winemakers' leadership team for coming year

The Winemakers' Federation of Australia held its 26<sup>th</sup> annual general meeting this week and appointed its Board for the 2015-16 year.

Tony D'Aloisio AM continues as President of the Federation.

Incoming **WFA Board Directors** are:

*Small Winemakers' Membership Representatives on the Board*

David O'Leary, O'Leary Walker Wines (Chair)

Redmond Sweeny, Snake & Herring (Wine Industry Association of Western Australia)

Colin Campbell, Campbells Wines

James Omond, Omond & Co (representative of Wine Victoria)

*[Corrina Wright, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards (Permanent Alternate)]*

*Medium Winemakers' Membership Representatives on the Board*

Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines Pty Ltd (Chair)

Robert Hill Smith, Yalumba Wine Company

Andrew Kay, Wirra Wirra

Anthony Wilkes, Ferngrove Vineyards

*[Victoria Angove, Angove Family Winemakers (Permanent Alternate)]*

*Large Winemaker Representatives on the Board*

Angus McPherson, Treasury Wine Estates (Chair)

Jeremy Stevenson, Accolade Wines

Kate Thompson, Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd

Libby Nutt, Casella Family Brands

"The Federation has been relentless in its work with government this year to help us market Australian wine to the world so we can grow market share and reform the Wine Equalisation Tax (WET) rebate so it can continue to support our wine communities," Mr D'Aloisio said.

"We have more work to do and the Federation Board in 2015-16 will continue to press the case with government to achieve the best possible outcomes and industry conditions that aim to serve our industry and its people in the coming years."

Also this week, following the appointment of new Directors, the Board convened and was updated on the Australian Government's consideration of the WET rebate discussion paper process.

Chief Executive Officer Paul Evans said that the Federation was expecting a government announcement soon and remained confident in the WFA's compelling case put forward for rebate reform and the return of savings to the industry for marketing.

"The Board also noted the progress on industry's consideration of organisational reform across national, state and regional bodies and an analysis that will be presented to industry leaders in early December on the options available," Mr Evans said.

"An update from the Vice Chairs on the review of WFA's structure and funding arrangements was also discussed. Consultation with the Member Committees will continue and this work will be considered at our next meeting in March."

MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE THREE COMMITTEES ARE:

**2015-16 Small Winemakers' Membership Committee**

David O'Leary, O'Leary Walker Wines (chair)  
Patrick Auld, Cumulus Estate Wines (NSW Wine Industry Association)  
James March, Barossa Grape and Wine Association, Heathvale Wines (SA Wine Industry Association)  
Leeanne Puglisi-Gangemi, Ballandean Estate Wines (Queensland Wine Industry Association)  
Melanie Reddaway, Belvidere Winery (DogRidge Wine Company)  
Will Adkins, Tamar Ridge (Wine Tasmania)  
Redmond Sweeny, Snake & Herring (Wine Industry Association of Western Australia)  
Nicole Esdaile, Coombe Farm  
James Omond, Omond & Co (Wine Victoria)  
Alexandra Burt, Voyager Estate  
Chris Pfeiffer OAM, Pfeiffer Wines  
Colin Campbell, Campbells Wines  
Corrina Wright, Oliver's Taranga Vineyards

**2014-15 Medium Winemakers' Membership Committee**

Mitchell Taylor, Taylors Wines Pty Ltd (chair)  
Robert Hill Smith, Yalumba Wine Company  
Victoria Angove, Angove Family Winemakers  
Anthony Wilkes, Ferngrove Vineyards  
Darren De Bortoli, De Bortoli Wines  
Andrew McPherson, McPherson Wines  
Andrew Kay, Wirra Wirra

**2014-15 Large Winemakers' Membership Committee**

Angus McPherson, Treasury Wine Estates (chair)  
Kate Thompson, Pernod Ricard Winemakers Pty Ltd  
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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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